

Past Topics and Reviews have included:

So You've Been Publicly Shamed by Jon Ronson

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari

The Craftsman by Richard Sennett

Nature's God: The Heretical Origins of the American Republic by Matthew Stewart

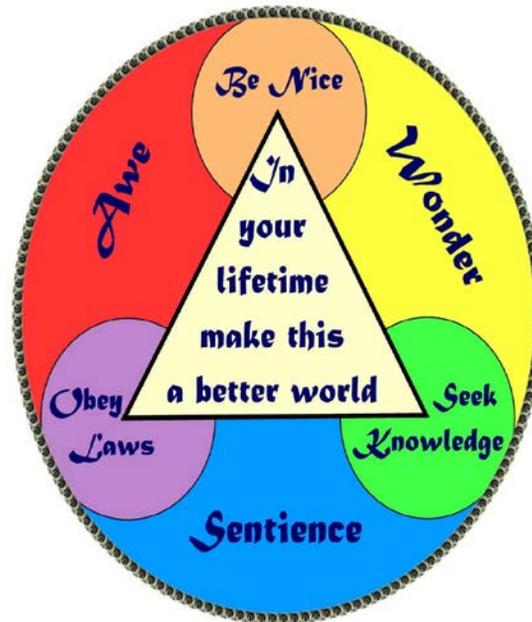
The World Beyond Your Head by Matthew Crawford

This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate by Naomi Klein

Why Liberals Win the Culture Wars (Even When They Lose Elections) by Stephen Prothero

Heros: Mass Murder and Suicide by Franco 'Bifo' Berardi

Relativism and Religion: Why Democratic Societies Do Not Need Moral Absolutes by Carlos Invernizzi Accetti



“HUMANISM IS A RATIONAL PHILOSOPHY INFORMED BY SCIENCE, INSPIRED BY ART, AND MOTIVATED BY COMPASSION. . . .”

AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION
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What is Humanism?

(from the American Humanist Association):
Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism and other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity.

Western Cultural Humanism is the rational, empirical tradition that originated in ancient Greece and Rome, evolved throughout European history, and now forms the Western approach to science, political theory, ethics and law.

Philosophical Humanism is any outlook or way of life centered on human need and interest.

Christian Humanism is a philosophy advocating the self-fulfillment of man within the framework of Christian principles.

Modern Humanism (also called Naturalistic Humanism, Scientific Humanism, Ethical Humanism, or Democratic Humanism) is a philosophy that rejects all supernaturalism and relies primarily upon reason and science, democracy and human compassion.

Secular Humanism is an outgrowth of 18th century enlightenment rationalism and 19th century freethought.

Religious Humanism largely emerged out of Ethical Culture and Unitarian Universalism.

Schedule

for 2017-2018

The Humanist Group is open to ALUUC members & friends, as well as to the general public from 7 pm – 9:30 pm on the following dates:

2017

July 24

Aug 28

Sept 25

Oct 30

Nov 27

2018

Jan 29

Feb 26

March 26

April 30

ALUUC Humanists

An Introduction

The Humanist Group emphasizes core values such as dignity of the individual, equality, and social justice. We discuss a variety of topics including morality/ethical values, humanism as a way of life, separation of church and state, science/evolution/neuroscience, behavioral economics and bipartisan politics. Programs have usually focused on book reviews or media presentations followed by group discussion; but other formats can be considered.

The Humanist Group meets regularly on the fourth Monday of the month, with a winter break in December. Unlike many of the other group sessions at ALUUC, the Humanist Group does not have a summer break. Speakers lead the discussion, with group chairs acting as moderators. Microphones are used so as to be accessible to the hearing impaired. Those wishing to be speakers are encouraged to contact group chairs at humanistgroup@hotmail.com.

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