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is an association of atheists, freethinkers, agnostics, secular humanists, rationalists, skeptics, and other non-theists serving the purpose of preserving the separation of church and state and promoting Freethought through education.

June General Meeting

The speaker for the June General Meeting is Alyssa Burgin, Head of Texas for Peace. Her topic is "My Path to Peace."

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The after-the-break speaker is Marc Janssens. The title of his presentation is "Dealing with Cancer in a Religious Environment."

General Meeting, Saturday, June 16th @ 1pm
Community Unitarian Universalist Church
4818 E. Beverly Mae

JFK Quotation

Here is a quotation from John F. Kennedy's speech to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association, Rice Hotel, September 12, 1960

"I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute—where no Catholic prelate would tell the President (should he be Catholic) how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote—where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference—and where no man is denied public office merely because his religion differs from the President who might appoint him or the people who might elect him."

"I believe in an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish—where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the Pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source—where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials—and where religious liberty is so indivisible that an act against one church is treated as an act against all..."

"Finally, I believe in an America where religious intolerance will someday end—where all men and all churches are treated as equal—where every man has the same right to attend or not attend the church of his choice—where there is no Catholic vote, no anti-Catholic vote, no bloc voting of any kind—and where Catholics, Protestants and Jews, at both the lay and pastoral level, will refrain from those attitudes of disdain and division which have so often marred their works in the past, and promote instead the American ideal of brotherhood."

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May Meeting Review

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All submissions are subject to editorial revisions at the discretion of the publisher.

Nick opened the meeting at 1:05 pm and reminded us that Jimmie Barnes brings the "library" with him for all of us to use.

Our speaker, Michael White, is on the local ACLU board and gave us examples of the ACLU's involvement in cases regarding separation of church and state. He finds himself on the "other side" of the religious/secular debates. He was once a bartender for an ACLU event and has been paying for it ever since.

White has read the Qu'ran and feels it is relatively moderate and tolerant. Mohammed marched on the palace in Mecca, had all the icons destroyed but that of Jesus Christ and then installed himself.

Thomas Aquinas tried logic, then quoting of "authorities" and finally quoting scripture in trying to say that a god can be "proved" through reason. "There is order in the universe and it couldn't be by chance." Fundamentalists have recently discovered his method of argument.

The Dover Pennsylvania school board had tried to impose the teaching of "Intelligent Design" along with teaching that there were gaps in the Theory of Evolution. "Scientific Creationism" was considered a re-labeling of ID and a violation of the Establishment Clause by the Supreme Court. Sandra Day O'Connor wrote the "Endorsement Test - what is actually taught as opposed to what is offered. Many teachers have written letters saying that ID is religion and not science, not biology and not accepted scientific theory and they would not teach it. The hypothetical test is that of what a child of reasonable intelligence would objectively perceive from a teaching. The judges noted that most scientific organizations rejected ID.

ACLU influences legislation of the Head Start program. When a school fails the imposed tests of the system, private schools can take their place. It is believed that the system is set up to fail since it was noted that some of the teachers failed the testing.

Recently, with such issues as ID and faith-based initiative, Texas has been trying to pass an article covering religious expression in public schools - the Religious Viewpoints anti-Discrimination Act. Some lawmakers fear it is a hidden effort to put religion in the classroom - that the intent of it's author is to facilitate imposing certain religious values on students regardless of their own faith systems. The bill, meant to clear up confusion, falls short of answering any question about public school prayer which could force students to participate. The expressions should come "spontaneously" from students but the policy actually encourages religious ideas.

President Bush started in Washington with people he brought with him from Texas. The Texas legislature wants to use a "textbook about the bible" - teaching it as an elective. Since the bible should be taught as popular literature, who will teach this and how will it be perceived by the students?

Religious organizations such as some drug-rehab programs can get federal grants under the faith-based initiative. The programs are supposed to be secular, but the ACLU has taken on several cases. An example: Catholics in a Pentecostal rehab program who did not convert, lost their right to be in the program and were therefore returned to prison.

