

Summer 2009 at the Ethical Humanist Society

Sunday Colloquies and Book Discussions begin at 10 AM

June 14 - *Transgender Concerns* - Richard Juang, Interfaith Coalition for Transgender Equality

June 21 - Ellen Rose - "A Good Man is Hard to Find"
and "Everything That Rises Must Converge" by Flannery O'Connor

O'Connor (1925-64), the "Southern Gothic" writer considered by many to be one of America's greatest writers of short fiction. A devout Roman Catholic, O'Connor probes—with dark humor and acid irony—profoundly moral questions in her brilliant corpus. Both stories can be downloaded from the internet.

June 28 - Colloquy

A meditative, reflective group conversation on an announced theme - a respite from the busy, everyday world.

July 5 - Colloquy

July 12 - Richard Kiniry -
Peter Singer's *The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty*

For the first time, it is within our reach to eradicate world poverty and the suffering it brings. We face a profound choice: If we are not to turn our backs on a fifth of the world's population, we must become part of the solution.

July 19 - Colloquy

July 26 - Harry Thorn - Dacher Keltner's *Born to Be Good: The Science of a Meaningful Life*
Dacher Keltner is a professor of psychology, director of the *Greater Good Science Center* and co-editor of *Greater Good* magazine. *Born to Be Good* is a profound study of how emotion is the key to living the good life; the path to happiness goes through human emotions that connect people to one another. Why have we evolved positive emotions like gratitude, amusement, awe, and compassion that are the fabric of cooperative societies?

August 2 - Colloquy

August 9 - Jack Schwarz - Avraham Burg's *The Holocaust is Over: We Must Rise from the Ashes*
How can we move beyond the Shoah? How can we return Judaism to its universal values? These are the questions Burg raises. He tells us never to forget but also not to be forever held hostage by the memory of the Holocaust.

August 16 - Colloquy

August 23 - Ken Greiff will lead a discussion of Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*

Captain Ahab and his crew confront a creature that was clearly not made with humans in mind – immense, landless, heartless and "sharkish." The metaphysical argument of the book ruminates about the creator of such a creature, referring to it variously as God, the devil and atheism. Ken will analyze this metaphysical argument and explain how it furthered his personal interest in Ethical Humanism. The sacredness of human connectedness is an anti-poison to the idea of an Inhuman God.

August 30 - Colloquy

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Summer Seconds Sale

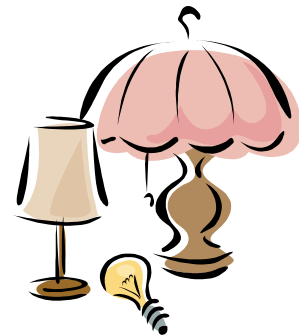
**Ethical Society building, 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square
Saturday, June 27 from 10 AM to 5 PM**

**A sale of books, buttons, art objects, jewelry and other
valuable small and non-electronic things.**

**Good quality books, not-too-ribald political and other buttons,
art work and beautiful things, jewelry, briefcases and hand
bags, easy-to-carry chairs and tables and other such stuff.**

Snacks and drinks.

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