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## PRESIDENT'S "SERMON"

### We Need an Atheist Voters Guide

New York City Atheists cannot endorse any political candidates because we are a 501C-3 not-for-profit educational organization. But we can—and *must*—promote the discussion of issues that affect atheists.

How do we do this? It occurred to me that many organizations—such as the League of Women Voters, churches and various interest groups—issue Voters Guides. These are booklets or brochures that list the issues important to, say, women, and then provide each candidate's stand on that particular issue. I think it is necessary—perhaps absolutely essential—for Atheists to have a Voters Guide too.

#### Need Candidates' Stand on Issues

The quintessential questions we need to ask candidates lie in the areas of (1) Science, Medicine and Technology; (2) Separation of Church and State and (3) Tax policy. What Atheists want to know about a candidate is, first of all, what his or her attitude is on such things as embryonic stem cell research. As pro-science voters, we need to know how each candidate, from the Green Party to the Republicans, plan to vote on this highly controversial issue.

Also in the area of Science and Medicine, we will want to know how each candidate feels about abortion (most Atheists are pro-choice) and about the withholding of medication or medical procedures by professionals such as pharmacists or doctors because of their personal religion—i.e., is it legal for a Catholic pharmacist to refuse to fill a customer's prescription for birth control pills because he personally is opposed to birth control? Can a hospital refuse emergency contraception services to a patient?

#### Do They Back Religious Privileges?

In the area of Separation of Church and State, we will want to know how the candidates stand on Faith-Based Initiatives and the hiring restrictions in the churches and schools that benefit from Faith-Based Initiatives—i.e.,

can churches refuse to hire a nonreligious person, or someone from another religion, for those facilities, as has been happening in some circumstances?

And how does each candidate feel about constitutional amendments on marriage? How do they feel about same-sex marriage? What about sex education? Too many sex education courses today are abstinence-based. We will want to know if our candidates will back reality based sex education.

#### No Special Rights for Churches

Atheists are opposed to special rights and privileges for religious institutions, so we'd want to know each candidate's stand on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) and Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). RFRA gives special rights to churches to place their churches in any zoning area. RLUIPA gives special privileges to religionists in prisons, including special diets, prayer time, mode of dress or work assignments.

And what about that constant American concern, taxes? How do our candidates feel about taxing churches? Would they be brave enough to pull the rug of tax exemption out from under the churches? And, how do the candidates stand on federal funding of the Boy Scouts of America, who at present discriminate against gays and atheists?

Most important of all, we want to know where our candidates stand on the rampant special rights that are now in existence for religion. We want to know why our country recognizes the Vatican as a country when it is not a country, it is the headquarters of a religion.

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We want to know if our candidates are opposed to the widespread proselytizing by military chaplains both in our military academies and in the Armed Forces itself. We want to know why vouchers for religious schools are still a consideration in a country that purports not to support religious schools.

And last, but not least, we want to know if any of our candidates would honor the longtime Atheist stand that taking the words "Under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance would be the best way to show respect for a free, democratic nation.

#### We Need an Atheist Voters Guide

Join me in setting up the NYC Atheist Voters Guide: Send me questions to add to it. Volunteer to work on our Voters Guide committee to develop and distribute an Atheist Voters Guide. When we have a brochure named, appropriately, VOTERS GUIDE FOR ATHEISTS, we will be proud to hand it out to the voting public during our Saturday Tabling.

November 4, 2008 Election Registration Deadlines

New York	October 10, 2008
New Jersey	October 14, 2008
Connecticut	October 21, 2008

For online registration: Voter Registration  
<https://ssl.capwiz.com/c-span/e4/nvra/?language=en>

To find elections and candidates:  
<http://www3.capwiz.com/c-span/e4/>

**ATHEISM IS A CONCLUSION  
NOT A BELIEF**

**ATHEISM: A NON-PROPHET ORGANIZATION**

**PROUD TO BE AN ATHEIST**

**man invented god ----- god did not create man**

## Book Review

*Judging God* by John A Henderson, MD and Craig Curgew.

By Shirley Sacks

This book is an overview of factors that go into the making of an atheist. Chapter titles include, for example: *Creationism; the Church, Science and Technology; Saint Lucifer; Religion Is Child Abuse; Nonbelievers Are Angry*. It makes a very thorough case for Atheism based on reason and rationalism.