The ACLU lost a lot of Jewish support when it took a case of a Neo-Nazi group's right to demonstrate. ACLU gets power from the hate generated by fundamentalists.

After the break Nick asked for suggestions for speakers for June and July. We discussed the need for changes in the by-laws, officer re-elections in December, U.U.'s intent to raise the monthly rent and way to attract new members.

Contributed by Jean Clelland-Morin

The Bible in Texas Schools

The Texas Senate recently approved a bill that will allow public high schools to offer elective Bible courses effective fall 2009. The original proposal was to make Bible courses mandatory, but the Texas House and Senate approved a watered-down plan. The intent of the legislation is to allow public schools to offer courses that familiarize students with the contents, history and literary value of the Old and New Testaments and their impact on human civilization.

The bill requires that teachers be trained and prohibits that the courses be used to promote Christianity. However, a recent study sponsored by the Texas Freedom Network (TFN) raises a concern that these safeguards may quickly be ignored. In the fall of 2005 the TFN surveyed the more than 1,000 public school districts in Texas. The survey identified 25 districts that are offering Bible courses. Only three districts, including NEISD in San Antonio, are teaching about the Bible in a legal and sound manner. The report of the study can be downloaded from the TFN web site (<http://www.tfn.org/>). The main findings of the study are listed below:

1. Most Bible courses taught in Texas public schools fail to meet even minimal standards for teacher qualifications and academic rigor.
2. Most Bible courses are taught as religious and devotional classes that promote one faith perspective over all others.
3. Most Bible courses advocate an ideological agenda that is hostile to religious freedom, science and public education itself.
4. A handful of Texas school districts show that it is possible to teach Bible courses in an objective and nonsectarian manner appropriate to public school classrooms.



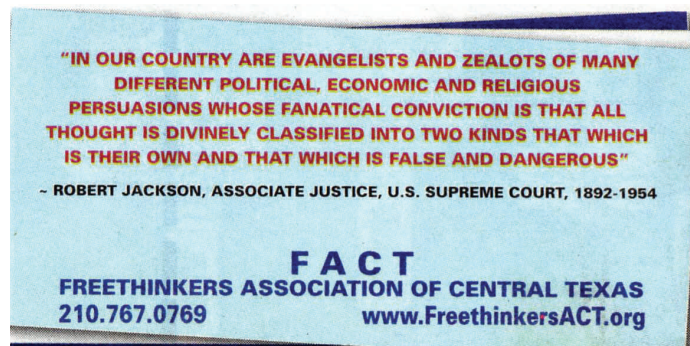
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Creation Museum Opens

The theme-park-like "Creation Museum" opened on Memorial Day in Petersburg, KY in the greater Cincinnati area. The museum was founded by Answers in Genesis and depicts the first book of the Bible as literal truth. The museum walkthrough on the Answers in Genesis web site (<http://www.answersingenesis.org/museum/walkthrough>) has this to say:

The Bible is true. No doubt about it! Paul explains God's authoritative Word, and everybody who rejects His history — including six-day creation and Noah's flood — is 'willfully' ignorant.

The museum is designed as a natural history museum and aims at challenging the theory of evolution with a "Young Earth" pseudo-scientific approach. With life-size replications of fauna and flora, video presentations and animatronics the museum targets primarily young children. The objective is obviously to plant a seed of doubt in young minds before children start studying science. The scientific community is very concerned about the impact of the museum. The following reaction was posted on the web site of the National Center of Science Education (<http://ncseweb.org/resources/news/2007/KY/>):

There is a great deal of concern among the scientific and educational communities in the adjacent states about its impact on the public understanding of evolution. NCSE executive director Eugenie C. Scott told ABC's Good Morning America (May 25, 2007) that her fear is that students will "show up in classrooms and say, 'Gee, Mrs. Brown, I went to this spiffy museum last summer and they say that everything you're teaching me is a lie.'"

Early reports from the museum suggest that its exhibits are just as scientifically misleading as expected. Edward Rothstein of The New York Times (May 24, 2007) offered a bemused review of the museum, which impressed him with its "sheer weirdness and daring." In a report in the eSkeptic newsletter (May 23, 2007), Stephen T. Asma, the author of a book on the history of natural history museums, said that skeptics will find the museum quirky and amusing, but added, "When I think, however, of the young children who are unprepared to critically assess the museum, my sense of humor fades."

