

HUMANIST ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego's Weekly Humanist Get Together: 1 PM Pacific on ZOOM

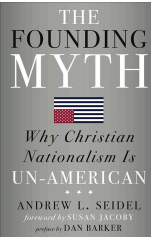
Today's topic is Religion & Politics with guests Coral Theill & Andrew Seidel(10/11/2020)



Thank you for joining us on Zoom today for our weekly Sunday lecture series. For 50 years now the Humanist Association of San Diego has been serving the city and county of San Diego through building Humanist community, fostering learning, engaging in community service work, and advocating progressive causes through an ethical and Secular Humanist voice. As such, we are glad to bring you interesting, insightful, and impactful guest speakers. Our goal is to promote Humanist values, develop discussion, build community, and make you think. We took a little bit of a hiatus recently and have returned with a goal to foster a stronger, more effective, and better secular community than San Diego has seen before and your presence today makes this happen.



Andrew L. Seidel is a constitutional and civil rights attorney, author, and former Grand Canyon tour guide. Publisher's Weekly called his new book, [*The Founding Myth: Why Christian Nationalism is un-American*](#), a "furious debut," in which Seidel delivers a "fervent takedown" of the claim that America was founded on Judeo-Christian principles. Renowned constitutional scholar Erwin Chemerinsky has described it as "a beautifully written book" that "explodes a frequently expressed myth: that the United States was created as a Christian nation." The *Founding Myth* made national news when it was burned by a Tennessee preacher. At the [Freedom From Religion Foundation](#), Seidel works to ensure that the government obeys the First Amendment and that the wall of Separation between state and church remains tall and impenetrable.



We also are pleased to welcome back Coral Anika Theill to our chat. Coral has long written on religious trauma syndrome and is also a former member of the conservative Christian cult "People of Praise." People of Praise has come into the news because of a recently high profile member, US Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett.

Here are some other upcoming events that we know that you will love:

- Every Saturday night at 6 pm we go over the week's news through Coffee & Conversation. It's fun, edgy, and it's your chance to share, shine, and vent.
- LGBT Social Hour: our LGBT auxiliary group ([LGBT Humanists](#)) hosts a weekly Wednesday LGBTQIA Humanist Zoom Social Hour. And Soon we will have a Humanist Women's Group adding to the diversity of our community.
- Today [FFRF's](#) Andrew Seidel joins us to tell us about his book [Founding Myth](#). Our October book is James Morone's [Hellfire Nation: The Politics of Sin in American History \(2003\)](#). The third Sunday leads us into another round of Humanism 101 with our annual Logical Fallacy Clinic.

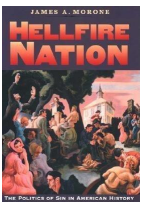


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Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/humanistassociation/> (all of our upcoming events are listed on the calendar)
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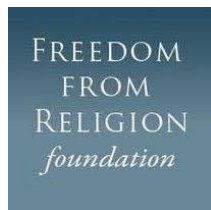


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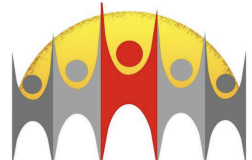

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- 1 pm Welcome
- 1:05 The Dangers of Political Religious Hegemony (**recorded**)
- 1:10 Coral Anika Theill (Round 2) (**recorded**)
- 1:25 Andrew Seidel



Humanist Updates:

