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Arents, John: What is a Religion? Some Offbeat Religions
Berland, Howard: What is a Religion? Secular Humanism and Religion?
Bernard, Victor: What is a Religion? Religion is a Worldview
Harris, Arthur: What is a Religion? A Crutch For (Most of) Humanity
Rafferty, John: What is a Religion? A Religion Is ...
Unsigned (American Atheists) (R): Prayer Bullying
Ebert, Roger (R): Prayer, Vertical and Horizontal
Webb, Charles, MD: Darwin and the Wisdom of Our Ancestors
Penn & Teller (R): The Creationist Argument
Unsigned (R): Daniel Patrick Moynihan, 1927-2003

June 2003

Rafferty, John: Everybody Has To Be Somewhere
Summers, Lawrence H. and Tribe, Laurence H. (R): Race Is Never Neutral
Horstein, Michael (R): comment on Summers and Laurence, above
Arents, John: Affirmative Action In The Good Old Days
Rothman, Stanley (R): Is Diversity Overrated?
Milne, Andrew (R): comment on Rothman, above
Schwartz, Peter (R): The Racism of "Diversity"
Rance, Hugh: What's In A Name
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Who Knows What?
Claborne, Conrad: Should We Embrace Sodomy?
Santorum, Rick (R): Santorum On Santorum
Leno, Jay: Jay Leno On Santorum
Unsigned: The Limits of Philosophy
Adams, Scott (R): Dogbert On God's Origins
Unsigned: Idiocy Roundup

July 2003

Jefferson, Thomas (R): On Independence Day (plus McCullough on John
Adams' death) – 7/03
Packer, George (R): (filler re Hitchens on American revolution)
Sontag, Susan (R): Do Stuff, Pay Attention
Trudeau, Gary (R): Surprise Yourself
Unsigned: Your Representatives At Work
Salisbury, Lee (R): Can We Know God? Which God? (with pic)
Schissel, Dr. Marvin (Chic): Left: Define the Terms

Harris, Art: Right: The Definitions Have Changed
Schissel, Marvin: (letter re "Everybody ... Somewhere" June03)
Rance, Hugh: (letter re "Everybody ... Somewhere" June03)
Adams, Douglas (R): (filler re "digital watches neat idea")
Unsigned: Our Very Own Christian Terrorist
Rafferty, David: (Comment re "Our ... Terrorist" same issue)
Laughlin, Meg (R): An Army Chaplain's Christian Charity
Unsigned: In Other News From the War Zone (Pontifex Maximus pic)
Rafferty, John: McWisdom Of The Ages
Unsigned (R): Windex Holy Water (with pic)
Rafferty, John: How Bright Is This Idea?
Unsigned: Does Dubya Know About This? (Humanist Helen Keller)

September 2003

Dennett, Daniel C. (R): The Bright Stuff
Arents, John: Not A Bright Idea
Kennedy, Sheila Suess (R): Scalia in the Culture War
Rafferty, John: Scalia is Right, Sort of ... So What?
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): It's the Fundamentalism, Stupid!
Unsigned (R): Sudan Enters the 14th Century
Unsigned (R): In Our Own New and Improved, Enlightened Afghanistan ...
LaHaye, Tim (R): And Right Here at Home ...
Tomorrow, Tom (R – cartoon): This Modern World, "Christian Terrorists"
Rauch, Jonathan (R): Apatheism: America's Default Religion?
Filler: (Apatheism better than Bright?)
Unsigned: Unilever Looks Like a Fun Place to Work
Filler: (sign-seeking evangelist struck by lightning)
Nunberg, Geoffrey (R): If It's "Orwellian," It's Probably Not
Fillers: (Orwell on clear language; on Newspeak)
Filler: (T. Roosevelt on "weasel words")
Berland, Howard: CrissCross (poem)
Schissel, Marvin J.: Humanism and Flag-Waving
Unsigned: Katharine Hepburn 1907-2003

October 2003

Rafferty, John: Celebrate Columbus Day!
Shermer, Michael (R): The Ignoble Savage
Collier, Curt (R): Reverence for Life
Schweitzer, Albert (R – filler): Reverence for life
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Whence Animal Rights?
Barboza, David (R): Animals Seeking Happiness
Adams, Scott (R): "The Vegan Pounced"
Unsigned: (filler) Don't eat Babe!
Eviatar, Daphne (R): Is There a Right to Be Crazy?
Kleinman, Mark A. R. (R): Faith-Based Fudging
Unsigned: And If It Doesn't Work in Texas ...
Unsigned: One More Shot at Jeb Bush
Leno, Jay: On a New Iraqi Constitution
Unsigned: The Church of Baseball
Rafferty, John: Socially Useful Things Your Computer Can Do ...
Unsigned: October 12 is Freethought Day
Unsigned Notice: Dr. Joe Nickell on "The Real X-Files"

November 2003

Rowell, George: An Evening of Real X-Files
Arents, John: Bulletin from the Nation's Capital
Rafferty, John: Death Penalty Logic
Abrams, Sol: Judging Past Villains by Today's Standards
Unsigned (filler): Bart Simpson says Grace at Thanksgiving
Scribner, Ron (R): Are Humanists Altruists or Individualists?
(intro to Curland & Griffin, same issue)
Curland, Nathan (R): Altruism vs. Individualism
Griffin, Phil (R): Altruism vs. Individualism: A Response
Unsigned: One Humanist Non-Recommendation in the November Elections
Rafferty, David: Picking Fights With Rabbis
Maher, Bill (R) (filler): Religion is a childhood trauma ...
Shermer, Michael (R): The Demon of Determinism – Part 1
Unsigned (filler): Moon Over Murtosa
Rafferty, John: Thanks to ... Whom?

December 2003

Meislich, Estelle: Revising Galileo's "Mistake," Reviewing *Galileo's* Mistake
Anon (*The Onion*) (R): Pope John Paul II – 25 Years of Laughs
Rafferty, John: John XXIV
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Bush, The Pope, and Gay Rights
Reagan, Ronald (R): Religion, Politics and Sex (Guess which flaming liberal ...)
Gorenfeld, John (R): Bad Moon Rising Over the White House
Shermer, Michael (R): The Demon of Determinism – Part 2
Arents, John: A Thought On Free Will
Amend, Bill (Foxtrot cartoon) (R): Too Deep
Scribner, Ron (R): Do You Consider Secular Humanism Your Religion? Yes
Dority, Barbara (R): Do You Consider Secular Humanism Your Religion? No
Rafferty, John: Merry SantaClausmas
Anon (filler): Christmas: A holiday celebrated ...
HumanLight.org (R): Light A Candle for HumanLight

January 2004

Harris, Art: An Encounter
Benbassat, Jacques (R): Faith and the Fear of Falling
Edamaraku, Sanal (R): India Has No Reason to Be Grateful to Mother Teresa
Unsigned: Judge Roy Moore, In Turbaned Disguise, Comes to New York
Watson, Danie (filler - R): A Modest Proposal
Rafferty, John: I Do, I Do
Anon (*L.A. Times*) (filler – R): New Hampshire Episcopalians ...
Rowell, George: Altruism's Identity Crisis – Part I
Unsigned (filler - R): Bend Spoons? This Guy Moves Stars!
Adams, Scott (R): New Airline Idea
Anon (Humanist Network News – R): Who Says Thor Is Dead?
Unsigned: Where Do You Surf?
Light, Flash: A Humanist/Pantheist Art Project
Unsigned: Shall We Have A Book Club?

February 2004

Unsigned: Feb 12 Membership Meeting Notice

Schissel, Chic, Dr. (R): Is Alternative Medicine Really Religion?
Rafferty, John: The Consolation of Imaginary Things
Unsigned: You Have a Sore Throat, and ...
Shermer, Michael (R): What's the Harm?
Rance, Hugh: Reflections In an Appalled Eye
Sagan, Carl (filler): "... prescription for disaster"
Dickinson, Emily: (filler) faith/microscopes/emergency
Unsigned: Book Club Notice 2/17 "Terror in the Name of God"
Arents, John: Is God Really Dead?
Liebowitz, Fran (filler): randomness
Claborne, Conrad: Would Darwin Have Been Pleased?
Gould, Stephen Jay (R): Evolution's Million Stories To Tell
Dawkins, Richard (filler): Douglas Adams, puddle
Clarke, Arthur C. (filler): alone in the universe, or not
Bryson, Bill (R): A Short History of Your Own Personal Evolution
Jacoby, Susan (R): One Nation, Under Secularism
Rafferty, Colin: Your Tax Dollars At Work
Rowell, George: Altruism's Identify Crisis – Part II
Unsigned: Christian Love and Charity at Work
Rafferty, John: Updates
Unsigned: Straight Reporting, or Sneaking One Past the Religion-Page Editor?

