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Reason Rally 2016 — An Event Not to Miss

Expecting to draw the largest crowd of secular and nonreligious people in human history,
Reason Rally 2016 (#ReasonRally2016) will take place Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the
Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. beginning at 10:00 AM. Dozens of outstanding
speakers including —Eugenie Scott, Lawrence Krauss, John De Lancie, James “The
Amazing” Randi, Penn Jillette, Cara Santa Maria, Kelly Carlin, Johnny Depp,
Carolyn Porco, Amber Heard, John Davidson, Julia Sweeney, Bill Nye “The Science
Guy” — and many others will be there to promote shared values for science, education,
reason, and the separation of religion and government. The full list of speakers can be
found at: www.ReasonRally.org/speakers

The nonstop program will include music (Gay Men’s Chorus of Washington DC,
Wu-Tang Clan, The Fab Four, Shelley Segal, Sophia Kameron, and others); speeches
(politicians, scientists, activists, and celebrities); and comedy (Paul Prevenza, Leighann
Lord, Margaret Cho and many more). The stage program will end at 7:00 PM. An
exhibition tent will be open during the same hours, giving major and minor sponsors the
ability to promote their mission, vision, and goals.

A special onsite “Donations Tent” will provide attendees an opportunity to donate to a
wide variety of organizations. All donations are tax-deductible. No goods or services will
be provided as per National Park Service regulations.

Camp Quest will be providing activities throughout the day at their family tent.
Openly Secular will be filming thoughtful narratives throughout the day for posting at the
Openly Secular website. Find them in the Exhibition Tent.

At its inaugural event in March 2012, Reason Rally drew over 20,000 people for a
single day of celebration despite the weather. By popular demand, Reason Rally 2016 will
feature four days of activities and events beginning Thursday, June 2nd through Sunday,
June 5th held throughout the Capitol Hill area in D.C. Free events will be held daily, with
ticketed activities that will include music, comedy, community service, speeches, and
opportunities for secular activism. Additional information can be found at the Reason
Rally 2016 website: www.ReasonRally.org

Reason Rally 2016 is organized and sponsored by the Reason Rally Coalition, a non-
profit organization formed in 2011 by the nation’s leading secular and nonreligious, non-
profit organizations for the purpose of rallying the 1-in-5 Americans who identify with
secular, humanist, skeptic, freethought, and atheist worldviews. Member organizations
currently include: Freedom from Religion Foundation, American Atheists, American
Humanists Association, Center for Inquiry, The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason
and Science, Secular Coalition for America, Stiefel Freethought Foundation, Hispanic
American Freethinkers, Atheist Alliance of America, Military Association of Atheists and
Freethinkers, Camp Quest, Secular Student Alliance, Ex-Muslims of North America,
American Atheists, Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers, Camp Quest, Secular Student Alliance, Ex-Muslims of North America, Black Nonbelievers, and The Freethought Society.

Reason Rally 2016 is a free and open-to-the-public event. Reason Rally organizers
foresee this event to be the largest gathering of nonreligious folks and supporters. The
Reason Rally Coalition is dedicated to emphasizing that a person can be good without
believing in a God/gods. This event will represent a community that advocates for public
policy to be based on scientific evidence, not religious beliefs. Nontheists are voters who
support the separation of religion and government and who think that public policy should
be based on facts, not faith. The nontheist community advocates medical research based
on scientific rigor — not on ideological influences. Nontheists are proud to say that being
patriotic has nothing to do with believing in gods and that religious litmus tests for
candidates are just plain wrong.
Who is Organizing the 2016 Reason Rally?

The following people are credited for having organized the entire Reason Rally 2016 event taking place at the Lincoln Memorial on Saturday, June 4, 2016. They are members of the Reason Rally Coalition board of directors and they each bring their particular talents to the effort. Some of these board members are chairs of committees and some act as advisors. They all work in unison as a great team. The Freethought Society (FS) thanks them for all the hard work and expertise they contribute. FS editors asked each person one question in preparation for this article. The question was, “When Reason Rally 2016 is over, what is your vision for attendees to take home from the event?” Below are answers from all the Reason Rally Coalition board members, their photos, and an overview of their positions in the nontheist community. If you see them at the Reason Rally, please take a moment to thank them for all they did to make this event possible.

