

San Francisco Atheists Update -- another month of amazing events!

We are excited to feature feminist author **Sikivu Hutchinson** at our May 28 meeting, speaking on the topic

Beyond Kumbaya: Godless Morality in the “Post-racial” Age. "Despite media fantasies of post-racialism, the U.S. remains a deeply segregated nation, in which more youth of color are “pipe-lined” to prisons than universities. The election of President Barack Obama brought heady claims of equality, yet anti-secularist, xenophobic Tea Party-style white nationalism is on the rise. So what does it mean to be a feminist/atheist/humanist of color in this toxic climate? While the mainstream New Atheist movement battles over science and the separation of church and state, atheists, freethinkers, and humanists of color bring an entirely different set of priorities to the table. Sikivu Hutchinson discusses these challenges, providing a social justice lens for Humanism that goes beyond Kumbaya."

Sikivu Hutchinson is the author of **Moral Combat: Black Atheists, Gender Politics and the Value Wars**, and has published fiction, essays and critical theory in Social Text, California English, Black Agenda Report and American Atheist Magazine. She is a Senior Fellow with the Institute for Humanist Studies. Copies of her book **Moral Combat** will be available for purchase after her presentation.

**Saturday May 28 at Schroeder's Restaurant, rear dining room
240 Front St. (near Sacramento St.), Embarcadero BART/Muni stop
4:30 pm eat/drink/socialize, program will begin around 5 pm**

Reserve your spot soon for the **American Atheists West Coast Regional Atheist Meeting-- the Rapture RAM!** An entire weekend of speakers, activism, networking, comedy & party!

May 21-22, Oakland Masonic Center. Admission just \$39 for AA members.

Purchase tickets @ <https://atheists.org/oakland>

The Sunday morning breakfast is a fundraiser hosted by **Camp Quest West**. This is a very special event, you'll get to eat breakfast with the speakers! Nearly every speaker will be seated at a table of four – and you can join them! A limited number of tickets will be sold-- purchase them before they run out. Attend a great conference, eat a yummy breakfast, and chat with some well-known atheists! Assuming the world doesn't end on May 21st, we're going to have a great weekend. We hope you can join us. For tickets:

<https://campquestwest.wufoo.com/forms/oakland-camp-quest-west-fundraiser-breakfast/>

Welcome back **Ha Ha Heathens: Season II**, all-atheist comedy! **Tuesday May 17 8:00 pm, Punchline Comedy Club**, 444 Battery St. btwn Washington & Clay, San Francisco
Come to the SF Punchline and enjoy a hilarious night with an all-atheist lineup: Brian Malow, Troy Conrad, Caitlin Gill, Keith Lowell Jensen. More details and online ticket sales here: <http://www.livenation.com/event/1C004673E41348EE?artistid=1475221&majorcatid=10002&minorcatid=51>
Tickets are \$15 each, plus a handling fee. Age 18+ with valid photo ID, 2 drink minimum.

Our own **Dave Fitzgerald** is debating “**Did Jesus Exist?**” at the Wellness-Central Dinner on Wednesday May 18 at 6 pm, Opera Plaza Community Room, 601 Van Ness, San Francisco. \$15 for an all-you-can-eat vegan dinner and debate. Space is limited, so RSVP soon. Call 707-774-1904 or email to: info@wellness-central.org. See you there!

Our annual SFA **Summer Solstice Picnic** will be held on **Saturday June 18**, starting 11 am, once again at the lovely and spacious **Pine Lake Park** in western Stern Grove Park, San Francisco. BBQ, potluck picnic, fun for all! More details next month. *There will be no monthly SFA meeting in June.*

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the wonderful and energetic folks who helped support the SFA booth at the recent **How Weird Street Fair!** We had a colorful booth and an amazing day, met lots of fun & creative fair-goers, had many stimulating discussions, signed up new members, passed out literature, and received a lot of gratitude from like-minded supporters. The local AA billboard has excited many! Special thanks to Brian Davis, Debbie, Jon Alexandr, Jane Russell, Ray Borkowski, Dan Kelleher, Margaret Morgan, the outstanding Heretic Norm, and the SFA volunteer organizing team.