



February 2010 at the Ethical Humanist Society

Sunday Meetings at 11 AM

February 7 - Richard L. Kiniry, Leader, Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia

Why President Obama is Wrong about Afghanistan

The President has justified expanding the war in Afghanistan as a “just war.” Just War Theory has been used by those who would excuse their aggression and by those opposed to aggression. Rather than questioning the justice of any particular war, Mr. Kiniry will offer other ethical values that challenge American foreign policy.

February 14 - Ed Joyce, President, Bucks County Chapter, Americans United for Separation of Church & State

The Evolution Controversy: Implications for the Separation of Church & State

Only about a third of Americans agree that evolution is a viable science in spite of the impact evolutionary theory has had on medicine, agriculture and biology. A growing segment of the American population wants to replace what is taught in the science classroom with Biblically-based accounts of creation. It is imperative to recognize the efforts of fundamentalists for what they are and keep religion from where it has no place.

February 21 - Anastasia Shown, Assistant Director, University of Pennsylvania's African Studies Center

Challenging Children's—and Adults'—Misperceptions about the African Continent

Why do we need to know more about Africa? How can we demystify stereotypes and promote a better understanding? Anastasia will highlight some of her projects in Cameroon, Ghana and Ethiopia.

February 28 - Kate Lovelady, Leader, Ethical Society of St. Louis - *Feminism in the Twenty-first Century*

The issues of women—work, motherhood and our relationship to men—have been a part of Ethical Society discussions since our founding. Some of these questions remain controversial, such as what innate differences if any exist between men and women. What are the ethical issues related to sex and gender roles that affect all our lives?

Piano interludes performed by Katarzyna Marzec-Salwinski. Coffee and an opportunity to discuss the topic with the speaker follow every meeting. Childcare provided. All are welcome!

Moral Mondays - February 1 and 15, March 1 at 7:15 PM

Looking for an engaging intellectual experience? Join Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader-Intern, for some philosophical fun. Each class will offer dynamic lectures and group discussions requiring an hour of reading. Call the office for readings.

Feb 1 – *Shades of Selfishness*, Feb 15 - *Shades of Altruism*

Worldly Wisdom: Great Books and the Meaning of Life - Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 PM

James Sloan Allen has created a humanist approach to the Great Books. The book, *Worldly Wisdom*, is a series of commentaries that follow human wisdom from Homer's *Iliad* to the works of Sartre and Martin Luther King. While following the course of humanist thinking we can examine our own lives in the presence of ideas from around the world.

In February we will be discussing Dante's *Inferno*.

Get to Know Us Social - Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 PM

This is an opportunity for newcomers learn about the history and philosophy of the Ethical Culture movement and to share with each other how our spiritual journeys have led us towards Ethical Humanism. Refreshments served.

Thursday Night Talkies - February 18 at 7:15 PM - War Child

This film by Karim Chrobog is the story of Emmanuel Jal's change from a child soldier at age 7 to an internationally acclaimed hip-hop artist with a peaceful message. The film is a must for anyone interested in social justice: a dire warning about what could happen on our soil if we let our society crumble, but also extremely beautiful and moving in its music, which is a testament to the transformative power of art. - **Movie, discussion, popcorn & pop.**

**Ethical Humanist Society, 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square, (Southwest corner of the Square)
www.phillyethics.org, (215) 735 - 3456. Free and Open to the Public. All are Welcome!**