JCM is used as an acronym by the authors for Jews, Christian and Muslim where they converge in their doctrine. The authors describe the absurdities and ambiguities of belief systems in the face of modern science and technology. Included in this description is the stranglehold of the church on its members and its institutional stand in society, so much so that doctors fear for their jobs if they profess their atheism, which in many cases has been hard earned from their experience with life and death situations. [Ed. Note: one of the authors of this book is a physician.]

For devout atheists, this delightful and concise book gives us just a little more evidence to support our thinking. I would highly recommend it to be used as a primer--an ABC--for young people just beginning to think for themselves and who might be wondering about the harm that religions have caused in the world for thousands of years. It should dispel all doubt that god exists anywhere outside a person's own head. And when they come to their senses, we should warmly welcome them into our ranks (because god knows, it ain't easy to be an atheist!) ☐

*This book is available from the NYCA library or a copy may be obtained from Dr. Henderson, whose email address is [jrh828@webtv.net](mailto:jrh828@webtv.net)*

## Editor's Q&A



Jane Everhart

### Is It Chic To Be an Atheist?

Dear Editor,

I'm getting the feeling that it has become chic to be an Atheist. Do you think this is true?

--Flo from Flushing

Of course it's chic to be an Atheist, but perhaps not in the fashion sense described in trendy magazines like *Vogue* or *Harper's Bazaar*. (Although, interestingly, Atheist author Christopher Hitchens writes a monthly column for the fashionable magazine, *Vanity Fair*.) I think Atheism has become chic for intellectual reasons.

The trendiness of Atheism got its start a few years ago when a couple of authors began hitting the *New York Times Book Review* Best Seller list with titles like *The God Delusion* and *God Is Not Great*. Who buys non-fiction books of this caliber? A smaller percentage of the U.S. population than you could imagine: mostly college graduates, academics, college students, intellectuals, professionals. It turns out that these readers would sooner spend their disposable income on books than, say, jewelry or cars, and thus these readers are manna from heaven to the publishing world.

#### Brits Push Atheist Books

The marketing departments of U.S. publishing houses, no slouches at realizing the profit potential of a book fad, got busy targeting this lush market. Soon we had a rash of Atheist authors hitting the media outlets, going head to head with Charlie Rose and Bill Moyers on Channel 13, CNN, CSPAN or Nightline, and lo, they were nice British gentlemen who spoke with BBC accents and clenched teeth and said, in effect, "*Oh I say, do you still believe in god? How quaint.*"

Aided by the publicity and those toney Brits, it became trendy in the elite U.S. colleges—oh yes, I do mean Princeton, Yale, and Harvard (despite the fact that many of these same upper-crust institutions also harbor theological seminaries)—to not only be an atheist but

also to admit it. For example, there was a rather precious little atheist conference at Harvard in April of 2007 to celebrate, of all things, the inauguration of a new Atheist chaplain (isn't Atheist chaplain an oxymoron?) which many New York ivy-league-wannabes attended. They went to poetry readings, bought Harvard tee shirts at the Coop and came home feeling a bit elite themselves. What got them there, what gave them momentary entrée to the ivy-covered halls was not privilege or money but—Atheism. Their Atheism allowed them to identify with the Ivys for a weekend.

#### Atheism: Sign of Superiority?

This June, a British psychology professor gave Atheists further reason to feel superior. Professor Richard Lynn of Ulster University in Great Britain declared that the results of a new study reveal that people with high IQs are less likely to believe in god. Furthermore, he added, "the decline in religious beliefs [in Great Britain] is linked to a rise in average intelligence." The study was reported in the academic journal, *Intelligence*. So there it is, just what we'd suspected for a long time, now confirmed: Atheists are indeed smarter than the average bear.

Professor Lynn threw out statistics that would buoy the feelings of superiority of any Atheist:

\* Only 3.3 percent of Royal Society fellows, the independent academy of science in the UK, believe in god, though 68 percent of the general UK population are believers.

\* A poll in the 1990s of members of the American National Academy of Sciences found only seven percent of its members believed in god.

Why this difference in religious beliefs between top scientists and the hoi polloi? Said the British researcher: "Academics have higher IQs than the general population. Studies have shown that those with higher IQs tend not to believe in god."