Debbie Allen
Board Member American Humanist Association, Board Member Humanist Society, Local Director of the San Diego Coalition of Reason, and Secretary of the Reason Rally Coalition

What remains with me to this day is the feeling of belonging that enveloped me at the first Reason Rally. Surrounded by thousands of people who identify as humanists, atheists, and freethinkers, I delighted in not having to explain myself, or constrain my enthusiasm. I still derive great joy and inspiration from the photos of us standing united on the National Mall in 2012. Just imagine... all of us standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial in 2016! This will be a historical moment in our movement, and I hope to share it with you!!

Dan Barker
Co-President of the Freedom From Religion Foundation

I look forward to the Reason Rally encouraging even more nonbelievers to come out of the closet, stand proud for atheism, speak out for reason over faith, and fight even harder for secular government — the best hope for the world. Each person who speaks out for reason creates a ripple effect. I wish someone such as that had challenged me when I was a minister. It would have made a difference.

Robyn Blumner
President and CEO of The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science

The Rally’s theme is “Speak Up for Reason!” and Rally-goers should take that as a charge. The Rally will inspire and entertain, but for it to have lasting impact people will have to act when they return home. Don’t let the excitement of the Rally dissipate into the distractedness of daily life. Become an advocate for reason. If not you, then who?

Kelly Damerow
President of Reason Rally and Representative of the Secular Coalition for America

I hope attendees leave knowing that they’re part of a community that has the power to move mountains, but watershed moments in history don’t begin and end in a single day. To fully attain the respect and recognition our community deserves we must be open with our friends and our neighbors. We must engage with the political process at all levels of government. We must invest in secular organizations that defend the vision and values of our community, not for an immediate or ultimate reward but because we want a future built on equality, inclusion, freedom, and knowledge.
David Diskin
President, Camp Quest West and President of the California Freethought Day

The Reason Rally is a symbol of the growing voice of secular America. I hope that those who attend no longer feel like they are alone in their struggle as nonreligious persons, feeling connected to that growing voice. I hope that those who we have elected to office will no longer underestimate the size and passion of that growing voice. I also hope that our religious allies will join the growing voice in the fight for secular rights.

Margaret Downey
Founder and President of the Freethought Society

We hope that citizens will be inspired to return to their homes and watch for violations that tear down the Jeffersonian Wall of separation between religion and government. The Reason Rally will empower people to take action if any violations are found. Behind every activist there are supportive members of the secular community and Reason Rally 2016 will bring everyone together. The program and exhibition space will also provide large and small groups a terrific opportunity to represent the nontheist community in an exciting, entertaining and educational way. We want nontheists to bring family and friends so that a better understanding of our community takes place. It’s time to end negative stereotyping and unfounded bigotry against nontheists. We are fun, intelligent, friendly and helpful people. Attend and see for yourselves!

Phil Ferguson
Business Owner and Treasurer of Reason Rally Coalition

When Reason Rally 2016 is over you will know that you are not alone. Together we can make a huge social difference. You will also be able to tell your children — I was there!

Annie Laurie Gaylor
Co-President of the Freedom From Religion Foundation

I hope (but not pray!) that this amazing event will inspire us all to redouble our efforts to uphold the principles of the Enlightenment. For our nation and civilization to thrive and survive, reason must prevail. Congress and candidates have not caught up with the changing demographics — the rise of the “Nones.” The Reason Rally and the activism it motivates will show public officials they dare not continue to ignore and marginalize our presence and priorities.

Sarah Haider
Director of Development for the Ex-Muslims of North America.

With this Rally, I want to unite the nonreligious. I want to energize them to be active with their sense of reason and advocate for it in their communities as well as in their everyday lives. I want them to know that they are not alone, that there are many Americans just like them who share their values. Most importantly, I want them to take home a sense of pride to be a part of this exciting secular change in the American landscape.

Lyz Liddell
Executive Director of the Reason Rally Coalition

My hope is that Reason Rally 2016 attendees take home the inspiration of the Rally and the drive to get more involved. Secular Americans are a tremendous voting bloc — but only if we get out to the polls, lobby our legislators, run for office, and make our voices heard. This election season is critical for us to Speak Up for Reason — so let’s get out there and do it!
Ron Lindsay  
Senior Research Fellow, and President and Chief Executive Officer at the Center for Inquiry  
I want attendees to recognize that the secular movement is more unified, more numerous, and more powerful than ever. If we work together and stay committed, we can succeed in removing the influence of religious dogma on our public policy.