March 2004

Unsigned: Ezra Kulko 3/18/04 Meeting Notice
Rafferty, John: The 2004 Membership Meeting: A Report
Arents, John: The Historicity of Jesus (incl Takaroff and Sorrentino, same issue)
Takaroff, Rob: Joshua of Nazareth, As Seen Through the Perspective of
Imaginative Time Travel
Sorrentino, Roger: The Historical Jesus and His Myths
Durant, Will (R): The Argument for Jesus
Lifton, Barbara: A Dissenting View
Alexander, Aaron: An Even Stronger Dissent: "The Soporific Society"
Unsigned: A Response from "Them" (re Alexander, same issue)
Rafferty, John: Ask Not What *They* Should Do. Here's What *We* Can Do
Unsigned: Omnipotent and Omnipresent, But Not, It Seems, Omniscient
Russell, Bertrand (filler): fools certain of themselves
Arents, John: A Musical Voyage of Discovery with Charles Darwin (by) Richard
Milner
Unsigned (R): The Artists Are Coming! The Artists Are Coming!
Unsigned: The Book Club Reads *Terror In the Name of God*
Unsigned (filler): "Terrorism never works" from *The West Wing*
Sagan, Carl (filler): "If we can't think for ourselves ..."

April 2004

Unsigned: SHSNY Needs Help
Bovard, James (R): Free Speech Zones
Rafferty, John: One Big Free Speech Zone
Unsigned: 2.7 Million More Terrorists Under the Bed
Abrams, Sol: No Evidence for Exodus
Mullen, Earl: When What You Don't Believe Isn't Even True Anymore
Halpern, Baruch (filler): Evidence for Exodus like Unicorn
Russell, Bertrand (R): FreeThinking and Orthodoxy

Millar, Kevin D. (filler) No evidence for Abraham, etc.
Rafferty, John: Editorial Note on C.E. and B.C.E.
Chase, Caleb (R): A Neat One-Paragraph History of Christianity in America
Unsigned: The Christian Loving Way (Jews Killed Jesus sign)
Cronkite, Walter (R): On Mr. Bush's Proposed Amendment Against
Gay Marriage
Unsigned (filler): Another Tunnel-Vision President on Walter Cronkite
Morford, Mark (R): Where Is My Gay Apocalypse?
Unsigned (R): In Defense of Biblical Marriage
Mencken, H.L. (filler): Moral Certainty a sign of cultural inferiority
Unsigned (filler): Ecumenical Notes from All Over
Harris, Arthur: Alternative Healing: A Positive Attitude
Schissel, Dr. Chic: Long Life to Art Harris
Tennyson (filler): more faith in honest doubt

May 2004

Unsigned: Paul Grosswald 5/26 meeting notice
Cosentino, Remo: Remember Why You Became a Humanist?
A New Member Writes
Claborne, Conrad: Matters of Choice #8: Competition Vs.
Nurturing & Compassion
Greider, William (R): A New Mobilization is Just Beginning: Reshaping
Capitalism
Rafferty, John: The Three (Make That Eight) Stooges are Alive and Well in
Tennessee
Shaw, George Bernard (R): Bible Beauty and Bible Science
Dunn, Russell: Blame Is The Name of the Game
Unsigned (R): Ask Dr. Laura About the Bible
Rafferty, John: The SHSNY Book Club Reads Carl Sagan's
The Demon-Haunted World
Hume, David (R): filler "worst skeptic better than best believer and bigot"
Swartzberg, John, M.D. (R): The Power of Stories
Charman, Karen (R): Environmentalist = Terrorist
Unsigned (R): And Yet Another Terrorist Threat
Claborne, Conrad: Howard Waite (1907-2004) A Humanist Life Well Spent
Unsigned: Thank You, Hugh Rance
Unsigned: SHSNY Needs More Help

June 2004

Notice: June 16 Book Club: Jennifer Hecht: Doubt: A History
Rafferty, John: It Isn't About Iraq, It's About America
Unsigned: Winning Hearts and Minds in Iraq
Claborne, Conrad: From the Front Lines of the "March for Women's Lives"
Notice: A Freethinker Tour of New York, June 19
Notice: Gay Pride March, June 27
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Liberal Vs. Illiberal Democracy
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (filler): "bulwark of liberty ... strong people"
Harris, Arthur: Who Cares If Kerry Takes Communion? We Should.
Johannson, Scarlett (filler): "10-year-old"
Orlet, Christopher (R): How the Humanists (Not the Irish) Saved Western
Civilization
Unsigned: Mel Gibson's Movie Stirs Passions

Anon (R): Top 10 Reasons Why Beer Is Better Than Jesus
Shermer, Michael (R): Survival of the Fittest Religion
Unsigned: It's Only Weird If Liberals Do It
Sagan, Carl (R): Pale Blue Dot

July 2004

Arents, John: (Report on Ezra Kulko talk) How Life Started On Earth
Rafferty, John: Prayer Scam
Hillman, John W. (R): Alternative Medicine Belongs In Our Free Market
Schissel, Chic: (reply to Hillman)
Twain, Mark (filler): Power of imagination to heal or make sick
Dunn, Russell: Biomagnets: An Exercise of Faith?
Unsigned: Institute for Humanist Studies Debuts Continuum of Humanist Education
Notice: Summer (2004) Schedule
Arents, John: (Report on Paul Grosswald talk) Cults and Coercion: How Ordinary People are Turned Into Extraordinary Fanatics
Unsigned (filler) Pop Diva Madonna ("Call Me Esther") Embraces Judaism
Unsigned: In Memoriam (Ray Charles)
Ehrenreich, Barbara (R): An End to A Feminist Illusion
Unsigned: Rush Limbaugh On The Pictures from Abu Ghraib
Notice: Congratulations (Ed McCartan and Rita Cheren)
Anon (R): My Thinking Problem
Rafferty, John: The Book Club Reads *Doubt: A History*, and Meets Jennifer Michael Hecht
Hecht, Jennifer Michael: The Scale of Doubt Quiz
Unsigned: The SHSNY Book Club Line-Up for Fall

September 2004

Notice: Alan Brown talk 9/30/04, Separation of Church and State
Notice: Massimo Pigliucci talk 10/23/04, Is Evolution a Logical Fallacy?
Unsigned: SHSNY Elects New Board Members, A New Treasurer
Unsigned: Thank You, Remo (Cosentino)
Harris, Dorothy: Militant Christians
Unsigned: Human Problems and Godly Solutions in 21st Century Asia
Unsigned: The Presidential Issues of PIQUE
Rafferty, John: Why Humanists Must Fire George W. Bush
Kerry, John (filler): (America needs a president to promote science)
Schissel, Chic (filler): (Bush worst president)
Ferrara, Maria (filler): (Vote for Kerry)
Harris, Art: Voting for Kerry, Holding My Nose
Rooney, Andy (R): Using the Flag
Hertzberg, Hendrick (R): New Time Religion
Brandeis, Louis (filler): (most important political office is private citizen)
Light, Flash: Big Bang Theory
Easterbrook, Gregg (R): The End Is Nigh?
Fuller, Buckminster (filler): (nothing in universe is obvious)
Anonymous (R): The Gods of Yesterday (poem)
Unsigned (R): "JesusDressUp" Site is Crucified, then Resurrected
Unsigned: Of Buddhists ... and Brights ... and Brooklyn
Notice: Two New SHSNY Book Club Dates (9/22/04; 11/04/04)

October 2004

Unsigned Notice: 10/23 lecture: Massimo Pigliucci on "Is Evolution a Logical Fallacy?"
Abrams, Sol: George W. Bush's GOP Has Become the POG
Light, Flash: If the 2000 Election Had Turned Out Differently
Marxer, Donna: The Elephant In My Living Room
Mandel, George: The Dumbell's Dilemma
Takaroff, Rob: Secular Greens
Wheeler, Brad: Some Humanist Humility, Please
Unsigned (R): Convert Or Go To Jail
Schissel, Dr. Chic: Is Absence of Evidence Evidence of Absence?
Dunn, Russell: Palindrome
Layzer, David (R): Two Visions of Truth
Hedges, Chris (R): Do We Secretly Love War?
Unsigned: See, We're Just Like Everyone Else
Rafferty, John: A Modest Proposal for Equality Under the Law
Rafferty, John: Celebrate Freethought Day October 12
Unsigned Notice: Book Club Meets to Discuss Freethinkers by Susan Jacoby
Nov 4

November 2004

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Arents, John: (Report on Alan Brown talk) The History of, and Challenges to, Separation of Church and State
Claborne, Conrad: A Humanist Answers Brad Wheeler's Questions
Rafferty, John: Comment on Claborne, this issue
Unsigned Notice: Renew Now, and Beat the Price Hike
Mandel, George: The Chaos Candidate. Civil War Two, Anyone?
Abrams, Sol: What If George W. Bush Were Running Against Thomas Jefferson?
Unsigned (R): What If George Bush Were Running Against Jesus?
Rafferty, John: Get Out The Vote? Not Necessarily.
Berland, Howard: GB Good-Bye
Rowell, George: (Report on Samuel Huntington's book) "The Clash of Civilizations and The Remaking of World Order"
Claborne, Conrad: (Report on CFI-MetroNY panel) "The Ethics of Deception"
Cross, David (R) filler: "Crossing Over?" No, church!
Rafferty, John: "Is God In Our Genes?" Yes, If It Sells Magazines.
Zimmer, Carl (R): "Is God In Our Genes?" Probably Not, Certainly Not Proved
Harris, Art: "Is God In Our Genes?" No, and Don't Be Ludicrous
Unsigned: One Last Shot at G.W.B. (laundry label)
Unsigned: Some Changes in the SHSNY Book Club Schedule
Unsigned Notice: Natalie Angier in Public Forum Dec. 14
Kelly, Rebecca: Wait, Wait ... One More Shot at Bush ("foolish consistency")