Over 800 scientists in the three states surrounding the museum -- Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio -- have signed a statement sponsored by NCSE reading, "We, the undersigned scientists at universities and colleges in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana, are concerned about scientifically inaccurate materials at the Answers in Genesis museum. Students who accept this material as scientifically valid are unlikely to succeed in science courses at the college level. These students will need remedial instruction in the nature of science, as well as in the specific areas of science misrepresented by Answers in Genesis."

Additionally, the Campaign to Defend the Constitution (or DefCon) is sponsoring two petitions denouncing the creationist pseudoscience on display at the museum: one for educators, signed by over 3500 teachers, and one for the general public, signed by over 15,000 signatories. "The main problem," Lawrence Krauss, a professor of physics and astronomy at Case Western Reserve University and a member of DefCon's advisory board, told the Lexington Herald-Leader (May 25, 2007), "is that this is a museum of misinformation." In his opinion column in the Louisville Courier-Journal (May 22, 2007), Krauss was similarly outspoken, describing the museum as "an educational travesty."

And a protest called Rally for Reason is scheduled to take place outside the museum on Memorial Day, with a press event to be held on the preceding Sunday. Rally for Reason's organizer Edwin Kagin told the Cincinnati Enquirer (May 25, 2007), "We want to let the world know that most rational people do not share the primitive world view of creationists that the Earth is only a few thousand years old, and that humans and dinosaurs existed at the same time." "Various groups, representing both religious and secular orientations, will join together to protest this destructive world view" at the rally, he added.

The editorialist for the Los Angeles Times (May 24, 2007) cut to the heart of the matter, lamenting, "Young Earthers believe the world is about 6,000 years old, as opposed to the 4.5 billion years estimated by the world's credible scientific community. This would be risible if anti-evolution forces were confined to a lunatic fringe, but they are not," citing the political influence of creationism. The editorial concluded, "With the opening of the Creation Museum, young people will be getting another side of the story. Too bad it starts with 'Yabba-dabba-doo!'"

A letter published on mysa.com

It's truly amazing to hear some GOP presidential candidates say they don't believe in evolution. While most people here are living in the 21st century, Sen. Brownback, Gov. Mike Huckabee, and Rep. Tom Tancredo seem to be living in the Dark Ages. We need presidential candidates who are in tune with science and not theology; heaven knows (pun intended) we're going to need a leader to can logically deal with our energy problem, instead of waiting for divine intervention to help us. Maybe the next GOP debate should be held on the "Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader" show.

Thank you ;-)

Frank Hernandez

Letter to San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger (sent May 4, 2007.)

Mayor Hardberger:

Yesterday, May 3, 2007, from 11:30a.m. to 1:00p.m., you gave permission and support to the National Day of Prayer rally on the steps of city hall. Your proclamation was read at this rally, by Mr. Soapy Dollar, who is the coordinator of the local branch of the National Day of Prayer organization.

This obvious official government endorsement and support of sectarian religion, is a clear violation of the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution. The following is the case in question: *Lemon v. Kurtzman*, 403 U.S. 602 (1971.) The Lemon Test:

1. The government's action must have a legitimate secular purpose. Permission was given for this rally to occupy one entire entrance to City Hall, and the attendants filled every inch of the front steps, and the entrance to City Hall. There was no secular purpose for this rally. It was 100% Christian in nature and practice. The singing from the choir and speakers was 100% advancement of the Christian faith.

