Nontheist Friends Events

All Friends Are Invited to Attend

Friends General Conference Gathering 2018
Toledo, Ohio

Events held in the Nontheist Friends Room –Student Union: 2592

Monday, July 2	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 nonthiest Friends and how do how do they navigate within their meetings and fit in to the fabric of Quakerism? Presentation and discussion. *Presented by John Hunter*
Tuesday, July 3	1:30 PM	**Conceptions of God.** God means very different things to different people. A look at both historic and current conceptions of God followed by open discussion. *Presented by Jim Cain*
	3:15 PM	**Do Spirituality and Morality have the same Source?** Are spiritual experiences the source of our convictions about Right and Wrong, or do those convictions stem more often from other sources, such as the socialization practices of our culture? Lat's share our experiences and discover whether we are comfortable regarding Spirituality and Morality as two distinct things. *Presented by Don Goldstein*
	4:30 PM	**Drop-In Session with Nontheists.** Drop by the nontheist Friends room and bring your questions and thoughts. Personal conversations. Friends of all views welcome.
Wednesday, July 4	3:15 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, July 5	1:30 PM	**Quakers and Belief.** What did early Quakers say about belief? Can Quakers who consider themselves Christian accommodate those who do not believe in God, and vice versa? How can Meetings be welcoming to "hyphenated Friends" (those who consider themselves as also belonging to another religion (e.g., Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, etc.). Can these situations be an opportunity for Quakers rather than be seen as a "problem"? *Presented by Victor Thuronyi*
	3:15 PM	**Can there be Good without God?** Are "good" and "God" really the same thing? Or something different? How do we know? Come share your ideas and let's see what happens. Introductory remarks and open discussion. *Presented by Rosemary Coffey*
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Friday, July 6	1:30 PM	**How Theological Diversity Among Friends Strengthens Quakerism.** The presence of theological diversity within our meetings is a sign of strength and leads 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	**Where to From Here?** Nontheist Friends take a look at where our presence within the Religious Society of Friends may lead us next. *Nontheist Friends*