Samantha McGuire  
President of the Washington Area Secular Humanists and Founder and Chapter Coordinator of the Southern Maryland Secular Humanists  
My hope is that the attendees of Reason Rally 2016 go home feeling energized from the realization that they are a part of a large and quickly-growing community of people that have the same concerns that they do. Concerns about separation of church and state, the lack of science driven policy and unequal treatment of women, minorities as well as the LGBT community. My wish is that they return home with some solid ideas of how to advocate for change in their own communities.

David Silverman  
President of American Atheists  
My vision is for every Reason Rally attendee, every one of them, to leave the event and related activities a changed person. Yes, I want them all to have a great time, but my vision is also for their time to be transformative. I want them to leave with a renewed or heightened interest in important atheist activism and realize the value of being involved in our movement. I want people to come as attendees, and leave as activists, or at the very least, supporters of activism.

Roy Speckhardt  
Executive Director of the American Humanist Association  
When folks return home from the Reason Rally, I envision the seeds planted at the largest gathering of nontheists in history will blossom into a drive to join local and national efforts to dispel the prejudice against humanists and all other atheists and agnostics. We can replace that prejudice with a universal respect for reason.

Mandisa Thomas  
Founder and President of Black Nonbelievers  
It is my hope that those attending the Reason Rally will understand how much the secular population is growing, the importance of our acceptance, and that there are many ways to get involved. We are becoming a force to be recognized, and everyone’s help is needed—no matter how minute it may seem. We are all in this fight together.

David Tomayo  
Vice President of Reason Rally, and Founder and President of the Hispanic American Freethinkers  
With more than 56 million Hispanics in our country, we need leaders who give priority to reason instead of superstition. We need leaders who value education and who favor the separation of church and state. It is important to show everyone, including all the Washington politicians, that we want a nation with leadership that uses critical thinking skills in legislation; we want them to understand that we are not going to stay silent and that it is time to question and object to all thinking based on superstitions, mythologies, and imaginary things. The Reason Rally is the perfect way to let them understand this. It is also a great opportunity to meet other people who think alike and, by attending this free event, you can support the nonprofit (national as well as local) organizations that have been fighting for Reason.
Reserve your seat today at RallyBus.net/Reason-Rally
The discussion about whether or not another Reason Rally should take place in 2016 began in late 2014. The statistics that were released by the Pew Research Center that year quickly tipped all conversation from “should we put on a Reason Rally” to “when do we elect Reason Rally board members, set a date and start organizing the event?” The 2014 Pew Research Center statistics revealed that the number of unaffiliated citizens was rising and mainline Christian religions are on the decline.

The Freethought Society News editorial board is pleased to reprint these important Pew Research statistics for our readers. We recommend sharing this great news with friends, family and associates when discussions about the Reason Rally 2016 occur. Please see the the box below and the information provided on the following page.

There was no doubt that a well-organized event was needed so that like-minded people could meet, socialize and share ideas. Since the 2012 Reason Rally was held in Washington, D. C. and was very successful (even though it rained all day), the decision was made to once again host an event there. This time, the site is the Lincoln Memorial.

Attendees will be entertained by celebrities, scientists, musicians, activists and leaders in the nontheist community who will take the stage beginning at 10:00 AM. The Rally will end at 7:00 PM.

The Reason Rally Coalition board members have worked hard to develop a program that reflects the diversity of the nontheist community, its vision, and mission.

With that goal in mind, the Lincoln Memorial site will be filled with exhibitors that will inspire and motivate visitors to become more involved with local and national groups. A huge Exhibition Tent will be filled with enthusiastic representatives who will be available to explain projects, events, publications and the importance of joining together with others to demand equality and acceptance of the unaffiliated. Visitors will learn how to help maintain the wall of separation between religion and government, how to participate in secular projects and how to become more involved in a fast-growing community. We want our numbers to keep going up, up, up and that is why Reason Rally 2016 was organized.

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**Generational Replacement Helping Drive Growth of Unaffiliated, Decline of Mainline Protestantism and Catholicism**

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2014 Religious Landscape Study. conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014. Figures may not add to 100%, and nested figures may not add to subtotals indicated, due to rounding.

The “other Christian groups” category includes Mormons, Orthodox Christians, Jehovah’s Witnesses and a number of smaller Christian groups.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
### Christians Decline as Share of U.S. Population; Other Faiths and the Unaffiliated Are Growing

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**The “other world religions” category includes Sikhs, Baha’is, Taoists, Jains and a variety of other world religions. The “other faiths” category includes Unitarians, New Age religions, Native American religions and a number of other non-Christian faiths.

Source: 2014 Religious Landscape Study, conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% and nested figures may not add to subtotals indicated due to rounding.