December 2004

Notice: 12/4/ lectures: Two Perspectives on Humanism: Norm Allen Jr. & Conrad Claborne

Abrams, Sol: Happy Saturnalia
Flynn, Tom (R): Matthew vs. Luke
Mencken, H.L. (R): (filler) No one ever went broke ...
Arents, John: Report (Part I) on Pigliucci, Massimo: Is Evolution a Logical Fallacy?
Pinsky, Mark I. (R): Secular 'Toonism
Adams, Scott (R): How To Stop Global Terrorism
Unsigned: The Literary Life at America's Largest Retailer
Rafferty, John: The Book Club Meets Susan Jacoby
Jacoby, Susan (R): Freethinker couldn't be President, from "Freethinkers"
Notice: Next Book Club Meets Jan 20 to Discuss "American Jezebel" and "Fanny"
Unsigned: Religion News From All Over
Rafferty, Colin: Take A Tour of the New WWW.SHSNY.ORG
Notice: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"
Notice: Renew Your Membership or Subscription Now, and Beat the Coming Price Hike

January 2005

Notice: SHSNY Election Notice
Arents, John: Report on Norm Allen, Jr. on Secularism and the African-American Community
Unsigned: In Memoriam: Paul Edwards
Arents, John: Report on: Conrad Claborne on Gays and Secular Humanism: A Personal Journey
Unsigned (R): Are Atheists (and Humanists) Now in the Cultural Mainstream? Maybe ...
Unsigned (R): ... But Would You Want Your Sister to Marry One?
Arents, John: Report (Part II) on Pigliucci, Massimo: Is Evolution a Logical Fallacy?
Spencer, Herbert (R) filler: on anti-Evolution based on no facts at all
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York (#17 Alabama election; #33 Texas Republican party platform)
Rafferty, Colin: He Also Had More Money for Candy and Comic Books
Buchanan, Pat (R) filler: Our (Christian) culture is superior
Notice: The SHSNY Book Club Lineup

February 2005

Rafferty, John: When Bad Things Happen to 220,000 People
Dawkins, Richard (R): Science Saves
Russell, Bertrand (R) filler: "the open windows of science"
Harris, Art: A Priest, A Minister, A Rabbi and A Tsunami
Wieseltier, Leon (R): The Nature of His Goodness
Hertzberg, Hendrick (R): And Lest We Forget ...
Cousineau, Dick (R): Ben Franklin's Prediction
Wills, Garry (R): The Day the Enlightenment Went Out
Unsigned (R): Sex Education and Gender Studies in Year 5 of the Bush Ministry
Rafferty, John: Transatlantic Junk Science
Unsigned: The Vatican Wins the 2004 Ig-Nobel Prize in Economics
Notice: SHSNY Election – Second Notice
Claborne, Conrad: (election statement)

Harris, Art: (election statement)
Marxer, Donna: (election statement)
Rafferty, John: (election statement)
Notice: Free Books
Beyerstein, Barry L. (R): Do We Really Use Only 10 Percent of Our Brains?
Brooks, David (R): Or Do We Give Only Two Seconds to Thought?
Voron, David (R): Is That All There Is?
Unsigned (R): Neurotheology
Notice: Book Club Spring Schedule

March 2005

Notice: SHSNY 3/10/05 Roundtable: Physician-Assisted Suicide
Keizer, Garret (R): We Are Owners of Our Own Lives
Whitmore, Wayne G., M.D.: Our Duty Is Still to Our Patients
Anonymous, M.D.: Caring, Competent, Conscientious
Schissel, Chic, D.D.S.: It's an Individual's Right
Claborne, Conrad: The Dutch Have the Right Idea
McCartan, Ed: Individual Choice is Not Euthanasia
Dowd, Maureen (R): (Hollywood, Christian Right, assisted suicide)
Voron, David, M.D. (R): When Death Calls, Call Epicurus – review of
Facing Death: Epicurus and His Critics by James Warren
Rafferty, John: Outnumbered 527 to 6
Marxer, Donna: Feminists From America's Past Star at the SHSNY Book Club
LaPlante, Eve (R): Freedom of Conscience
Rafferty, John: Tony Soprano, Meet the Rebbe
Unsigned: Christian Higher Education: Math
Unsigned: Christian Higher Education: Science
Unsigned: And the Dumbth Award Goes to ...
Unsigned: Some More Useful Websites
Unsigned: Fish Story
Notice: SHSNY Election – Third Notice
Notice: SHSNY Book Club Spring Schedule
Unsigned (filler): How many Bush officials ... light bulb?
Orwell, George (filler) (R): Political language ...
Unsigned (filler) (R): And finally, the End-of-Times *Good* News

April 2005

Arents, John (Reporter): Physician-Assisted Suicide: A Roundtable Discussion
Unsigned: Stand Up and Be Counted
Bowden, Thomas A. (ARI) (R): Defying God's Divine Plan to Make You Suffer
Unsigned (filler) (R): On Terri Schiavo's Right to Die in Florida
Allen, Woody (filler): "... immortality through not dying"
Unsigned (filler): Ever Wonder Why So Many College-Educated Kids Are
Right-Wing Christians?
Voron, David, M.D. (R): When Death Calls, Call Epicurus – Part 2, review of
Facing Death: Epicurus and His Critics by James Warren
Christina, Greta (R): What Matters is That We Get to be Alive
Chopra, Deepak (R): Another Opinion on God and the Tsunami
Unsigned (R): Lamb of God Sacrificed
Unsigned (R): 2001DA42
Rowell, George: Fraudulent Science in the Op-Ed
Dawkins, Richard (R): The God Meme

Anon (filler): "higher power ... surge suppressors"

Wieseltier, Leon (R): A Prescription for the Tyranny of a Majority

Unsigned: Antonin Scalia, Meet Thomas Jefferson

Unsigned: Jennifer Michael Hecht is Honored

Poll, Ed (R): In Whose Image?

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York: #63 Virginia legislature; #64 No Lincoln

Day Dinners in S.C. – 4/05

Unsigned: The SHSNY Book Club Meets April 10 to Discuss Ecohumanism

(and next) The End of Faith

May 2005

Notice: New Board of Directors Elected for 2005-2008 Term

Notice: Next Order of Business: Changes to the Bylaws

Notice: New SHSNY Phone Number

Unsigned: A Few Dissenting Opinions on “Saintly” John Paul II

Cahill, Thomas (R): The Price of Infallibility

Huffington, Arianna (R): Whitewashing the Pope

Hitchins, Christopher (R): Papal Power

Hitchins, Christopher (R): On Not Mourning the Pope

Filler: Flash! Vatican City, April 19

Claborne, Conrad: Report: The SHSNY Book Club Reads *Ecohumanism*

Berliner, Michael S. (ARI) (R): And Now for Something Completely Different

Rafferty, John (as Moses): The Eleventh Commandment

Notice: May 5 is National Day of Reason

Claborne, Conrad: Report: Religion and Human Rights

Arents, John: Limits on the Authority of Science

Pigliucci, Massimo (R): The Myth of “The Liberal Media”

Rafferty, John: Comment re Pigliucci, above

Fraser, Muriel (R): Moving to Canada? Think Argentina. Instead of Bush, Think Nestor Kirchner

Unsigned (with picture): Jerusalem Religious Leaders in Rare Unity Against a Common Enemy: Homos

Unsigned: As If Being a Mets Fan Isn’t Hard Enough, Or, Why We Live in New York #116

Notice: Next on the Book Club Schedule: *The End of Faith*, by Sam Harris, Thursday Evening, May 12, 7:00 p.m.

June 2005

Notice: The SHSNY Board Elects New Officers

Rafferty, John: Lunatic Logic

Unsigned: Kansas, Again

Unsigned: The Idiocy Watch: May 1

Unsigned: A Lot Pithier than the 21-Point, 494-Word *Affirmations of Humanism*

(Unsigned (filler) (R): Uh-Oh

Traister, Rebecca (R): Religion’s War Against Women

Unsigned: Why Are We Not Surprised by the Above (Traister, this issue)?

Rafferty, John: This Is Too Good, and I Am *Not* Making It Up

Unsigned (R): Separation of Church and Air Force

Carroll, Jon (R): Unitarian Jihad

Pictorial Essay: SHSNY “FriendRaiser” Party, May 19, 2005

Unsigned: The Idiocy Watch: May 4

Unsigned (R): Jews, Muslims, Hindus Agree on Chicken

Vonnegut, Kurt (R): Kurt Vonnegut Advises Iraq on Democracy

Rafferty, John, Reporter: The Book Club Reads *The End of Faith*, by Sam Harris

Harris, Sam (R): Against Moderation, Against Tolerance

Unsigned: What Shall We Read This Fall?