2. The government's action must not have the primary effect of either advancing or inhibiting religion. The National Day of Prayer organization is directly linked to the Focus on the Family organization, and is strictly a Christian organization. Shirley Dobson, who is the director of this organization, is the wife of James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family. The National Day of Prayer organization states on their web site: *The National Day of Prayer Task Force exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the Christian community to intercede for America and its leadership.*

3. The government's action must not result in an "excessive entanglement" with religion. One of the principles of the National Day of Prayer organization is: *Publicize and preserve America's Christian heritage.*

I recently submitted a request for a Proclamation by you for National American Atheist Day. Here is the reply I received yesterday from Denise Luckey, the Ceremonials Coordinator: "I am in receipt of your voice mail and email request. However, as in years past, the Mayor will not be signing a proclamation recognizing that day." There was no explanation given for the refusal. You are decidedly supportive of the Christian faith, and completely disinterested in anyone else's philosophical beliefs.

Mayor Hardberger, I respectfully request that you cease giving permission for this rally to take place in the future, on the property of City Hall. This is a clear violation of the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution, because it gives any citizen passing by city hall, the impression that the government supports and endorses the Christian religion.

If I do not receive a reply from you by June 4, 2007, I will take legal steps to prevent you from giving permission in the future for this rally.

Sincerely,

Patrick Greene

HEY, LETTER WRITERS!

We're looking for well-crafted letters having to do with the separation of church and state, atheism, or any other relevant topic. Members are encouraged to forward published letters, or ones which were rejected by the mainstream media, for publication. Send them either to: janssensml@aol.com or P.O. Box 160881 San Antonio, TX 78280

Christians and Atheists Start a Calmer Dialogue

In recent times we have seen a growing number of bestseller books that go beyond questioning the existence of God. Dawkins, Harris, Hitchens and the like charge that religion is a plague that should be eliminated. However, there are also a growing number of people on both sides who engage in a calmer dialogue. Jane Lampkin presented a good example in the May 10 edition of the Christian Science Monitor.

Jim Henderson, a former Evangelical pastor from Seattle who moderated the atheism discussion, has been getting an earful for some time. Frustrated at his inability to draw more people to his church, Mr. Henderson set out to learn how "the unchurched" respond to various kinds of worship services – what it is they find appealing and what leaves them cold. He began to pay nonbelievers \$25 to go to a church and tell him what they thought.

"I also became intrigued by why evangelism bothered everybody, including me," he says in an interview. "I decided to devote my life to reimagining evangelism ... how to do it and be 'normal.' "

Soon, he got wind of an auction on eBay in which a student at the University of Illinois in Chicago proposed "selling my soul" to the highest bidder. Young atheist Hemant Mehta had been raised in Jainism, but left the faith in his teens. Mr. Mehta was curious about Christianity and whether it could provide any evidence for the existence of God. Wondering if he might be missing something, he offered to attend church with the winning bidder.

With the top bid of \$504, Henderson asked Mehta to visit 15 churches, fill out a survey on each one, and share his perspectives on Henderson's website (off-the-map.org).

The experience has changed the lives of both men. Mehta, now an honors graduate in mathematics and biology, has not converted, but the two have become friends. Mehta has started his own blog (friendlyatheist.com) and travels to speak to churches and humanist organizations. He has written a book – "I Sold My Soul on eBay" – that explains why he is an atheist and gives churches advice on what it would take to reach nonbelievers.

Henderson has gone on to pair with another atheist, Matt Casper, for further church visits across the US, and they've written "Jim and Casper Go to Church." Both books offer insightful, revealing, sometimes humorous critiques of what a variety of Christian services, in churches of different sizes and denominations, look like to the uninitiated.

Henderson also conducts interviews with men and women who are non-believers as an event at church and pastor conferences. Many Evangelicals "are obsessed with conversion," he says, and always speak of non-Christians as "lost." The interviews show Christians immersed in their own culture and how that sounds to the people they approach.

Henderson's experiences have led him, with his "Off The Map" venture, into "something larger than evangelism," what he calls "Otherliness." Otherliness – "the spirituality of serving others" – involves "drawing people into the idea of paying real attention to each other, of listening." He wants to teach individuals and groups of all kinds how to do a much better job of listening to those they interact with.

For his part, Mehta is still open to "any compelling evidence of the existence of God." He describes positive elements in some churches, such as top-notch speakers and impressive community outreach. "The more work churches do for everyone, the more respect they'll get from outsiders," he writes.