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Moreover, the professor added, religious belief has declined in 137 developed nations in the 20th century “at the same time that people became more intelligent.”

#### Is Religion ‘Primitive?’

Religionists were quick to try to refute that statement. “Linking religious belief and intelligence in this way could reflect a dangerous trend, developing a simplistic characterization of religion as primitive...” countered Professor Gordon Lynch, director of the Centre for Religion and Contemporary Society of Birkbeck College in London.

Well, isn’t religion primitive? That’s what Atheists have been saying for years. Another British academic, Dr. David Hardman, lecturer in learning development at London Metropolitan University, adds, “there is evidence that higher levels of intelligence are associated with a great ability—or perhaps willingness—to question and overturn strongly felt institutions.” So throw into the pot of atheist questioners and overturners names like Benjamin Franklin, Galileo, Che Guevara, and Bertrand Russell.

#### The Happy Atheist

There’s another advantage to being an Atheist. In his 2006 book *The Geography of Bliss, One Grump’s Search for the Happiest Places in the World*, author Eric Weiner adds one more plank to the alleged superiority of

being an Atheist: “Over all,” reports a reviewer for The New York Times Sunday Book Review of December 30, 2007, “he [author Weiner] discovers the world’s happiest nations are secular...”

So there you have it. Atheism is chic, Flo, because many smart and happy people choose the secular life. Or maybe it’s the other way around: the secular life makes you happy and smart.

#### Is Secularism a Class Thing?

But that also brings up an interesting and disturbing question: If good schools provide the groundwork for becoming Atheist, and only a tiny percentage of 400 million Americans are lucky enough or rich enough to get into those high-quality, often elitist, schools (which, incidentally, have produced an overwhelmingly high number of our political candidates—both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are ivy leaguers, Clinton from Yale, Obama from Harvard), and if most American public schools in rural areas, suburban areas and urban ghettos are substandard, as is alleged by educators nationwide and proven by comparing pupil test scores worldwide—don’t we stand to develop a population of ignorant believers governed by elitist secularists?

And won’t that lead to a class system whereby the educated govern the uneducated, the rich govern the poor, who are kept in thrall by religious superstitions? Wait a minute. Isn’t that what we have now? ☐

JULY 12,19, 26, 2008 (SAT.) 10 AM - 6 PM  
NYCA STREET TABLING

WHERE: Columbus Circle  
Front of Time Warner Building-Broadway (59/60)

Shift one: 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
Shift two: 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Great time to meet the public –  
A great experience

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**LAST MINUTE CHANGES**

**NYC Atheists Blog**

<http://nyc-atheists.org/blog/>

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## **Attorney for Victims of Clergy Child Abuse Answers Questions**

Manhattan attorney John Aretakis is a major thorn in the side of the Catholic church because he has taken so many clergy-sexual-abuse cases to court. In 1995, he obtained the largest settlement in New York state, \$1 million, for a victim of pedophilia by a priest. He currently represents more than 250 victims of sexual abuse by priests.

At the New York City Atheists Brunch on June 8, Aretakis told us what he is doing to fight the abusers and the church that did nothing to protect the children. NYCA had a telephone interview with Aretakis before his talk and for the benefit of those who missed his fascinating presentation, we are excerpting below some salient points from the interview.

**NYCA: HOW BIG A PROBLEM IS CHILD ABUSE BY CATHOLIC PRIESTS NATIONWIDE?**

Aretakis: We've had about 3,000 pedophile priests removed from the priesthood in the past six years. That's 3,000 out of 49,000 Catholic priests nationwide. So six percent of all the priests in this country have been removed from the priesthood for pedophilia. The church is still hiding these numbers to try to make the problem look less pervasive. I think the number of pedophile priests in the church is actually more like 10 to 12 per cent, maybe higher. Back in 2002, the church said, "Oh, we have only one to two percent pedophiles in the priesthood and that mirrors society," because society overall has one to two percent pedophiles. But now, with more and more victims coming forward, the number of pedophiles in the church appears to be much higher than we originally estimated.