Eisenhower, Dwight D. (R): Finally, Political Prophecy, Circa 1952

July 2005

Notice: Summer Schedule

Rafferty, John: How We Got To Be Who We Are – Book review of “The Island at the Center of the World,” by Russell Shorto
 Shorto, Russell (R): All Sorts of Heretics and Fanatics
 Filler: In New York City, In the 21st Century (mohel with herpes)
 Gore, Al (R): American Heresy
 Filler: The Idiocy Watch (Politico to change name NJ Devils)
 Haddock, Doris (R): Courage is Freedom (Sendoff Speeches)
 Batali, Mario (R): Pay Attention to Truth (Sendoff Speeches)
 McBride, James (R): Walk the Earth (Sendoff Speeches)
 Bush, George (R): War Transformed in Our Favor (Sendoff Speeches)
 Mencken, H.L. (filler) (R): A moron in the White House
 Mandel, George: Echoes of “The Agnostic Imperative”
 Filler: One for the Road to Rome (ads on beer coasters)
 Unsigned: The Secular Answerperson Explains Everything for You (Giles Kelly letter, God the Father & Mother Nature)
 Filler: An Online Message of Christian Love (Boondocks “burn in Hell”)
 Filler: And Buddhist Pacifism in Practice (street fight between monks)
 Rafferty, John: Europe, The Good Life, and Us
 Brooks, David (R): Fear and Rejection (Eur/GoodLife/Us)
 New York Times readers (R): Times Readers Respond (Eur/GoodLife/Us)
 Friedman, Thomas L. (R): A Race to the Top (Eur/GoodLife/Us)
 Stephenson, Neal (R): Real Americans Don’t Learn Calculus (Eur/GoodLife/Us)
 Unsigned: What Shall We Read Next? The Book Club Lineup for Fall
 Filler (R): End Times Plague to Strike U.S. July 1

September 2005

Rafferty, John: Questions for the Next Mayor
 Notice: SHSNY Bylaws Revisions Approved
 Armstrong, Lance (R): It’s Not About the Bike, Or About God, Either
 Rafferty, Colin: On the Uptown #2 Train, Morning Rush Hour, June 24
 Rafferty, John: Do Evangelicals and Secularists Want the Same America?
 Goldberg, Michael (R): One Nation, Divisible
 Leno, Jay (filler): “Pope Benedict recently deplored ...”
 McCartan, Edward F.: The Rose-Colored View from the Ivory Tower
 Lifton, Barbara: “No” is No
 Schissel, Chic: Exclusion is Everybody’s Right
 Marinelli, Peter: Add Religion, Subtract Freedom
 Kingsley, Emily: How About Wicca and Voodoo?
 Unsigned: News Flash: Catholic Priest Said to Prefer Adult Women
 Claborne, Conrad: Is Violence Part of the “Christian Conservative Lifestyle”?
 McCain, John (unsigned): It’s Not About Them, It’s About Us – 9/05
 Rafferty, John: About, Face. Backward, March.
 Light, Flash: Malevolent Design
 Slomanson, Joan Kanel (filler): “ID ... and the earth is flat!”
 Unsigned (R): Evolution in Oklahoma? Thank Ganesh!
 Harris, Paul (R): Adam and Eve and T. Rex in Neverland
 Tomorrow, Tom (R): The War on Rationality

October 2005

Allen, Jr., Norm R.: Helping Hands are Needed, Not Prayer

Kurtz, Paul (R): Yes You Can Make a Secular Humanist Contribution
Claborne, Conrad: What We Have Here is a Failure to Communicate
Elliott, Carmen (filler): "remember America is not just us."
Rafferty, David (filler): "Act of God? ... our leaders are morons."
Rich, Frank (filler) (R): "cronies come first in this White House."
Rafferty, John: George W. Bush Films a TV Commercial for Katrina Relief
Notice: And We Have a New Candidate for the SHSNY 2005 Dumbth Award
Lifton, Barbara G.: We are the "Intelligent Designers" of Hurricane Katrina
Dennett, Daniel C. (R): Show Me the Science – Part I
Notice: Sunday, October 9 is Freethought Day
Harris, Arthur: Science Vs. Religion: A Short History of the War
Hertzberg, Hendrick (R): Slinging Mud at Science
Onion, The (R): Evangelical Scientists Refute Gravity with New "Intelligent
Falling" Theory
Boxer, Sarah (R): Teach I.S. (Pastafarianism), Too
Unsigned: Kidding Aside, Guess Who's Winning the "Teach Both Sides" Battle?
Rafferty, John: Mayor Bloomberg Sucks Up to New York's Religious Right
Unsigned: And In News from the Other Great World Religions ...
Rafferty, John (reporting): Political Quackery by Marvin Schissel
Notice: Lolita "Book Report" Next Month

November 2005

Notice: Yes, We're Late. Sorry
Dennett, Daniel C. (R): Show Me the Science – Part II
Harris, Arthur: Faith and Creationism
Filler: No Fair, They're Using Their Brains
Carroll, Bob (R): Should Fundamentalists Be Tolerated?
Gledhill, Ruth (R): Is Fundamentalist Religion the Worst Thing that Can Happen
to a Society?
Kluepfel, Charles: "When I Use a Word, It Means Just What I Choose It to
Mean" – Humpty Dumpty
Rafferty, John: And Speaking of Public Displays of the Ten Commandments ...
Swinehart, Lisa (R): Onward Christian Soldiers? The Theists, The Thinkers
and Today's Youth
Unsigned (R): And ... Just in Case You Think You Understand Today's College
Kids ...
Marxer, Donna: The Book Club Reads "Reading Lolita in Tehran"
Filler: And How Have Things Changed in Iran?
Notice: We (Not the Bush Administration) are Represented at the U.N. ...
Notice: ... And Now in Bush's Washington, Too
Haberman, Clyde (R): Notice the Dirty Streets? Thank God.
Unsigned: Dummies: First You Build the Church, Then You Steal

December 2005

Rafferty, John: Support Our Troops ... No, Really
Notice: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"
Mathews, Chris: The First Christmas Eve
Unsigned: A Gift for a Little Girl? Consider an "American Girl" Doll
Dacey, Austin: The Non-Science of Good and Evil
Notice: Samuel Milligan Joins the SHSNY Board
Notice: Art Harris Has a Blog

Carter, Jimmy (R): Defining Fundamentalism: Guess Which Radical Atheist Said This
Rafferty, John: 1-1/2 Victories For Our Side in the November Elections
Wilson, Edward O. (R): These Three Views of Life
Notice: Here They Are: The Nominees for the 2005 First Annual SHSNY Dumbth Awards
Rafferty, John: Reading "The Bookseller of Kabul," Analyzing the Bookseller
Unsigned: A 21st Century Office Christmas Party
Clarke, Arthur (filler): And Further on the Multiplicity of Religions
Light, Flash: Having Fun With Intelligent Design
Arents, John: Are Religionists and Criminals the Same People?

January 2006

Stevens, Fritz, et al (R): What is Secular Humanism?
Arents, John: The Moral Lesson of Genesis
Murray, Gilbert (R): Supernatural Knowledge and The Search for Truth
Attenborough, Sir David (R): Giving Credit to the Almighty Power
Jillette, Penn (R): This I Believe: I Believe There is No God
(filler): A Christian Fundamentalist Prays at His Neighbor
Milligan, Samuel: Doing the Lord's Work (When It Suits)
Marxer, Donna (filler): ... don't keep me awake.
Deanhardt, Michael (R): How About "Equal Time" for All Religions Equals "No Time"?
Unsigned (R): Smut for Smut
Seder, Sam (R): Yes, There is a War On Christmas, and American Has To Win It
Kristof, Nicholas D. (R): Bush Meets St. Peter
Unsigned (R): Voice of God Revealed to Be Cheney on Intercom
Rafferty, David: Controversy? What Controversy?
Schissel, Chic: Evil? What – Or Who – Is Evil?
Dunn, Russell: Heaven Can Wait. Please.
Rafferty, John: They Will Not Change, Though Children Sicken and Die
Gyatso, Tenzin (Dalai Lama) (R): Are You Listening, Rabbi Niederman?
Are You Listening, Pope Benedict?
Dreifus, Claudia (R): Live Longer With Evolution?
Mirsky, Steve (R): The Intelligent Design of Penguins
Trudeau, Garry: "Doonesbury" on Intelligent Design

February, 2006

Notice: We Have a Winner
Notice: And the First Nominee for the 2006 SHSNY Dumbth Award
Rich, Frank (R): What God Do the "Faith-Based Have Faith In? It Seems to be Mammon
Hersh, Seymour M. (R): George W. Bush: God's Man
Fischer, David Hackett (R): Would the First George W. Have Authorized Torture?
Sullivan, Andrew (R): Stop the Torture – Now!
Hauser, Marc and Singer, Peter (R): Morality Without Religion
Kelly, Giles: "Munich"
Rafferty, John: Rabbi Fischer, Rabbi Niederman, Meet Mary Mallon
Claborne, Conrad: Religious Vs. Secular Values

Wheeler, Brad: Faith Doesn't Just Happen
Unsigned (R): More "Jesus Loves Me (But He Can't Stand You)"
Unsigned (R): And the Perfect Accompaniment: A Fine Sacramental Merlot
Unsigned (R): Congratulations, Chile
Marxer, Donna: The Book Club Reads Chris Hedges' "War Is A Force That Gives Us Meaning"
Filler: The Great Nullity, "Is nothing sacred?"

