

# Society of Edmonton Atheists Monthly Newsletter

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The Society of Edmonton Atheists fosters a community among atheists, agnostics and freethinkers through discussion, constructive activism, education and philanthropy.

## UPCOMING SEA EVENTS

### Monthly Roundtable

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Date has been changed from July 1 to July 8 due to Canada Day.



### Guest Speaker: Lynne Honey

Lynne Honey is the current Interim Chair for the Department of Psychology and is Assistant Professor in Psychology at Grant MacEwan University.

She will be talking to us about what it's like to be an "academic atheist", one who is out and vocal about their atheism.

July 8  
7-9pm

Afterwards we head to Rose and Crown for a more informal chat. Hope to see you there!

### SEA Community Volunteering



### Get Involved! Orange Bag It! Pitching in to CLEAN UP our Environment!

Starting this year, we will be holding these in the spring *and* fall.

Join us for just one date or as many as you can. We are making more dates and shorter times so more members (and non-members) have the opportunity to pitch in. Car pooling is being arranged for those without transport (and more environmentally conscious).

Please contact us with date(s) that you are available to help.

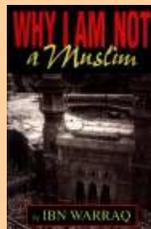
See the SEA Facebook "Events" to sign up: [www.facebook.com/groups/EdmontonAtheists/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/EdmontonAtheists/)  
For more details go to our website: [www.edmontonatheists.ca](http://www.edmontonatheists.ca)

July 12  
9-11:30

July 13  
9-11:30

### Book Club

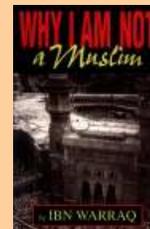
Second Cup  
9236 - Oliver Square  
11640 - 104 Ave.



Why I Am Not a Muslim  
by Ibn Warraq

July 6  
7pm

We will be discussing Chapters 1 thru 6



Why I Am Not a Muslim  
by Ibn Warraq

July 20  
7pm

We will be discussing Chapters 7 to end.

\* In August, we will be reviewing "Julian" by Gore Vidal

### Sunday Brunch



### Albert's Family Restaurant Bonnie Doon Mall

July 27  
9am

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Sunday morning, and everyone you know who's up at this time is going to church. Why not come eat some bacon with a bunch of atheists at Bonnie Doon Mall?

**Society of Edmonton Atheists** Donate a toonie towards SEA event costs

# TOONIE and a TIN

Bring a non-perishable donation 

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# BLOOD DRIVE

If you are a member or friend of the SEA and have given blood lately, **Count Yourself In** at our website [edmontonatheists.ca](http://edmontonatheists.ca)



**21 Major Religions In The World**

They can't all be RIGHT...but they CAN all be WRONG...

**I SUPPORT SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND PLANET!**

## Quote of the Month



IT'S A STRANGE MYTH THAT ATHEISTS HAVE NOTHING TO LIVE FOR. IT'S THE OPPOSITE. WE HAVE NOTHING TO DIE FOR. WE HAVE EVERYTHING TO LIVE FOR.

*- Ricky Gervais*

I WANT TO CONVINCE MY ATHEIST FRIENDS THAT GOD EXISTS... BUT THEY WANT PROOF.



## Summer Solstice Potluck Picnic

Our SEA Summer Solstice Potluck Picnic on June 21 was another huge success with about 30 attendees. Games and activities for the kids, lots of food, and a whole lot of fun.



We would like to thank everyone for coming out to this event. Quite a few new faces! Make yours one of them at our upcoming events. Membership is not required. Get Involved with the SEA!

**CREATING A COMMUNITY OF ACCEPTANCE**

## Social Media (Facebook) and the Atheist "Community"

Many SEA members are joining other Atheist groups - locally, across Canada and around the world via Facebook. This is a fun way to meet other Atheists/ Agnostics/Freethinkers and find out more about what is happening in their regions, their initiatives, and helps create a broader Atheist "community". It is an excellent way to share ideas and postings that can be 'Share'd. It is fun to pm (chat) with members from other groups if you find you have something in common - kinda like the old-fashioned "Pen Pals" that some of us had, only now it's instantaneous.

Some groups you may be interested in:

- [www.facebook.com/groups/5442393782/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/5442393782/) UofA Atheists and Agnostics (UAAA) - this group has hosted some great debates and lectures that you may be interested in attending.
- [www.facebook.com/HumanistsAtheistsAndAgnosticsOfManitoba](http://www.facebook.com/HumanistsAtheistsAndAgnosticsOfManitoba) (HAAM)
- [www.facebook.com/groups/2348548208/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2348548208/) Atheists of Newfoundland and Labrador



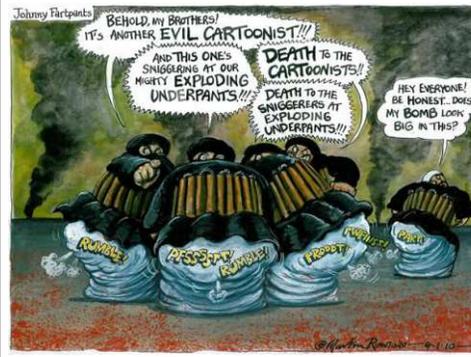
## GET INVOLVED!

### SEA Highway Clean-Up

We are looking for volunteers to help us:  
**July 12 & 13**  
See our Events listings for details.



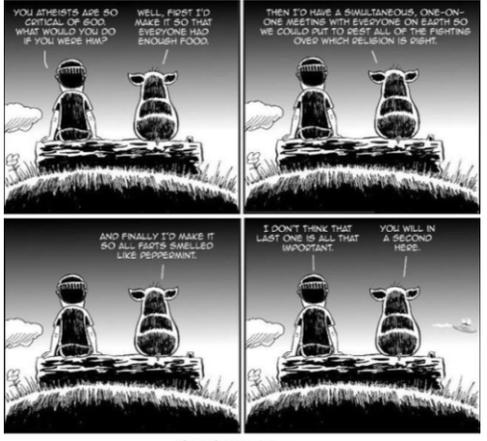
## Atheist Humour Comix Section



BEHOLD MY BROTHERS! IT'S ANOTHER EVIL CARTOONIST!! AND THIS ONES SUGGESTS AT OUR MIGHTY EXPLODING UNDERPANTS!!

DEATH IS THE DEATH TO THE SNIGGERERS AT EXPLODING UNDERPANTS!!

HEY EVERYONE! BE HONEST! DOES MY BOMB LOOK BIG IN THIS?



YOU ATHEISTS ARE SO COTICAL OF GOD. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE HIM?

WELL, FIRST I'D MAKE IT SO THAT EVERYONE HAD ENOUGH FOOD.

THEN I'D HAVE A SIMULTANEOUS, ONE-ON-ONE MEETING WITH EVERYONE ON EARTH SO WE COULD OUT TO REST ALL OF THE FIGHTING OVER WHICH RELIGION IS RIGHT.

AND FINALLY I'D MAKE IT SO ALL FACTS SWELLED LIKE PEPPERMINT.

I DON'T THINK THAT LAST ONE IS ALL THAT IMPORTANT.

YOU WILL IN A SECOND HERE.

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## Call Out for Talent

We are looking for talented members (or non-members) that would be willing to take the time to write a short essay, story, poem, photos, or original artwork for our SEA Newsletters.

These must be **original** works created by the individual, not taken from the web or other sources.

The submissions need not be religious/atheist based, we would just like to highlight some of the talented people within our community.

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