

San Francisco Atheists

"What is it with religious people?" This Saturday, we welcome **Dr. Marlene Winell** to address this question. "Why atheists need to understand, what we know about indoctrination, motivation on all sides, why children are special, the 'faith' of secular humanism and why it's important, and new guerrilla tactics for averting a doomed future."

Dr. Winell is a human development consultant, educator, and writer. Her background includes 28 years of experience in human services, in both community and academic settings. She holds a doctorate in Human Development and Family Studies from Pennsylvania State University.

A special area of expertise is Dr. Winell's work on religious recovery, based on both personal and clinical experience. Inspired by her own journey out of Christian fundamentalism, she works with clients who have experienced a variety of damaging religious influences. This inspired her first book, *Leaving the Fold: a Guide for Former Fundamentalists and Others Leaving Their Religion*, published in 1994. Since then, Marlene has specialized in this area of work -- consulting, teaching, and leading recovery workshops for people coming out of various religions. Her services related to recovery from religion can be found at journeyfree.org.

Saturday September 28

4:30 pm to meet/eat/drink

5:00 pm program

Schroeder's Restaurant, 240 Front St., rear dining room

Near the Embarcadero MUNI/BART station

Free, cash donations welcome

Coming up soon on Saturday October 12, it's Sacramento's 12th Annual [Freethought Day](#), a **free** day-long celebration of freethought, featuring speakers, musicians, authors, and fun for the family. Also Secular Lobby Day on Oct. 11. Register now for a chance at door prizes.

Sunday Assembly comes to the U.S.! This London-born monthly godless gathering has taken off in New York, and plans are underway in many other cities. Inspiring us to "live better, help often, and wonder more", Sunday Assembly offers music, singing, community, and inspiring talks for the whole family. To learn more, watch this [video](#), and [this one](#). Sign up at [Eventbrite](#) to express your interest in attending Bay Area SA starting in December. Volunteers are needed to help make this happen-- if you have the enthusiasm and skills, please contact sundayassemblysf@gmail.com.