March 2006

Rafferty, John: Buy Something Danish
Brooks, David (R): Different Ideas About Ideas
Gordinier, Tom, PhD (R): The Heckler's Veto
Osman, Iman (R): For Those of Us Living in Glass Houses
Jefferson, Thomas (filler) (R): newspapers or government
Reichgut, Martin, M.D.: An Improved Healthcare System
Madden, Tiya (R): "Liberal Media Bias"? How About a Stupidity Bias?
Shermer, Michael (filler) (R): "think of things not to believe in"
Notice: SHSNY Celebrates Darwin Day
Chapman, Matthew (R): Mr. Mehring, Welcome to Our World
Milligan, Samuel: Doing (Or Not) Unto Others
Winfield, Anicole (R): Taking Jesus to Court
Unsigned (R): "God" Is In Legal Trouble, Too
Harris, Lynn (R): Today Teen Dorothy Might Thank Goodness She's "Not In Kansas Anymore"
Overbye, Dennis (R): It Seems Science *Does* Matter to the Religious Right in Washington

April, 2006

Dacey, Austin (R): Believing in Doubt
Zizek, Slavoj (R): Europe's Muslims Should be Grateful for Europe's Atheists
Traufetter, Gerald (R): Who's Afraid to Criticize Islam?
Unsigned: Updates on the Cartoon Wars
Unsigned: Easter Gets Very Weird Indeed
Colbert, Stephen: A Thought for Easter
Rafferty, John: With Friends Like These ...
Light, Flash: A Modest Proposal for Building SHSNY Membership
Filler: most Anglican priests can't name 10 Commandments
Rafferty, John: To Hell With Limbo
Unsigned: A "Trick Question" On Abortion
Whitmore, Wayne G., M.D.: Saving Health Care
Milligan, Samuel: Confucius and Democritus on Government
Unsigned: Updates In the Right-Wing War on Reason

May, 2006

Milligan, Samuel: A First-Class Scientist and Teacher – Review of "The Ancestor's Tale" by Richard Dawkins
Dunn, Russell: The Problem with Evolution
Rafferty, John: What, Like "The Flintstones"?
Claborne, Conrad: Money Corrupts Politics, But Christianity Makes It All Better
Unsigned (The Onion) (R): Many Senators Developing Simple Tools for

Governing

Unsigned: Two Cheers for Al Sharpton

Unsigned (TheRudePundit) (R): Three Signs that Your Superpower is Becoming a Cheap Rip-Off of the Old Soviet Union

Reichgut, Martin: It's Still \$400 Billion Down the Drain

Shermer, Michael (R): Believing in Belief – Review of “Breaking the Spell” by Daniel C. Dennett

Unsigned (The Onion) (R): Pope Benedict Asks If It's Too Late to Change His Name

Unsigned: Why We Live In New York #57

Unsigned: Further Updates on the Right-Wing War on Reason

June 2006

Dunn, Russell: The Eclectic Skeptic

Thomas, Doug (R): Agnosticism: The Power of Not Knowing (and Enjoying It)

Martell, Yann (R): It's Agnostics Who Stick in My Craw

Harris, Sam (R): The Atheist's Problem with Faith

Shelley, Percy (filler): If ignorance of nature ...

D., Jane: A.A. for Non-Believers

Unsigned: Praying for Lower Gas Prices

Kurtz, Paul and Flynn, Tom (R): In Defense of Blasphemy

Shermer, Michael (R): Giving the Devil His Due

Arisian, Khoren (filler): “we cannot tolerate intolerance ...”

Arents, John (filler re Arisian this issue): “... suppress intolerant thought?”

Rafferty, John: Boycotting The Da Vinci Code isn't Censorship, It's Good Taste

Harris, Arthur (filler): Da Vinci Code and religion both fiction

Smith, Helena (R): Ladies and Gentlemen, Please Welcome Back the One and Only ...*Zeus!*

Kasman, Laura (R): Two Questions, Two Answers About Evolution

Unsigned: The Gamut of Political Diversity, from A to B

Unsigned: Fish Story

Unsigned: “*What Rough Beast, Its Hour Come Round at Last, Slouches Toward Bethlehem to be Born*” ... Next Week?

Sagan, Carl (R): Sagan on Spirit

August 2006

Appleman, Philip (R): Darwin's Example

Milligan, Samuel: The Cosmos Series

Rowell, George: The Jackson Pollock Code

Rafferty, John: The Bush Administration Champions Freedom Around The Globe ... Just Not Here

Schissel, Chic: Atheism & Agnosticism

Lindley, Bill: God Talk Among the Unbelievers

Dunn, Russell: Help Me Understand

Wypijewski, JoAnn (R): Ten Years After “Just Say No” to Teen Sex

Unsigned: And More Than Ten Years After “Don't Ask, Don't Tell ...”

Rafferty, John: You Can't Think That! The Two-Front War on Science

Rafferty, John: After Five Infections, A Compromise

Klein, Marty (R): Maybe Pitchers Rather Than Preachers

Unsigned: Why We Live In New York #8

Unsigned: Intelligent Designer Found

September 2006

Philips, Kevin (R): Christianity in America: Preached, Punched, and Proselytized
Rafferty, John: So, How is Religion Working Out for America?
Krugman, Paul (R): Is Being American Bad for Your Health?
Miller, Michelle (R): Who's for Family Values? Blue-State, Liberal, Godless Us
Unsigned filler: James Dobson defends Mel Gibson's anti-Semitic rant
Quindlan, Anna (R): The Company We Keep
Rowell, George: The Neo-Neoliths and Their Drought God
Schissel, Chic (filler): George Rowell is not descended from Jesus, I am
Schissel, Chic: So-What-Research is a Waste of Time and Resources
Rafferty, John: "So What?" Is an Open-Ended Question
Kocol, Hank (R): What Would You Do If You Did Not Love Jesus?
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #46
Unsigned: Romania Marches Into the 7th Century
Unsigned (R): And There'll Always Be an England, However Peculiar
Unsigned (R): Christmas for Christian Dominionist Kids
Pinsky, Mark I. (R): Look, Up in the Sky! It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's ... *Jesus!*
Watterson, Bill (filler) (R): More (And Better) Comic-Strip Religious Philosophy

October 2006

Sullivan, Andrew (R): A Conservative Christian Defines – and Defies –
 "Christianism"
Harris, Sam (R): Head-In-The-Sand Liberals
Rafferty, John: Pope and Muslims, Pots and Kettles
Notice: Changed Your Email Address?
Herbert, Bob (R): Who Are We?
Unsigned: If You Let the "Culprit" See the Evidence, He Might Find Out What
 He Did
Rafferty, John: What the Hell Is Wrong With Us?
Notice: Welcome, Elaine Lynn
Unsigned: Secular Socializing? Try Richie's List
Notice: Chuck Corbett, 1930-2006
Friedman, Elaine (R): Religious Criticism Is Not Religious Hatred
Traister, Rebecca (R): Cancel the Good News for Women in Pakistan
Unsigned: A Political Quiz Worth Taking
Rafferty, John: A Secular Crib Sheet for Voting this November
Unsigned: Unintended Irony of the Month
Dowd, Maureen (R): Pig-Headed "Leadership"
Harris, Sam (R): Small Appliances Religion
Rafferty, John: Sudan, It Seems, is More "Liberal" Than We Are
Unsigned: Religious-Political Correctness Runs Amok in the U.K.
Haberma, Clyde (R): And Ethnicity PC (TV Subdivision) Gallops Along
 Right Here in New York
Rude Pundit (R): The Rude Pundit Visits Texas' Public School Bible Classes

November 2006

New York Times editorial (R): The Death of Habeas Corpus

Olbermann, Keith (R): Your Words are Lies, Sir

Unsigned (R): And Speaking of Lies ...

Arents, John: Balancing Evils

Claborne, Conrad: An Open Letter to Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Pat Buchanan, et al

Unsigned: Hypocrisy Unbound

Keillor, Garrison (R): Time to Clean Some Congressional Clocks

Claborne, Conrad: The "Judeo-Christian Values" Racket

Cosentino, Remo: Conservative Sullivan and Liberal Harris: Both Wrong

Dawkins, Richard (R): "Darwin's Rottweiler" Bites – Part 1

Large, Jerry (R): Your God is So ... *Different!*

Alibhal-Brown, Yasmin (R): A Muslim Woman Against the Veil

Unsigned: And Speaking of Muslim Dark Ages

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #28

Rafferty, John (Reporting): SHSNY Hosts Michael Shermer, and Buys Some Books

Unsigned: What the Hell is Wrong With Us? – Continued

Unsigned: We Have Another Nominee for the 2006 SHSNY Dumbth Award

Marxer, Donna (filler): I'm a Meist

Unsigned (R): Scientology Losing Ground to New Fictionology

December, 2006

Rafferty, John: Why We Live in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut

Claborne, Conrad (Reviewing): Bumbling Through History with Too Many Preachers, a review of Kevin Phillips' *American Theocracy*

Harris, Arthur: What in Hell Happened to the People in Limbo?

