

# San Francisco Atheists

## 'How Religion Led Me to Atheism'

To launch the new year, we present Lawrence Pratt, author of *Dark Deception*. Larry will discuss how his years as an active Mormon influenced the characters and themes of his novel, including the pressures to conform within a tribe, members' relationship to authority, and the consequences for those who leave.

Larry Pratt is a California native, Navy and Air Force veteran, and technical trainer and writer in Silicon Valley. He's also a published travel writer and photographer, and member of the San Francisco Bay Area Post-Mormons.

"Dark Deception is a thoroughly exciting and enjoyable read."

Some books will be available for sale and signing, or you can purchase in advance [here](#).

**Saturday January 25**

**4:30 pm**

**Club Quarters Hotel, Niantic Meeting room, lower level (take the elevator down to LL)**

**424 Clay Street, near Battery [map](#) (adjacent to the Elephant & Castle Pub)**

You are welcome to bring drinks purchased at the bar, and to stay for food and drinks in the pub after the meeting.

Near the Embarcadero MUNI/BART station. Metered street parking or at the nearby Embarcadero Center. Free, cash donations always welcome.

**Please note the change of venue** (Schroeder's is closed for renovations).

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The next **Godless Perverts Story Hour** returns **Saturday February 1, 7-10 pm**, at the Center for Sex & Culture. Seven performers plus Q&A. [Details here](#).

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Tickets are now on sale for the **2014 American Atheists National Convention** in Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration info [here](#).