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**
As an avid science fiction buff going back to the 1950s, I have noticed that practically all films and television shows in this genre, from Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers to the latest Star Trek and Star Wars sequels, make certain assumptions about the laws of physics and probability. Namely, that these laws simply do not exist. To find these shows and films credible, the viewer is asked to accept the following:

~ Earth gravity prevails throughout outer space. Weightlessness was not present on the Enterprise (Star Trek) or Death Star (Star Wars), or any other space ship in science fiction television shows or films that I recall. There are three notable exceptions: 2001: A Space Odyssey, Gravity, and the recent Matt Damon film, The Martian.

~ space ships can accelerate from sub-light speed to “warp” speed in a matter of seconds with no repercussions to the human anatomy.

~ there is sound in the vacuum of space. Recall the “swish” of the Enterprise as it soared by and the roar of Empire space cruiser engines in Star Wars. Needless to say, in numerous films when space fighter ships explode they go BOOM! There was one refreshingly original science fiction show which did address the silence found in space: the short-lived television series Firefly. The opening sequence of this show intentionally shows space as a silent place. The difference of portraying space action with silence actually generated questions from viewing audiences who were expecting booming explosions and noisy engines.

~ all aliens encountered will speak American English. Flash Gordon, for instance, was able to easily converse with Ming the Merciless, and the crew of the Enterprise routinely encountered English-speaking aliens.

~ even if a ship is not traveling at super light speed, other star systems can be reached in a short period of time. An example of this is the film Star Man, where the Voyager probe carrying the computer disk containing music from Earth reaches another solar system in the 1980s after a few years in transit (with rock music blaring!), alerting the beneficent aliens to our existence. In actuality, even if the Voyager probe were heading directly for the nearest star system (and it isn’t) it would take over 100,000 years to reach it.

~ people can fall from great heights, and at the last second before hitting the ground, can be stopped by rescuers without their guts pouring out of their mouths, noses and ears. That is how Captain James T. Kirk was saved by Mr. Spock in one of the Star Trek films after he fell off a cliff, and Spock chased him and caught him with the aid of an attached rocket device. Kirk was caught in midair by Spock who was on rocket boosters which absorbed the impact. That is also how a plummeting Kirsten Dunst was saved by Spider-Man after being tossed off a skyscraper as he was swinging from his spider web which distributed the force similar to a tuck and roll, that gymnasts do only on a grander superhero scale. A person’s entrails do not recognize the Law of Inertia.

~ if you are in a tunnel and a huge fireball comes your way, just duck into the nearest small alcove to get out of the way. The fireball will not notice the alcove as it surges by. This occurred in a scene in the film Independence Day. In real life, of course, you would be toast as the fireball envelopes all available space.

~ also in Independence Day, you must accept that the Will Smith character, an air force pilot, can fly an alien fighter ship directly up to the stationary Mother Ship in the sky just above the Earth in a matter of seconds, as in a cartoon. Of course, in actuality, the Mother Ship would have to be orbiting the Earth in order to maintain its position. Smith would have to leave Earth orbit at 25,000 miles per hour in a few seconds (see above for ignoring the effect of acceleration) and somehow rendezvous with the Mother Ship, whose velocity relative to his would be on the order of dozens of miles per second. It took the NASA astronauts months of training to master much simpler docking maneuvers in the Apollo missions, but, hey, Smith just flies right into the Mother Ship, no problem!

~ humans can be sucked into a black hole and emerge unharmed in another part of the Universe, the gigantic tidal forces notwithstanding. This was observed in the dismal Disney film Black Hole as well as the recent incoherent flick, Interstellar.

~ in a television film from the 1980s, astronomers discover that a comet is hurtling toward the Earth, and many days in advance can predict that it will strike Phoenix, Arizona, causing widespread panic. This assumes a flat, non-rotating Earth. In actuality, the Earth’s rotation at the latitude of Phoenix would be hundreds of miles per hour. It would not be possible to predict the exact second the comet would strike days in advance, let alone the site of impact, absent incredibly precise knowledge of its mass, distance and velocity. If the comet hit just a few seconds before or after this film assumes it did, it would wind up somewhere in the desert east or west of Phoenix.

To be sure, we can still enjoy these films and television shows, just as we can enjoy horror films about vampires, ghosts and ghouls. However, we must admit that these films and shows do not advance the public’s already limited knowledge of basic science, to put it mildly.
**It’s Freethought Society Election Time!**

If you are a Supporter of The Freethought Society (FS) please use the handy form below to vote for each nominee, approve the entire slate presented or become a write-in candidate. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact FS via email at: Elections@FtSociety.org or call: (610) 793-2737.

