

# 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



### Understanding Buddhism



June 3  
7-9pm

We will be having an ex-Buddhist, **Ben Weinlick**, come to speak to us about the tenants of the religion and share his story on how he became an atheist.

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

### SEA Community Event



## Atheists at Pride

June 7

The SEA will be participating in the **Edmonton Pride Parade** again this year, and have a booth in **Churchill Square** afterwards.

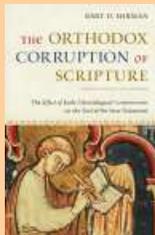
We'll need people to help out with various things leading up to the event, and the day of, so keep a look out for requests for help with organizing, making, building, marching, and generally being friendly to the public.

Staging for the parade will be near **107 St and 102 Ave.**

The official **Edmonton Pride Festival** information is here: <http://www.edmontonpride.ca/>

### Book Club

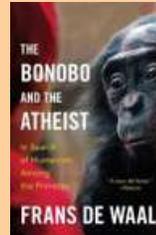
Second Cup  
9236 - Oliver Square  
11640 - 104 Ave.



The Orthodox Corruption of the Scripture  
by Bart Ehrman

June 8  
7pm

We will be discussing Chapters 4, 5, 6 & 7



The Holy Bible: New Testament  
by Various Authors

June 22  
7pm

We will be discussing the entire book.

\* See our SEA Events listings on the SEA website or Facebook for details.

### SEA Family Event

## Summer Solstice Potluck Picnic

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June 21  
3pm

The annual family-friendly summer solstice picnic is back again this year!

The location is the RED canopy (Site #1) at **Coronation Park** (just north of **Telus World of Science**).

See Events on our Facebook or website for details and map.

### Sunday Brunch



## Albert's Family Restaurant Bonnie Doon Mall

June 29  
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)

## 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.



**"Burrowing Owl"**  
From a series of oil paintings of owls of Alberta.  
by: Rob Chamberlain

*"painting from photo by my friend Gerald Romanchuck"*

*(Even have the poop running down the post.)*

## Quote of the Month



I'm an atheist... I regard religion with fear and suspicion. It's not enough to say that I don't believe in God. I actually regard the system as distressing; I am offended by some of the things said in the Bible and the Qur'an, and I refute them.

— Emma Thompson

AtheistRepublic.com



## 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



The Society of Edmonton Atheists and the University of Alberta Atheists and Agnostics present

# DAVID SILVERMAN

President American Atheists

## FIREBRAND ATHEISM



## Get Involved!

### SEA Highway Clean-Up

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



## SEA Volunteering

### Habitat for Humanity - May 10



Sean, Rick, Rob, Lou, Dave, Karen, Harriet & Maryna

We would like to sincerely thank our handy bunch of volunteers who donated their time and sweat for this annual event.

**Get Involved!** We will be posting for next year's Habitat for Humanity in the spring of 2015.

David Silverman gave a very inspirational talk "Firebrand Atheism" for a group of about 77 at the UofA Tory Building on May 28. This event was co-hosted by the SEA and UAAA.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this a very successful event.

For further information and pix, go to our website.



SEA information and merch table



Karen, David, Harriet and Allan

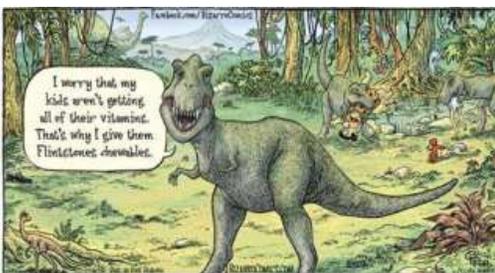


UAAA information and merch table



Karen did an excellent job as MC.

## Atheist Humour Comix Section




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