**IS THIS ALSO TRUE OF PROTESTANTISM AND JUDAISM?**

Aretakis: I don't think it's as bad in other religious denominations. One of my theories is that the celibacy of the Catholic priesthood has attracted a lot of closeted gay men. I'm not anti-gay, I'm about as pro-gay as a straight man can be. But I think that the large percentage of closeted gay men in the priesthood—I would say that in this country, of nearly 50,000 priests, somewhere between 50 and 60 percent of them are gay—has led to a situation where there is a code of silence. That is, though most gay priests are not pedophiles themselves, a gay priest is not likely to report the pedophile because he himself might be exposed and he'd lose his job

because the Vatican is anti-gay. Actually, homosexuality and pedophilia are two different things. But the culture of the primarily gay clergy has led to a kind-of quid pro quo among priests where homosexuals do not expose pedophiles and vice versa.

Another factor is, priests take a vow of obedience when they are ordained, and that has also been a very dangerous aspect of this crisis. The vow of obedience means that no matter what happens, the priest will be obedient to his Bishop. So, if you, as a priest, are aware of somebody being a pedophile, you have only the obligation to bring it to the attention of your Bishop. To go to a newspaper or to the police or to an attorney like me would be going against your vows of obedience.

But since these Bishops are busy covering up the scandal, they are not going to do anything about it. The ones I get really mad at are the Bishops, who just move the pedophiles from church A to church B or C. These pedophile priests should get kicked out of the church and thrown in jail.

**YOUR GROUP OF PARENTS OF ABUSED CHILDREN PICKETED THE POPE NEAR OUR NYCA GROUP DURING THE POPE'S VISIT IN APRIL.**

Aretakis: I am currently representing more than 250 people who were sexually abused by priests as children. My group was picketing because the Pope has tacitly allowed the sexual abuse of children to continue by not dealing with the issue appropriately. Why do those children call me when they turn, say, age 30? Because being raped as a child by your priest is so much more traumatic than being raped by your next-door neighbor. The priest has the power of the religion behind him.

**IF THE PRIEST RAPES HIM, THEN THE CHILD THINKS IT MUST BE OK WITH GOD, RIGHT?**

Aretakis: Right, and the priest silences the child by saying, if you tell anyone, I'll have your parents fired from their jobs and you won't go to heaven.

**ONE WOMAN I SAW PICKETING WAS CARRYING THE BLOWN-UP PHOTO OF A 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL.**

Aretakis: Probably 75 percent of the clerical abuse is with little boys, but that means that 25 percent is with girls. Pedophilia is a crime of power; it's not so much a crime of who they like better. But it's usually boys.

## HOW DO THE PEDOPHILE PRIESTS GET AWAY WITH IT FOR SO LONG?

Aretakis: The thing about these pedophiles—they're all widely loved. Because if you're a pedophile and your goal is to have sex with as many children as you can and to get parents to trust you, you know what you have to do: You have to start the food pantry, you have to do the soup kitchen, you have to feed the AIDS people, you have to do things that make people look at you and say, Oh, my god, he started the soup kitchen! He ran the Christmas parade! He ran Bingo every year for 30 years! Of course, it's all a part of their scam.

## IS IT TRUE THAT SOME OF THESE CHILDREN BECOME PEDOPHILES THEMSELVES?

Aretakis: Yes, it happens very often that kids who were abused become pedophiles themselves. I represent a dozen Catholic priests who were all abused as children. Science tells us there are a lot of psychological reasons why someone who is abused becomes an abuser. One reason is, the abused person may think to himself, "This adult man ruined my childhood. I'm going to do that to someone else just like my childhood was ruined." It's sort-of all they know.

## HOW DO WE STOP CLERICAL PEDOPHILES FROM VICTIMIZING OUR CHILDREN?

Aretakis: I tell Catholics to stop giving money to the church. Instead of putting money in the collection plate, put little cards that say, "Stop Protecting the Pedophiles." And the only way to make the church cure itself is by making them pay big bucks to the victims. In 2006, the church settled the pedophile cases in

California for \$500 million. There were 500 victims so they got \$1 million each. The church in New York state has parted with almost zero so far, so guess who has an incentive to make sure these monsters are out of the priesthood? California, of course.

## YOU SAY YOU WERE RAISED IN THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH. HAVE THESE CASES AFFECTED HOW YOU VIEW YOUR OWN FAITH?

Aretakis: I have my own problems with faith and religion because in the past six years I have subpoenaed, and dealt with, about 300 priests and all of them have had sex or have sodomized innocent children. So when I look at organized religion from the Catholic perspective, all I see and all I know are these total, complete charlatans.

