

American Atheists 34th Annual Conference
Minneapolis, Minnesota
March 21, 22, 23, 24 2008

Program
(Subject to change)

Thursday, March 20, 2008

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Pre-Registration
(Outside the Grand Ballroom - Fourth Floor)

Rock the Night Away!!
(Grand Ballroom IV - Fourth Floor)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
"Minnesota Freethought Band"

8:00 - 9:30
The Kings Of Minneapolis Rock
"Kwang"

9:30 - 11:30
"The Blue Rose Rocket Band"
Blues/Rock

All Welcome
No Charge

Friday, March 21, 2008

8:00 am - 5:00 pm - **Registration/Book and Product Room**
(Grand Ballroom III - Fourth Floor)

8:00 am - 9:00 am - **MAAF Meeting** (Military Association of Atheists and
Freethinkers) (All current and former military
Atheists welcome)

(Crystal Lake room - Fourth Floor)
8:00 am - 9:00 am - ***American Atheists State Directors Meeting***
(Deer Lake room - Fourth Floor)
8:00 am - 9:00 am - ***American Atheists Affiliates Meeting***
(Elk Lake room - Fourth Floor)

Main Sessions

(Grand Ballrooms I & II - Fourth Floor)

8:50 (Short video clip)

9:00 am -9:15am - Welcome from Minnesota Atheists President, **August Berkshire**

9:15am -10:00am - **Ellen Johnson**, President American Atheists

10:00 am -11:45am - **Professor Richard Dawkins** - “The God Delusion”

11:45 am -1:15pm - **Book Signing and Lunch** (Lunch on your own)
(return by 1:10 to see a brief video)

1:15 pm - 1:30 pm - **Bart Meltzer**, Director of State and Regional Operations. Introduction of American Atheists State Directors.

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm - **Lois Utley**, Director of the Merger Watch Project.
“Medicine and Morality: How Religious
Restrictions Can Affect Your Health Care”

2:15 - 3:00 - **Panel Discussion** - Is Atheism A Philosophy?

3:00-3:30- **Break** (Return by 3:25 and see a brief video)

3:30 - 5:30 - **Mary Stanton** - Return To Sender (Atheist Bill Moore’s 1963
Freedom Walk)

Book signing

7-12 midnight - Banquet Dinner

(Grand Ballroom - Fourth Floor)

(Award Presentations. DJ, Cash Bar, Scholarship Winners)

Saturday, March 22, 2008

8:00 am -6:00 pm **Registration/Book and Product Room**

(Grand Ballroom III - Fourth Floor)

8:00 am - 9:00 am - **MAAF Meeting** (Military Association of Atheists and
Freethinkers)

(All current and former military Atheists welcome)

(Crystal Lake room - Fourth Floor)

8:00 am - 9:00 am - ***American Atheists* State Directors Meeting**

(Deer Lake room - Fourth Floor)

8:00 am - 9:00 am - ***American Atheists* Affiliates Meeting**

(Elk Lake room - Fourth Floor)

8:55 am - (Brief video clip)

9:00 am -9:45 am - **Workshop - August Berkshire and Steve Peterson**

"Lobbying for Separation of State and Church at

Your State Capitol"

9:45-10:30 - **Dr. Jack David Eller** "Religion is Not What You Believe:

How Religion Works without Belief or

Meaning to

Colonize Experience"

10:30 am - 11:00 am - **Break and Book signing** (Return by 10:55 and see a brief
video)

11:00 am -11:45am - **Robert Lanham** - "The Sinner's Guide To The
Evangelical Right"

11:45 am -1:00 pm - **Lunch and Book Signing-** Lunch On Your Own.

(Return by 12:55 and see a brief video)

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm - **Eddie Tabash** “The Threat of the Religious Right to Our Modern Liberties”

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm - **Rene Salm** - “The Myth of Nazareth: The Invented Town of Jesus.”

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm - **Greydon Square** - Rap Artist

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm - **Break. Book and CD Signing**
(Return by 3:10 and see a brief video)

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm - **Dr. Lawrence Krauss** - “Much Ado About Nothing: A Cosmic Mystery Story.”

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm - **Book Signing**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - - **Ask The Experts**

Frank Zindler - Questions about the Bible.

Arlene Marie - How to run a local group.

Edwin Kagin - When is something unconstitutional? What are my rights?

Ellen Johnson - What you can do to help American Atheists.

Richard Dawkins - How to answer creationists.

7 pm - 9 pm - **Life and Legacy Members Dinner**
(St. Croix I - Sixth Floor)

9 pm - 11:00 pm - **Movie** - (A Flock Of Dodos)
All Welcome
(Grand Ballroom IV)

Sunday, March 23, 2008

10 am - 12 noon - **Debate -- Dennis Prager and Frank Zindler**
“Does The Jewish God Exist”
(Grand Ballroom I & II)

12:30 pm - **Lunch Buffet**
(Grand Ballroom IV)