Harris, Sam (R): Sam Harris Gets Letters

Unsigned: Atheist Argument on Prime-Time TV

Unsigned: No Idiots, We

Notice: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"

Unsigned (ballot insert): And the 2006 SHSNY Dumbth Award Goes to ... *You Choose!*

Dawkins, Richard (R): "Darwin's Rottweiler" Bites – Part 2

Unsigned (R): Hell Hath No Fury Like a Nun Scorned

Rafferty, John: Appeasing Religious Wackos Won't Work

Unsigned: What About November 4?

Hoffman, R. Joseph (R): First Century Pulp Fiction

Unsigned: Uh, Oh ... We're in *Big* Trouble

Unsigned (R): In the Name of the Lager

Murtha, Bob: And Finally, A Merry Pan-Christian Xmas

January, 2007

Notice: February Will Be Late

Claborne, Conrad: Trust

Unsigned (NYT) (R): Just In Case You Thought George W. Bush Learned Anything from the Election

Unsigned filler (R): Pray or Die

Dunn, Russell: A Humanist Among the Spirits
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #83
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #84
Unsigned (R): Mikey Weinstein for Air Force Chief of Staff, No, President
Unsigned (R): Finding Jesus
Unsigned (R): It Wasn't a Rib
Unsigned (R): Scientists: Science Is Hard
Rafferty, John: A Christian Nation? Not Now, Not Ever
Rafferty, John: Another Phony Issue, Another Rewriting of American History
Murtha, Robert (Reporter): The Book Club Reads "Why Darwin Matters: The Case Against Intelligent Design," by Michael Shermer

February, 2007

Notice: "Sentimental Favorite" Robertson Wins 2006 SHSNY Dumbth Award
Harris, Sam (R): The Case Against Faith
Abrams, Sol: The Golden Calf and 9/11
Unsigned (R): One More Time: Prayer Doesn't Work
Leno, Jay (filler): The Pope's Message for the 21st Century
Shweder, Richard A. (R): Atheists Agonistes
Fillers: Atheists Agonistes: Times Readers Reply
Unsigned (R): The Church of Google's Proofs that Google Is God
McMellon, Chuck: Grandfathered Into Hell
Schissel, Chic: Mencken's Bigotry
Mencken, H.L. (R): H.L. Mencken On the Varieties of Religious Experience
Rafferty, John: "All Possess Alike Liberty of Conscience"

March 2007

Wilford, John Noble (R): Meet the Relatives, They're Full of Surprises
Notice: Elaine Lynn Reviews on the NYC Atheist Book Club on Cable TV
Shermer, Michael (R): What Evolution Is
Notice: Lee Loshak Joins the SHSNY Board
Brooks, David (R): The De-volution of an Idea
Appleman, Phil: Intelligent? Design?
Harris, Sam (R): 10 Myths (and 10 Truths) About Atheism
Lynn, Elaine (R): Misquoting Atheists: *Who's Not God?*
Wolfe, Alan (R): Evangelicals, Politics, Abortion and Slavery
Moyers, Bill (R): Saving Lives, Baptist-Style
Rafferty, John: Why I Read *The New York Times*

April 2007

April Fool: Robertson Accepts SHSNY Dumbth Award: "Greatest Honor Ever"
April Fool: God Denies Talking to Pat Robertson
April Fool: NASA "Dangerous" Say Most Americans
April Fool: Kansas Outlaws Practice of Evolution
April Fool: Iran President Declares War on Sparta
April Fool: Clinton Finally Takes Responsibility for Bush Administration's Failures
April Fool: Leading Republican Presidential Contenders Woo Gay Voters
Steinfels, Peter (R): Atheism on the Best-Seller Lists
Harris, Arthur: On Rotten Eggs and Religion

Vonnegut, Kurt (filler) (R): Unquestioning faith ... vile
Rafferty, John: Don't Blame the 20th Century on Secularism
Lifton, Barbara G.: Yes, You Do Have to Prove God Exists, and No, You Can't
Notice: We Have Our First Nominee for the SHSNY 2007 Dumbth Award
Hoffman, R. Joseph (R): 26 Things CNN Will Never Tell You About Christianity,
Islam, and the Middle East
Friedman, Thomas L. (R): Highly Enriched Islam
Salon.com (R): And Now, Muslim Rationality
King, Gordon: Remember Why You Became a Member of SHSNY?
Reed, Martine B.: Condemned to Pray
Rafferty, John: The Most Unpopular Column I'll Ever Write for PIQUE
Claborne, Conrad: Atheism on the 86th Street Crosstown
Sullivan, Andrew (R): Our Favorite Gay Conservative Bitch-Slaps Ann
Coulter

May 2007

Rooney, Andy (R): Bring Back the Draft?
Rafferty, John: Why I Agree With Andy Rooney
Kelly, Giles: "Ask not ..."
Harris, Art: No Exemptions
Filler: Day of Prayer? Make It a Day You Give the Gift of Life
Shakir, Evelyn: A Few Things You Should Not Have Been Told "About
Christianity, Islam, and the Middle East" in April PIQUE
Notice: Bob Murtha Joins the SHSNY Board
Murtha, Robert A., Jr. (reporter): The SHSNY Book Club Reads *The
Republican War on Science* by Chris Mooney
Lee, Barbara Coombs (R): The War on Living Wills
Reed, Martine: The Sidewalk of the Good Christians
Clark-Flory, Tracy: Mother's Rights, Child's Rights: Where to Draw
the Line in HIV Testing
Filler: There is No God but God, and Luke Skywalker is His Prophet
Rafferty, John (reporter): A SHSNY Roundtable Evaluates Richard
Dawkins's *The God Delusion*
Notice: Kurt Vonnegut, Humanist, 192-2007 – So It Goes
Walsh, Joan (R): Sweet Jesus
Filler: A Not-So-Funny Psychiatrist Joke

June 2007

Rafferty, John: This is America, We Don't Punish People for What They Think
Kluepfel, Charlie: Bring Back the Draft? Don't
Lynn, Elaine: Bring Back the Draft? It's Not a Humanist Question
Rafferty, John: Bring Back the Draft? Yes, It Is
Murtha, Bob: Bring Back the Draft? Bring it Back
Harris, Sam (R): God's Dupes
Marxer, Donna: Pagans 10, Christians 0 at The Met
Dawkins, Richard (R): Richard Dawkins Answers "What If I'm Wrong?"
Kelly, Giles: So Who Are You Going to Thank?
Milbank, Dana (R): The "National Day of Prayer" Was a Bust, But Then Look
Who Was Promoting It
Kleiman, Mark (R): Concerning the Word "Christian": How Many of Us Could
Parse These Distinctions?
Slomanson, Joan (R): Kurt Vonnegut, Humanist Chef

Unsigned: Rush Limbaugh Makes His Bid for the 2007 SHSNY Dumbth Award
A., Alice: Murder, Yes. Atheism, No
Unsigned: Uh-Oh
Rafferty, John: Capital Crimes: The Re-Writing of American History Never Stops
Lindley, Bill: George Washington and Fig Trees
Rowell, George: Generous and Affectionate Religion
Unsigned: Why We Live In New York #76
Angier, Natalie (R): Sociable Darwinism
Brooks, David (R): The Age of Darwin
Unsigned: Peanut Butter, The Atheist's Nightmare!
Unsigned: What the Hell is Wrong With Us? (candidates don't believe evolution)

July 2007

Epps, Garrett (R): Happy 14th Amendment Day
Murtha, Robert A., Jr.: Citizenship is (and should be) a Birthright
Notice: Massimo Pigliucci is Elected to Honorary Membership in SHSNY
Lifton, Barbara: Science Literacy on East 23rd Street
Birkenhead, Peter (R): The Virtue of Doubt
Gore, Al (R): The Assault on Reason
Unsigned: What the Hell is Wrong With Us? (Paris Hilton)
Isaacson, Walter (R): Are We Rome?
Hedges, Chris (R): Our Own Praetorian Guard
Fisher, David Hackett (R): The First American Army: Not Mercenaries –
“Gentlemen”
Ambrose, Stephen (R): The Greatest American Army: Not Mercenaries – “Citizen
Soldiers”
Collins, Billy (R): Flock
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #5.3
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #286
Unsigned: American Politicians Aren't the Only Science Illiterates (and Idiots)
Ehrenreich, Barbara (R): Dance, Dance, Revolution
Filler: Emma Goldman (R): “If I can't dance ... “
Unsigned: Ban the Bible?
Light, Flash: Evolutionary Theory: Stickier than Peanut Butter
Notice: Tell Us What You Think

September 2007

Allen, Norm R., Jr.: In Defense of Hate Crime Prevention
Haberman, Clyde (R): On Slippery Slopes
Harris, Art: Two Letters-to-the-Editor The Times Did Not Print In July
Rafferty, John: Two Letters-to-the-Editor The Times Did Not Print In July
Notice: We Have Another Dumbth Nominee: Debbie Schlussel
Bronstein, Ken (R): Say Goodbye to Your Religious Programming
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Walk Into a Bar ...
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Enlighten the Atheist Barmaid
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo, On a Park Bench, Consider the Barmaid's
Arguments
Notice: Albert Ellis, 1913-2007. Psychotherapy Revolutionary and Honorary
Member of SHSNY
Unsigned (R): An Hour with Albert Ellis
Hyman, Noell (R): The End, As We Know It: Teaching Kids About Death
Cosentino, Remo: An Interested Party Comments on Immigration and the

14th Amendment

Livingston, Philip O., MD: Citizenship as Birthright is One Option

Murtha, Bob: Bob Murtha Replies

Rafferty, John: The Editor Says "Enough," For Now

God (R): The Last Word on "The Last Times"

Unsigned: Religion and Politics Roundup: We Are Not Making These Up

Appleman, Phil: Letter praising July issue

Tapp, Robert B: Letter praising July issue

Middlebrooks, Dennis: Letter of thanks, plus immigration thoughts

Unsigned: Think TV's Dumb? Watch it Get Dumber this Fall. No, Wait,
Don't Watch

Unsigned: And What You Won't See on CBS or Fox ...