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Below is a list of persons interested in serving in an FS officer or board position. Their photos and bio can be found at the following link: [http://www.ftsociety.org/nominees/](http://www.ftsociety.org/nominees/)

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- **Sally Flynn** ~Pocopson, Pennsylvania
- **Tracy Lockwood** ~Cheyney, Pennsylvania
- **Glen Loev** ~Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
- **Tom Melchiorre** ~Norwood, Pennsylvania
- **Dennis Middlebrooks** ~New York City, New York
- **Susan O’Connell** ~Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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- **Greg White** ~Bristol, Pennsylvania

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The Freethought Society’s
2016 Three-Month Activities Calendar

May

There is no Freethought Society meeting scheduled for May. We are, however, looking for volunteers who can help with Reason Rally preparations. If you can donate your time and are willing to travel to a West Chester, Pennsylvania location, please contact the president of The Freethought Society, Margaret Downey, as soon as possible. She can be reached at:

Cell Number: (610) 357-9432
Email: Margaret@FtSociety.org

The Freethought Society table will likely be on display at auxiliary Reason Rally events. The table will exhibit related Freethought Society materials and a Tree of Knowledge. Ornaments must be made for the Tree of Knowledge display and updated materials must be prepared for events taking place prior to and after the June 4, 2016 Reason Rally event. Scans of new nontheist related books are needed as soon as possible. Please send scans to Downey at the above email address. See below for complete details about what is planned for the day of the Reason Rally.

Please volunteer now to arrive to the Reason Rally site by 9:00 AM to help the Freethought Society with setting up in the Exhibition Tent. Volunteers are also needed to stay late to take down the table. In addition, we need volunteers to help work the table for Reason Rally shoulder events.

June 4

The 2016 Reason Rally takes place in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, June 4th, at the Lincoln Memorial. Tell your friends and family about the exciting event so that they can learn more about the nontheist community. Visit the Reason Rally website for information about speakers and all the pre and post-Rally events. See www.ReasonRally.org.

The Freethought Society’s Thomas Paine Memorial Committee will also be honoring Thomas Paine at the Reason Rally. Paine will be portrayed by actor Ian Ruskin. Ruskin will greet people at The Freethought Society table in the Exhibition Tent and will visit the Camp Quest tent several times during the day-long event. A custom-made lawn game honoring Paine’s book The Age of Reason and other literary works will be available to play at the Camp Quest location.

Throughout the day folk singer James Klueh will perform live at The Freethought Society table. Klueh has written original songs and music to highlight the life and work of Thomas Paine. His musical style is creative and educational.

The Thomas Paine Memorial Committee will also host world-famous sculptor Zenos Frudakis, who has been commissioned by the Thomas Paine Memorial Committee to create a sculpture of Thomas Paine in the near future. An artistic rendition of the project will be on display at the Freethought Society table.

Reason Rally merchandise can be ordered at www.ReasonRally.org/store/. Please remember to add a custom Freethought Society logo on your T-shirt orders.

July 24

The Philadelphia Coalition of Reason is sponsoring the 10th annual Unity Picnic on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 1:00 PM, rain or shine at the Fort Washington State Park, Militia Hill Pavilion (MHL-1), 6036 Joshua Road, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, 19034. All nontheists, friends and family are welcome. When you enter the park, please follow these easy directions and look for signage:

Turn right through the gate
Stay Right at the fork in the road
Parking is on the right side
The Militia Hill Pavilion is on the left

Please plan to donate a minimum of $10 per adult to cover the cost of burgers, hot dogs, and vegetarian alternatives for the grill, as well as condiments and beverages. There is no charge for children under the age of 13. Attendees are also requested to bring a side dish to share. Please follow the chart below using the alphabetical designation according to the first letter of your last name:

A-G
salad or vegetable

H-P
fruit or dessert

Q-Z
bread, potato or rice dish

Please bring the entire family. There will be games and activities for children. The picnic is over at 5:00 PM. We must estimate how much food, beverages and utensils to purchase, so please RSVP at: PhillyReason@gmail.com

The Philadelphia Coalition of Reason is an umbrella organization for local groups:

Atheist Meetup
Black Atheists of Philadelphia
Drexel Freethought Society
The Ethical Humanist Society
The Freethought Society
The Humanist Association of Greater Philadelphia
Penn Secular Society (UPENN)
Penn State Atheist Agnostic Association
Temple Atheists and Critical Thinkers
Help sponsor the Freethought Society at the 2016 REASON RALLY in Washington, D.C.