I'm not saying all priests are charlatans, but I know what's going on. I know a little too much and these monsters who have sex with children have ripped the religious beliefs right out of me.

I know that Catholicism is losing its luster in Europe. Only 10 percent of Catholics in Europe go to church. I love that. People over there are saying, this organized church takes our money every week, the money goes to the Vatican, it's like the Mafia. One of the strongest things I say about the Catholic church is that it is like a cult. Yet this country is 26 percent Catholic. It's the number-one religious group in the country. New York is 39 percent Catholic.

*John Aretakis earned his Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School, and then went on to get a Master of Law degree in International and Comparative Law from the Georgetown University Law Center. He currently lives California for \$500 million. There were 500 victims so they got \$1 million each. The church in New York state and works out of New York City and Troy, NY. □*

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## UPCOMING JULY EVENTS

### JULY 11, 2008 (FRIDAY) 7:00 PM NYCA WOMEN'S CAUCUS

New from NYC Atheists!  
A Women's Caucus

How do women fit into the Atheist movement today?

Let's face it, most of today's Atheist leaders are men--from the Four Horsemen (Dawkins & Dennett, Hitchens & Harris) to the head of almost every American atheist organization extant.

On the other hand, there was once the obstreperous Madalyn Murray O'Hair, who started the whole modern-day atheist outcry, and today, there are Margaret Downey, head of Atheist Alliance International, and Ellen Johnson, until recently head of American Atheists.

So where do we New York City Atheist women fit into the picture? Are we going to follow in the footsteps of the religious denominations, where women are the hard-working volunteers while the men (priests, ministers, rabbis) are the leaders? Or are we going to seek the right

to be movers and shakers, to be listened to, respected and our ideas given equal weight?

#### Making It Work for Us

Add to this the happy thought that the preponderance of single, intelligent men in the Atheist movement gives us women an chance to meet suitable male friends and companions, and the presence of sharp, complex women is an invaluable source of women friends. So most of us want to stay in the movement, make it work for us, enjoy the privileges and advantages, and iron out whatever issues there are. (And let's face it, Atheist women have a much better lot, on the whole, than religious women.)

On Friday, July 11, NYC Atheists is providing a place and opportunity for atheist women to get together, enjoy a wine-tasting, and discuss ( without the presence of men) how to make the Atheist movement a more satisfying experience for us.

#### EVENT SUMMARY

WHAT: Women's Caucus meeting and Wine-tasting. Come, bring your ideas, your women friends, your kvetches, your knowledge.

WHEN: Friday - July 11, 2008 – 7:00 PM

WHERE: Bronstein's apartment (he is vacating it for us.)  
501 East 79th Street

Doorman will give you the Apartment number.

COST: Free. (bring yourself & atheist women friends.) Some people may elect to go out for a bite to eat afterward.

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JULY 13, 2008 (SUNDAY) 12:00 PM

NYCA BRUNCH / BOOK CLUB / LIBRARY

WHERE: Kennedy's Restaurant  
327 West 57th St. (8th/9th Ave.)

BRUNCH COST: \$20 (includes brunch, one drink, tax, tip)

Speaker: Dr. Vijayam

Executive Director of the Atheists Centre in Vijayawada, India. Dr. Vijayam has a Ph.D. in Political Science.

Subject: *Atheism in the Post-Religion India:  
Why India Is Going Secular.*

#### Atheist Centre History

The Atheist Centre is a social change institution founded by Dr. Vijayam's father, Gora in 1940. It has been the hub of activity for the promotion of atheism, humanism and social change not only in India but worldwide.

Gora worked with Gandhi in the liberation of India and quotes Gandhi as saying "I can neither say my theism is right nor your atheism is wrong. We are seekers after truth." According to Lavanam, another son of Gora,

"Gandhi was echoing the Indian tradition of accepting atheism as a path to seeking truth."

#### Book Club / Library

After brunch, we move to the NYCA Library located on East 79th Street.

We continue discussing Christopher Hitchens' *god is not Great*. Chapter 8: "The Koran Is Borrowed from Both Jewish and Christian Myths." Need have not read the assignment to participate.

