

Nontheist Friends Events

All Friends Are Invited to Attend

Events held in the Nontheist Friends Room – HSSC: N 1168

- Monday 1:30 PM **Nontheism among Friends.** Nontheism is one of many forms of diversity among Friends and is even widely varied under that rubric. Who are nontheist Friends and how do they navigate within their meetings and fit into the fabric of Quakerism? Presentation and discussion.
Presented by John Hunter
- 3:15 PM **Nontheist Spirituality.** What do we mean when we use the word 'spiritual'? Thoughtful discussion of whether "spiritual" may mean the same thing to theists and nontheists, and what differences there may be both between and within each group.
Facilitated by Don Goldstein
- Tuesday 1:30 PM **Nontheists at Meeting for Worship.** Given that we have been told that Meeting for Worship is about waiting for that of God within us to suggest a message to share with our fellow worshippers, how do nontheists adapt that advice? Come prepared to share and to listen, as we consider where our messages come from.
Presented by Rosemary Coffey
- 3:15 PM **Who are Nontheist Friends?** David Rush will present some of the results from his survey of 199 US and British Quakers who self-identified as nontheists. This work was done while he was an Eva Koch fellow at the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham, England.
Presented by David Rush
- Wednesday 4:30 PM **Meeting for Worship sponsored by Nontheist Friends.** All Friends are invited to join in worship for an hour and, if desired, to stay afterwards for discussion.
- Thursday 1:30 PM **How Theological Diversity Among Friends Strengthens Quakerism.** The presence of theological diversity within our Meetings is a sign of strength, leading to stronger local Meetings and a more durable Religious Society of Friends. Additionally, such diversity allows us to be more effective in our wider society in these divided times. Presentation, small group interactions, and general discussion.
Presented by John Hunter
- 3:15 PM **How Do We Go On After Our Loved Ones Die?** Sharing our experiences in a Claremont Dialogue setting.
Facilitator: Margaret Conrow
- 4:30 PM **Drop-In Session with Nontheists.** Friends of all views welcome. Drop by the nontheist Friends room and bring your questions and thoughts. Personal conversations.
- Friday 1:30 PM **Theists and Nontheists: Friends Together.** We will join in worship-sharing, seeking practices that unite all varieties of Friends.
Presented by Os Cresson
- 3:15 PM **New Bottle Quakerism.** A look at what's truly original about Quakerism, regardless of one's theology.
Presented by Kitty Rush
- 4:30 PM **Where to from Here?** Nontheist Friends take a look at where our presence within the Religious Society of Friends may lead us next.
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