- We have started a weekly LGBTQ Humanist Social Hour and soon we will be launching a new venture: The Humanist Women of San Diego County. By popular demand and the generous assistance of a new volunteer we will be initiating a women's outreach meetup page, projects, and events. If you are interested in being involved please contact humanistsd@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.
- Our [Youtube page](#) has four new videos from the Sunday Speaker Series: [David Oliverio \(8/9\)](#), [Katherine Stewart \(8/30\)](#), [Humanism 101 \(9/20\)](#), [Darrel Ray & Coral Anika Theill \(9/27\)](#), and last week's with [Caroline Ward and Kagen Holland \(10/4\)](#). We are currently developing our weekly Sunday get togethers to eventually become a live broadcast. Please subscribe.
- We are branching out with our LGBT Humanist Group and now hosting a weekly discussion and yesterday (Saturday the 3rd) had an outdoor walk in Balboa Park. Many of us are LGBTQ people and we have a great outlet!
- We are also a proud member of the [Southern California Secular Coalition](#) and we recognize the leaders and members of our fellow regional organizations who join us today and every week. Please see the link for a list of and to support their events as well.
- Next year we are going to be hosting a Darwin Day event as well as the return of the Southern California Secular Humanist Conference (on Zoom). We are starting to put our 2021 Calendar together and would love your [input](#).
- Humanist Association of San Diego: Jason Frye (President), Jennifer Brauer (VP), Steven Peters (Secretary), Mickey Maynard (Treasurer), T. Mike Lewis (Board at Large); volunteers Ezekiel Oso (Social Justice Coordinator) and Brian Delafayette.

Please support your Humanist Community (Memberships Available): [paypal.me/humanistsd](https://www.paypal.me/humanistsd)

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Upcoming Events (all times Pacific)

- C&C Every Saturday at 6 pm
- Humanist Community Leadership Strategy Planning Sessions, Tuesdays at 7 pm
- Weekly LGBT Social Hour Wednesdays at 7pm
- Tuesday Humanist Community Leadership Strategy Sessions 7 pm
- Board Meetings every Third Sunday Following the General Meeting

July

- *Matthew Alper: The 'God' Part of the Brain* 7/12 1 pm
- *Book Club: Katherine Stewart's The Power Worshippers* 7/16 7 pm
- *July's Humanism 101 American Secularism* 7/19 1 pm
- *Community Planning Meeting* 7/26 1 pm

August

- *Dr. Phillip DeBarros upcoming archeology lecture* 8/2 1 pm
- *David Oliverio: The Preaching Humanist* 8/9 1 pm
- *Humanism 101: Postponed until September* 8/16 1 pm
- *Book Club: A Very Bad Wizard* 8/20 7 pm
- *Humanist Association and Kahal Am Joint Community Event* 8/23 1 pm
- *Katherine Stewart: The Power Worshippers* 8/30 1 pm

September

- *Dr. Hector Garcia: Tribalism and the Evolutionary Psychology of Misbelief* 9/6 1 pm
- *Roger Nygard: The Truth About Marriage* 9/13 1 pm
- *Book Club: The Founding Myth* 9/17 7 pm
- *Humanism 101: Science of Prosocial Behavior* 9/20 1 pm
- *Plumeria Garden Community Service Event* 9/22 10 am
- *Darrel Ray: Recovering From Religion* 9/27 1 pm

October

- *Tribal Elder Caroline Ward on the Missionaries Crimes Against Native CA* 10/4 1 pm
- *Andrew Seidel: The Founding Myth* 10/11 1 pm
- *Book Club: Hellfire Nation: Politics of Sin in American History* 10/15 7 pm
- *Humanism 101: Logical Fallacy Clinic* 10/18 1 pm
- *Cross-Community Meeting TBA* 10/25 1 pm

November

- *Secular Día de los Muertos* 11/1 12 pm
- *James Croft* 11/8 1 pm
- *Evan Clark* 11/15 1 pm
- *Book Chat: Robert P. Jones: White Too Long* 11/19 7 pm
- *Humanism 101: Humanism & Democracy* 11/22 1 pm
- *Humanism Speaks* 11/29 1 pm

December

- *Meeting TBA (working out the details with the speaker)* 12/6 1 pm
- *Humanism 101 Course Review* 12/13 1 pm
- *Book Club TBA* 12/17 7 pm
- **Humanist Association 50th Anniversary Event! (& Elections)** 12/20 TBA
- *Cross Community Event* 12/27 1 pm

January +

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- Humanism 101: What is Humanism Talk
- *January MLK Day and Feb Darwin Day and Day-Long conference on Zoom*

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