Yet churchgoers are missing the mark, he says, when they think non-religious people lack a basis for ethical values, look down on non-Christians, or fail to speak out against religious leaders who make outrageous public statements.

What would convince him? A miracle. During church services, they often fail to explain traditions or rituals, which leaves visitors confused. "Why is the structure of the service always the same?" Mehta wonders.

Zeroing in on "what it would take to convert me," he says a church would need to appeal to his sense of reason, challenge him to think more deeply, and allow for asking questions. "I wasn't confronted with a new line of thinking that challenged my commitment to scientific empiricism," he writes. Also, he'd want a church where "men and women lead on an equal basis."

Most important, he states, what would convince him would be "a miracle – an undeniable miracle that has no natural explanation."

The Impact of Religion on Foreign Policy

by Len Wheeler

The following are some highlights of Len Wheeler's talk at the May Brunch Meeting.

1) Teaching against embryonic stem cell research (justified by religious teachings about implantations of a soul at conception) and mentioning evolution in science classes (advocacy for Intelligent Design). Funded by Faith Based groups both inside the U.S. and abroad.

2) Abstinence-based sex education now dominate federal sex education efforts and funding for family planning projects at home and abroad. Christians who think of sex as sinful unless married fund these projects through our tax money to faith based organizations.

3) Christian fundamentalist support for the state of Israel (especially right-wing Zionists, settlers, etc.) based at least in part on the conviction that Israel must rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem to bring about the end of the world after the Jews are converted. Given that the Temple is also the site of the Dome of the Rock, a Muslim holy place, rebuilding the Temple might bring about the end of the world with no angelic choirs needed! Israel gets \$10 million dollars a day of our tax money!

4) Efforts to stop past "discrimination against religious social service providers" which have channeled more than \$2 billion per year in public funding to faith based social agencies, many of which openly proselytize and discriminate in hiring on the basis of religion. The Office of International Religious Freedom was established at the State Department, to prevent discrimination against religion around the world (?)

5) Blackwater, the largest private army in the world, run by a man who is from the Dutch Reformed Church, and the son of a man who tried to change Michigan to a theocracy. When he failed, he put his money into training a private army. This army protects Kellogg Brown Root and Haliburton, and is in force in Afghanistan and New Orleans after Katrina. These men make 300 to 600 dollars per day and at times are in charge of our military and giving them orders. Our tax dollars pay for this. Blackwater is in process of enlarging, though it already has 72 acres in South Carolina. It is opening two more facilities across the nation. All of the above companies including Blackwater received their contracts without bidding for them. The battle of Fallujah was fought by Marines who objected, because it was to get revenge on four Blackwater men who were killed by al-Qaeda.

If you know your history, you understand that private armies have no allegiance to any country, only those who pay their (high) wages. History proves that private armies that become this strong can end the form of government that the country they inhabit has had. They create empire.

6) CARE has been changed from the largest funder to help improve those in poverty, starvation and with AIDS, to a faith based organization that funds these five events and others. The money going to CARE has increased its funding for faith based organizations and taken that funding from secular organizations.

There are over 25% of our Congressmen who now proclaim to be evangelicals, up from less than 10% in 1970. CARE funds went from \$138 million in 2001, to \$96 million in 2005. Money was stripped from groups who criticized Bush's abstinence only programs. CARE's \$50 Million for AIDS prevention is being phased out to be replaced with \$200 million in grants to faith based groups.

The evangelical oriented groups are about 1/2 billion strong and are NOT apolitical. They have the optimistic view that they can help save the world, including converting the Jewish people to Christianity so the world can end and have a peaceful world order. They need our money and are getting it because our administration owes them for winning the elections.

Pew Global Research found that 98.3% of the funds to Faith-based organization went to Christians, mostly evangelicals. When 167 groups were invited to the White House to talk about grants, only five non-Christian groups were invited. Most of the Christian groups were evangelicals. From the President's Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief, the faith-based groups received \$1 Billion over a five year period. These are the abstinence only programs.

7) John Hagee is now pressing our President in his private, frequent visits at the White House that Iran must be controlled and if they pull ANYTHING, we should bomb Iran. He calls this "America at a Crossroads." PBS just presented 10 hours dedicated to American at a Crossroads, and to their credit, PBS showed the other side also.