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JULY 15, 2008 (TUESDAY) 7:00 PM  
NYCA MEETUP & DISCUSSION

Location: Stone Creek Bar and Lounge  
140 East 27th St. (3rd/Lex)

If you like exciting discussions, interesting people, provocative ideas, challenging conversation; if you like people who make you think and let you talk, if you want to get to know your fellow atheists, what they're really like with no pretensions, no affectations, this is the place for you. Discuss and socialize with the sharpest, most creative minds in New York atheist circles.

EVENT: Meetup led by Nathaniel (Natty) Adams  
DISCUSSION TOPIC (selected by Natty) to be announced.  
COST: Free. Drinks and food available.

We have again invited Natty Adams, bon vivant and young man-about-town, known for his clever blog, "Civilization and Its Discotheques," his sartorial splendor and his willingness to lay bare his life, among other things, on his blog. If you're a fan of David Sedaris, you'll love Natty's writing style. See <http://nattyadams.blog..> Natty promises to come up with a hot topic for discussion at the Tuesday's Meetup, which he will reveal only that evening. Even we do not know what it will be.

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JULY 31, 2008 (THURSDAY) 7:00 PM  
NYCA MONTHLY MEETING

WHERE: SLC Conference Center  
352 Seventh Ave. (29<sup>th</sup>-30th St.) 16th Floor

COST: We would appreciate a \$5 contribution toward room rental cost.

SUBJECT: *The Truth About the Bible (Part II)*

SPEAKER: Peter J. Brancazio, Phd.

Our popular speaker Prof. Brancazio received a Ph.D. in astrophysics from New York University. In 1990 he was chosen by Newsday, as one of six "Great Teachers in New York." □

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### JULY 2008

July 4*****	Fri.	10:15 AM	NYCA Barbeque/Fireworks
July 7	Mon.	POSTPONED	NYCA Lifestyle Discussion Group
July 11*	Fri.	7:00PM	NYCA Women's Caucus
July 12**	Sat. .	10AM-6PM	NYCA Street Tabling
July 13***	Sun.	12:00 PM	NYCA Brunch/Book Club/Library
July 15****	Tue.	7:00 PM	NYCA Meet-Up and Discussion
July 19**	Sat. .	10AM-6PM	NYCA Street Tabling
July 26**	Sat. .	10AM-6PM	NYCA Street Tabling
July 31*****	Thu.	6:30 PM	NYCA Monthly Meeting

### AUGUST 2008

Aug 2**	Sat. .	10AM-6PM	NYCA Street Tabling
Aug. 4*	Mon.	7:00 PM	NYCA Lifestyle Discussion Group
Aug. 9**	Sat. .	10AM-6PM	NYCA Street Tabling
Aug. 10***	Sun.	12:00 PM	NYCA Brunch/Book Club/Library
Aug. 16**	Sat. .	10AM-6PM	NYCA Street Tabling
Aug. 19****	Tue.	7:00 PM	NYCA Meet-Up and Discussion
Aug. 23**	Sat. .	10AM-6PM	NYCA Street Tabling
Aug. 30**	Sat. .	10AM-6PM	NYCA Street Tabling

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- \*       **Location: Call Ken Bronstein 212-535-7425**
- \*\*       **Columbus Circle – Front of Time Warner Building – Broadway (59/60)**
- \*\*\*      **Kennedy's Restaurant – 327 West 57<sup>th</sup> St. (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>) – Rear Room**
- \*\*\*\*     **Stone Creek Bar and Lounge – 140 East 27<sup>th</sup> St. (3<sup>rd</sup>/Lex)**
- \*\*\*\*\*  **SLC Conference Center–352 Seventh Ave./16<sup>th</sup> Floor-(29/30<sup>th</sup> St.)**
- \*\*\*\*\*  **Grand Central Station – meet in Grand Hall near the central info booth**

#### WEDNESDAYS

#### ***THIS WEEK IN ATHEISM***

6:30 PM (Manhattan Cable # 57)  
Live Streaming: [WWW.MNN.ORG](http://WWW.MNN.ORG)

#### THURSDAYS

#### ***NYC ATHEISTS CABLE SHOW***

7:00 PM (Manhattan Cable # 67)  
Live Streaming: [WWW.MNN.ORG](http://WWW.MNN.ORG)

#### THURSDAYS

#### ***ATHEISTS BOOK CLUB***

7:30 PM (Manhattan Cable # 67)  
Live Streaming: [WWW.MNN.ORG](http://WWW.MNN.ORG)

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