Notice: John Rafferty is the New President of SHSNY, Elaine Lynn is Secretary

October 2007

Notice: Perhaps the Most Important Ethical Question of the 21st Century

Shermer, Michael (R): Rational Atheism

Parris, Matthew (R): Passionate Agnosticism

Rafferty, John: Why Are We Shouting?

Jordan, Mary (R): "Nonreligious Movement" On the Move

Anon (R): Religion 101: Final Exam

Pictorial essay: Picture at an Exhibition: From the Muslim "Religion of Peace"
Demonstration in London this Spring

Hitchens, Christopher (R): Why Are We So Scared of Offending Muslims?

Anon: The "Religion of Peace" in India

Price, Catherine (R): Saudi Arabia Honors Women's Modesty ... and Your Burka:
Harmful to Your Health?

Unsigned: Think It Can't Happen Here? Think Again

Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Assess Islam's Media Image

Filler Joke: (Family pray before dinner? Nope, Mom's a good cook.)

Harris, Art/John Arents: Where Was the Garden of Eden ...

Arents, John/Art Harris: ... And Did the Snake Come From Africa?

Filler: More Biblical Exegesis: (The termites stayed on Noah's Ark)

Breathed, Berkely (R): Lola's Heaven, Jerry Falwell's Hell

Unsigned: Religion 'Round the World

Marxer, Donna: A 20-Word Refutation of all the World's Religions

Abrams, Sol: Ode to Reason

Beer, Giddian: On Stupidity and Evil

Rafferty, John: Follow the Logic, If You Can, All the Way Down the Rabbit Hole

November 2007

Notice: Next Question: Five Books?

Sibanye: Where Do We Go From Here?

Lynn, Elaine: Getting Involved Politically, Carefully

Rafferty, John: Zombies "Appear Abruptly" in America

Cherry, Matt (R): Spitzer's Stupid Idea

A.P.(R): Good Thing the Power of Prayer is Zero

Unsigned: OK, Now the Speculation Can Start

Harris, Art: Ben Franklin Nominated for Honorary Membership in SHSNY

Miller, Wiley (R): Science for Sale or Rent

Unsigned: The "Christian Nation" Lie Lives On ...

Unsigned: ... But It Doesn't Seem to Matter Much
Notice: Dumbth Nominee Ann Coulter Wants to "Perfect" Jews
Unsigned: Flat-Earth "Brain Poopies"
Unsigned: God Forbid a College Education Should Upset Christian
College Kids. No, Really, God Forbid!
Maher, Bill (R): Bill Maher On Religious Tests for Political Office
Unsigned: Remember those Reports of Gradual "Liberalization" in Saudi Arabia?
Urrows, Arthur: Find God? Um, Let's Wait 'til We're on the Ground
[Gene Manipulation section]
Rafferty, John: Sadly, However ...
Rafferty, John: We Will, Won't We?
Schissel, Chic: Why Not?
Reed, Martine: It's About Choice and Freedom
Jacks, Irving: What is "Better"?
Whitmore, Wayne G., M.D.: Genetic Tinkering
Goldsmith, Ed: From Bible to "Blade Runner"
Lifton, Barbara G.: Some Regulation is Necessary

December, 2007

Unsigned (R): God's Love Child Born in Barn!!
Unsigned: What Would Have Happened if Three Wise Jewish Women ...
Kennedy, Randy (R): An Atheist Can Believe in Christmas
Watson, Emily (R): What Would Jesus Buy?
Bronstein, Ken (R): The Church of Bloomingdale's
Rafferty, John: A Holiday Gift Suggestion ("The Golden Compass")
Unsigned: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"
Araujo, Derek C.: The Secular Society and Its Enemies
Darrow, Clarence (R): The Same Enemies, Eighty Years Ago
Multiple Authors: What Five Books Would You Take to Prison?
Wade, Terry (R): Earthquake-Proof Idiocy in Peru
Clark-Flory, Tracy (R): More Barbarism in Saudi Arabia
Rafferty, John: Here's a Tip: Listen to the Waitress
Dick, Philip K. (filler) (R): "spurious realities manufactured by the media"
[Gene Manipulation section]
Allen, Norm R.: Learn From History's Lessons
Beer, Giddian: It Could Even Backfire on the Rich
Marxer, Donna: Genes and Genius
Loshak, Lee: More Genes: What the Hell For?
Millman, Irv: Better Than Who and What?
Rafferty, David: We're Asking the Wrong Question
Mendel, Jerome: Beam Me Up, Scotty, There's No Intelligent Life ...
Rafferty, John: Why the Red Sox Swept the World Series ... Or Not

January, 2008

Unsigned (R): Welcome to 2008 ... And Earth's Future
Alvarez, Ted (R): The Poo Theory of Life
Unsigned: Are Science and Religion Both Based on Faith?
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Science is Not at All Like Religion
Harris, Art: Rock of Ages Vs. Age of Rocks
Notice: Irv Millman Joins the SHSNY Board
Rafferty, John: Sherri Is Us
Unsigned: The 220-Year Devolution of an Idea

Condell, Pat (R): Prying Apart Politics and Religion
Notice: And the 2007 SHSNY Dumbth Award Goes to ... You Choose!
Pomerantz, Charlotte: Galileo Galilei (poem)
Keillor, Garrison (R): The Library Fix
Unsigned: Three-Quarters of a Million Terrorists Next Door?
Utley, John Basil (R): Now Meet the 20 Million *Real* Terrorists Next Door
Ali, Ayaan Hirsi (R): Islam's Silent Moderates
Unsigned: Muslim "Moderates"? Moderate for Muslims, Maybe
Reed, Martine: What's in a Name? Maybe a Death Sentence
Unsigned: Bill O'Reilly Wins His War on the War on Christmas
Unsigned: It's Official: Congress Says Christmas is "Important." Sun
And Moon are Pretty Good, Too
Keillor, Garrison: Garrison Keillor's Advice for the New Year

February, 2008

Notice: SHSNY Election Notice
Otto, Shawn Lawrence (R): Let's Have a Presidential Debate on Science
Amster, Edith: Change the Subject
Notice: Congratulations, Massimo!
Lynn, Elaine: Book Review: The Synaptic Self by Joseph LeDoux
Notice: Speak Up for Humanism in Albany
Rafferty, John: Not Necessarily the News
Cohen, Roger (R): Secular Europe's Merits
Goldsmith, Edward: Thoughts on Galileo and the Pope
Beer, Giddean: On Scientific Proof
Unsigned: America is ...
O'Brien, John (R): Evenings at 7 in the Parish Hall
JesusAndMo (R): Mohammed Evaluates Science
JesusAndMo (R): Jesus Explains Pro-Life
JesusAndMo (R): Jesus and Mohammed Explain Sin and Morality
Abrams, Sol: The "Pagan DNA" in Pat Robertson's Primitive,
Punishing Deity
Spivak, Anton: The (Updated) Ten Commandments of the
Evangelical Right
Unsigned: Socialized Medicine in the U.K. Screws Up Again
Lifton, Barbara G.: What Would Have Happened If Three Wise Jewish
Women Members of SHSNY Had Gone to Bethlehem
Gerson, Michael (R): Divine Evolution
Rafferty, John: Divine Baloney, However You Slice It
Unsigned (R): The Pope Solves the Church's Pedophile Priests Problem
Unsigned (R): Now, About those Thuggish Nuns ...

March, 2008

Notice: What a Swell Party That Was!
Notice: Ann Coulter Sweeps the Field for the 2007 SHSNY Dumbth Award
Klinkenborg, Verlyn (R): A Farmer's Perspective on Cloned Food and
Evolutionary Diversity
Filler, George Carlin (R): The planet is fine ...
Unsigned (R): Why Not "Soft Core" Atheism?
Arents, John: Copernicus Was Right
Beer, Giddian: A Point of (World) View is More Than a Point On a Graph
Notice: Matthew Chapman: Our Newest Honorary Member

Filler: An atheist's biggest sexual problem ...

Pictorial Essay: "What an elegant, swell-egant party this is!"

Notice: SHSNY Election – Second Notice

Remo Cosentino

Arthur Harris

Lee Loshak

Donna Marxer

Robert A. Murtha, Jr.