In This I Believe

by Marc Janssens

I submitted the following essay for inclusion in the "In this I Believe" series of National Public Radio.

I believe in the Golden Rule. The rule that says to "treat others as you would like to be treated if you were in their shoes", or its corollary, "do not unto others what you would not have them do unto you." Although the Golden Rule is found in nearly every major religion, I believe that it is not God-inspired. I am an atheist, a member of the most despised minority in America. Yet, the actions of many deeply religious people lead me to believe that my moral standards are superior to theirs.

My children have respect for me because I have always shown respect for my parents and grandparents. I treat everybody with respect, in particular older people who have the life experience and wisdom that comes with age.

I would not consider killing a fellow human being, unless in self-defense. I hope to lead a long and fulfilling life and it would be sad for my relatives if a murderer were to cut it short.

I love my wife and do not cheat on her. I would be upset if I found out that she cheated on me, not that this is even a remote possibility.

I do not steal from others because I would hate the feeling when somebody would steal from me. When a store clerk gives me too much change, I gladly return it. Perhaps he will have to account for all receipts at the end of the day and will need to cover a shortfall out of his pocket. I would not feel good if I were in his shoes.

The ethic of reciprocity exemplified in the Golden Rule does not require a belief in God. It is a human-inspired moral principle. I do not need the threat of brimstone and hellfire as an incentive to practice the Golden Rule. I just know in my heart that it is the right thing to do.

I feel bad when I cannot practice the Golden Rule. For example, in the late 1990s my wife had a blood disorder and needed to have numerous transfusions. I wanted to donate to the local blood bank to reciprocate the precious gift of life from anonymous donors, but I was not allowed to. This was the time of the mad cow disease in the UK and blood donations from people from European descent were not accepted. I am now recovering from cancer and we will never be able to return the favor.

If everybody were to consistently practice the Golden Rule in the way Confucius, Jesus and Muhammad intended it to be practiced; the world would be a much better place. If people were judged on the basis of their actions and the way they lead their lives and not on their words or on their religious beliefs, the prejudice and bigotry against atheists may finally be eliminated and freethinkers would have a fair chance at becoming the President of the United States.

I also submitted the following "reflections" with my essay.

I am an atheist. I do not believe in the existence of the Christian God, or any gods for that matter. According to recent polls, atheists are the most despised minority in America. The bigotry against atheists is what motivated me to write the essay.

Several "militant" atheists such as Richard Dawkins and Sam Harris have made the news lately. Their attacks on religion are not well received. I wanted to use a more positive tone in my essay, in an attempt to persuade a wide audience that atheists generally have high moral standards (there are always exceptions) and that religion is not needed to motivate people to be a "good" human being of moral integrity and a productive member of society.

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June Events

June 5th - THCF First Tuesday Lunch

1:00 pm – Meet other Freethinkers at the Texas Hill Country Freethinkers' First Tuesday Lunch (held monthly)
 Discussion Topic: TBD

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June 16th – The Lunch Bunch

11:30 am: Join the “Lunch Bunch” for good food and great conversation before the General Meeting

Nicavid's Bakery and Café
 5115 Fredericksburg Road (near Callaghan)
 Note New Location!

June 16th – FACT General Meeting

1:00 pm: General meetings occur on the 3rd Saturday of every month (unless otherwise announced)

Guest speaker: Alyssa Burgin
 Title of Presentation: “My Path to Peace”
 After-break speaker: Marc Janssens
 Topic: “Dealing with Cancer in a Religious Environment”

Community Unitarian Universalist Church
 4818 Beverly Mae East (off Babcock)

June 24th – FACT Discussion Brunch

10:00 am - Join us for breakfast and discussion the last Sunday of every month.

Host: TBD
 Topic: TBD

Justin's Ice Cream and Deli
 2512 N. Main (near Woodlawn)

July Events

July 3rd — THCF First Tuesday Lunch

July 21st — FACT General Meeting

July 29th — FACT Discussion Brunch

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