Five Great Reasons to Help the Freethought Society Participate in the Reason Rally 2016:

The Freethought Society represents Freethinkers nationwide, offering a comfortable “philosophical home” for many nontheists searching for a like-minded community.

Attending Reason Rally 2016 will help the Freethought Society reach out to the wider public.

The Freethought Society offers secular celebrations, shares ideas and information with other local and national groups, and provides a much needed service to the nontheist community. Reason Rally 2016 is a great opportunity for the Freethought Society to collaborate with many other secular organizations.

The expected attendance at Reason Rally 2016 is 60,000, so it’s the perfect venue to find new supporters, educate the public, and represent nontheism.

The Freethought Society added over 2,000 new supporters at Reason Rally 2012. With your help, imagine how many more supporters can be recruited at this historic event.

DONATE HERE: www.ftsoctiy.org/donate

Earmarked donations in the form of checks can be mailed to the below address.

Freethought Society
P.O. Box 242, Pocopson, PA 19366 • 610.793.2737 • info@ftSociety.org
Advocating Separation of Religion and Government, Freedom of Expression, and Nontheist Rights
The Freethought Society (FS) promotes freedom of thought, expression and choice. FS also advocates separation of religion and government. FS publishes *The Freethought Society News* every other month. The publication is delivered as an ezine via email and is complimentary to supporters, donors, like-minded individuals and those who are interested in learning more about freedom of thought.

Monthly events take place in many locations across the United States, with emphasis in the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Southern California. FS activities and services depend on financial contributions from supporters. Funds may be sent using this form or via the FS website (www.FtSociety.org/donate/). All contributions to FS are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law (Tax ID Number: 23-2738574). Please donate generously.

Yes! I want to:

( ) become a supporter / renew support of FS (Please enclose checks payable to the Freethought Society):

- $30 Individual Supporter
- $40 Family Supporter
- $20 Student
- $1,000 Supporter for a Lifetime

( ) become a “Freethought Star” by setting up an automatic monthly donation to FS from my bank or through PayPal in the amount of (circle one): $5 $10 $15 $20 $25 $30 $35 $40 $45 $50 $55 $_____ other (per month)

( ) earmark a donation to (insert project, event or committee name):

Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

City, State and Zip: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Email Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Cell: ____________________________

( ) Check here if you prefer your sponsorship to remain anonymous.

FS will send a complimentary ezine (or hard copy upon request) to potential supporters. Please provide contact information for anyone who might be interested in receiving an FS publication.

Name: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Mail this form to: Freethought Society, P.O. Box 242, Pocopson, PA 19366
This form can be scanned and emailed to: Ezine@FtSociety.org

**Volunteer Opportunities Through the Freethought Society**

Supporters of the Freethought Society (FS) often want to do more than just donate. Listed below are various committees organized by FS. The committees are designed to fulfill the mission, goals and vision of FS. We seek to be of assistance to nontheists, educate the public about nontheism, and provide social opportunities where like-minded individuals can meet, socialize and share ideas. Please see the FS website or contact FS to volunteer at: volunteers@FtSociety.org.

- **Anti-Discrimination Educational Committee**
  (nontheism explained in classroom settings)
- **Anti-Discrimination Support Network**
  (assist Secular Coalition for America gathering reports)
- **Community Outreach**
  (locate tabling opportunities)
- **Diversity Outreach Committee**
  (brainstorming about and developing programs to appeal to minorities)
- **Free Speech Zone Committee**
  (research and implement displays in public venues)
- **Jump Into the Jean Pool**
  (collection of jeans for the homeless)
- **Helping Hands**
  (provides helpers to seniors and in emergency situations)
- **Meetup Committee**
  (social events and improving online communications)

- **Monthly Meeting Coordinators**
  (schedule and manage speakers and venues)
- **Secular Celebrations**
  (develop, organize, and implement new nontheist celebrations)
- **Sole Searching**
  (collection of athletic shoes for donating to the homeless)
- **Speakers Bureau**
  (provide FS a resume, photo and speech subjects/titles)
- **Special Events**
  (coordinate interesting and unique nontheist events)
- **Thomas Paine Memorial Committee**
  (assist with assemblies, city proclamations, and work on themed events)
- **Tree of Knowledge/Winter Display Committee**
  (make ornaments, find venues, write articles, and support the winter symbol concept nationwide)