



# March 2010 at the Ethical Humanist Society

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## Sunday Meetings at 11 AM

March 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.

March 14 - Jerry Silberman, Senior Staff Representative, Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals - *Organizing Around the Triple Threat: How Unions Can Help Us Build a Better Future*

Activists on the triple threat of global banking, resource depletion and social injustice rarely talk to each other. All three legs of this tripod must be sound and we must strategize from the apex, rather than separately. A union organizer for over 30 years, Jerry Silberman asks, “What lessons can union organizing bring to coordinated organizing around the triple threat?”

March 21 - Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader-Intern - *Learning to be Inclusive: An Ally's Education in LGBTQness*

Hugh Taft-Morales shares insights about the challenges facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals and their friends and families. Appreciating the difficulty in shifting from uncertainty to tolerance to inclusion, Hugh encourages himself and the Ethical Culture community to reaffirm our historical role in advancing the rights of all people.

### March 28 - *Spring Festival*

The uneven arrival of Spring offers us a psychological boost but the problems of Winter remain. With music, flowers and readings we will focus on bringing the good news of Spring into our approach to active living.

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!

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## Final Class - *Moral Mondays - Ethical Explorations* - March 1 at 7:15 PM

Join **Hugh Taft-Morales** for a dynamic lecture and group discussion. This class will require an hour of reading. *Morality Beyond The Self*; Self-Actualization in the Absolute (*Hegel, Marx, and Bradley*), Autonomy and Relations, Buddhist Detachment

## *Introduction to Ethical Humanism* - Monday, March 8 at 7:30 PM

This workshop is a chance to delve into the history and philosophy of the 133-year-old Ethical Culture Movement. We provide opportunities for questions. All are invited to examine our approach to living as we look at our core ideas – the intrinsic worth of every human being, naturalism, nontheism and ethics as a way of life. Led by Richard Kiniry

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

The book, *Worldly Wisdom* by James Sloan Allen 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 March we will be discussing Jean-Jacques Rousseau's *Émile*.

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## Thursday Night Talkies - March 18 at 7:15 PM - *Idiocracy* - Movie, discussion, popcorn & pop

This comedy by Mike Judge makes a satiric contribution to Darwin's theory of evolution. A narrator explains that natural selection is indifferent to intelligence, so that in a society in which intelligence is systematically debased, stupid people easily out-breed the intelligent, creating, over the course of five centuries, an irremediably dysfunctional society.

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## Amnesty International Regional Meeting - Saturday, March 20 from 9 AM - 5 PM

An exciting array of guest speakers and panels on immigration detention, the death penalty, poverty and human rights. Free and open to the public. Light breakfast and lunch provided. Contact **Ron Coburn** at [RFCoburn@mail.med.upenn.edu] to register.

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