Varsavsky, Martin (R): What Happens When a Country Gives Up
Religion? In Spain, Nothing Much

Price, Catherine (R): Our Christian Right Opens a Second Front in the
"Culture War": Europe

Rafferty, John: Lodging One's Head Where the Sun Will Never, Ever Shine

Neil MacFarquhar (R): Evangelism Gets Bolder (and Crazier) at the Air
Force Academy

Goldwater, Barry: Another Bleeding-Heart Liberal Secularist on Politics and
Religion

Harris, Art: Art Harris Writes His Son (and Granddaughters) on Religion

Rafferty, John: As (Almost) Seen in The New York Times

April 2008

Notice: Sorry We're Late

Dennett, Daniel C. (R): What is "Soul"? What is "Self"?

Notice: SHSNY Election – Third Notice

Elaine Lynn

Sam Milligan

Irv Millman

John Rafferty

Unsigned: Arthur C. Clarke, 1917-2008, Novelist, Futurist and Secular
Humanist, Has Left the Planet

Staten, Linda (R): Let Us Bow Our Heads in Thanks for Atheists

Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Religious Tolerance: An Oxymoron?

Unsigned: The True Meaning of Easter

April Fool: Pope, Shut Out of Yankee Stadium, to Meet SHSNY Book Club

April Fool: Ann Coulter Announces Engagement to Al Sharpton. Sharpton:
"News to Me"

April Fool: Muslim Suicide Hot Line Opens

April Fool (R): Diebold Accidentally Leaks Results of 2008 Election Months Early

April Fool: Rudy Giuliani Makes VP Bid

April Fool (R): Retired Gen. George Washington Criticizes Bush's Handling of
Iraq War

April Fool: Jesus Denies New Workout Regimen is Prelude to "Second Coming"

Beer, G.: Intelligent? Design?

May, Brian (R): Life is Evolution

Kingsley, Emily P.: "There Are Just Too Many Gods"

JesusAndMo (R): Mohammed Channels Aretha Franklin

Light, Flash: Flash Light: A New Nominee for the Board, With an Unusual
Platform

Unsigned (R): What's That You Have in There? Nothing. Don't Lie to Me, What is
It? Nothing, Honest.

Harris, Sam (R): The Absolute and Inerrant Bible Truths of the Future

May 2008

Notice: Vote

Rafferty, John: Lying for Jesus: Ben Stein Blames Darwin for the Holocaust

Unsigned: Papal Visit

Abrams, Sol: Our Constitution is a Secular Document, Not a Christian One. It
Guarantees Freedom of – and From – Religion

Adams, John (filler) (R): revolution in religious sentiments

Schissel, Chic: Diversity: A Good Thing?

Moyers, Bill (R): Voters and Politicians Alike, Oblivious of the Facts

Unsigned: Illinois Representative Monique Davis, Oblivious of the First
Amendment

Unsigned: Congressman Chris Cannon (R-Utah), Meet Rep. Davis

Unsigned: Politically Correct Brits, Frightened to Death of Crazy Muslims, Get
Crazier and Crazier

Notice: We Have Our First Two Dumbth-Award Candidates

Silver, Mitchell (R): The Case Against God (Part 1)

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #91 ... #s 92-102 ... and #103

Dykman, Jackson (R): The Marketplace of Faith

Unsigned: Evil Authority, Bad Parents, and Successful Christianity

Beer, G.: Global Warming: Five Facts and a Corollary

Filler: Idahoan changes name to Pro-Life

Franklin, Benjamin (filler) (R): beer is proof God loves us ...

Unsigned: The Buffalo-and-Beer Explanation of the Evolution of the
Human Brain. Cheers!

Henick, Al: Obama's Problem is Not Rev. Wright, It's "Magic Thinking"
Christian Doctrine

Rafferty, John: No, Let's *Not* Have a Presidential Debate About Illegal
Immigration

Pictorial essay: 3 presidential candidates as Three Stooges

Chass, Murray (R): Hey, Getcha Peanuts, Ya Cold Beer, Ya Christian
Faith Right Here

Unsigned: The Brooklyn Taliban

June 2008

The 2008 SHSNY Election Results

McGowan, Dale (R): "Oh, My God, What If My Kid Becomes Religious?"

Rafferty, John: Bush Court: 6, Democracy: 3

Pigliucci, Massimo (R): What Elevators Can Teach Us About Superstition

Unsigned: Ben Stein Makes His Bid for the 2008 SHSNY Dumbth Award ...
... But Has Serious Competition from Dick Cheney ...

... And a Steven Hitler Fan in Indiana

Silver, Mitchell (R): The Case Against God (Part 2)

Hedges, Chris (R): The B.S. Re-Writing of American History Never Stops

Unsigned: What Part of "Make No Law Respecting an Establishment of Religion"
Don't These Clucks Understand?

Dacey, Austin (R): A Value Voter's Trap

Barnhart, Sunny: (Pictorial Essay) – "You're coming to church ..."

Judd, Terri (R): The Other War in the Iraq We Created: The One Against Women

Lindley, Bill: Lying for Jesus? It Started With Paul

Unsigned: "Sexpelled: No Intercourse Allowed"

Smith, Warren Allen (R): The Founding Editor of PIQUE Skewers the Pope in
The News

Evangelist, Bernadette: ... And Bernadette Evangelist Writes *The Times* About
Harassment in the Army

Stewart, John (filler): "On Larry King Live ..."

Unsigned (R): With Apologies to Every Reader of PIQUE in Leonia ... etc.

July 2008

Notice: The New SHSNY Board Cries: "Help!"

Shermer, Michael (R): Independence Day

Berkowitz, Bill (R): Damn, We Missed "Ten Commandments Weekend" Again

Abrams, Sol: Edison or Moses: Who Did More For Civilization?

Anonymous (R): God Resigns

Tomorrow, Tom (R): Political News 2008: The Important Stuff

Goldsmith, Ed: A Different Point of View on "Expelled, No Intelligence Allowed"

Rafferty, John: Rebuttal to Goldsmith, above

Harris, Art: Art Harris' Memorial Day Ruminations

Reed, Martine: Does Religion Make More Charitable Doctors? Apparently Not.

Brooks, David (R): The Neural Buddhists

Unsigned: Saudi Arabia Combats Atheism and ... um ... Religion

Rowell, George: The Lessons of Gilgamesh

Rafferty, John: Why Not Polygamy?

Unsigned: Things in Life Learned, So Far

Unsigned: Follow-Up on Peace and Justice in Iraq

Schissel, Chic: Pascal Was Wrong

Light, Flash: Cloning Dr. Schissel

Unsigned; How to Win in Iraq

September 2008

Carlin, George (R): George Carlin, 1937-2008

Flynn, Tom (R): There is no God, no Heaven – Now What?

Rafferty, John: Let's Borrow an Idea from the Brits

Vonnegut, Kurt (filler): telekinesis

Rafferty, John: On the Other Hand, Here's a "Religious" Hustler to Applaud

Unsigned: Counting Down: The Last (142) Days of the George W. Bush
Administration

Unsigned: The Great Agnostic

Wilkinson, Francis (R): The Legend of a Heretic

Ingersoll, Robert Green (R): Good-By, Gentlemen

Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #s 73, 74 & 75

Lynn, Elaine: The Book Club Reads "Conversations on Consciousness"

Rafferty, John: Things In Life Learned, So Far – Part 2

Unsigned: Giving Credit Where It's Due ... But of Course ...

Harris, Art: Of Swinging Chickens, *Shatnes*, and the 613 Commandments

Unsigned (NYTimes Edit) (R): The Cons of Creationism

Judson, Olivia (R): Optimism in Evolution

Beer, Giddian (Letter): re July PIQUE

Lindley, Bill (Letter): re July PIQUE

Light, Flash (Letter): re July PIQUE

Rafferty, John: We Made the Honor Roll

Pence, James: If I Was a Terrorist
Unsigned: Thank You, Volunteers
Unsigned: Corrections
McCain, John (filler): John McCain Supports Cloning

October, 2008

Rafferty, John: "Pulpit Freedom Sunday": The Religious Right's Latest Assault on the Constitution
Rafferty, John: A Secular Crib Sheet for Voting this November
Harris, Arthur: Conservative Humanism
Harmon, Amy (R): A Teacher on Evolution's Front Line
Appleman, Philip: A Teach of Evolution Responds (to Harmon)
Unsigned: Church of England to Darwin: Sorry. Oh, Wait, um ... Never Mind
Watterson, Bill (R): Hobbes Parses Evolution for Calvin
Zimmerman, James (R): ATHEISM: a•the•ism [noun]
Asimov, Isaac (R): Isaac Asimov on the Rational Minority
Unsigned: Faith: 2. Rationalism: 0.
Unsigned: Religion as Entertainment in Italy
Lynn, Elaine: "The Future of Freedom" by Fareed Zakaria
Franklin, Ben (filler): two wolves and a lamb, democracy and freedom
O'Rourke, P.J. (filler): No drug ... bad as stupidity, etc.
Unsigned: The Wicked Witch of the Right, Again
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Compare Sins
Jesus and Mo (R): Mohammed's Perception Problem
Appleman, Phil: Here's Another Letter ... One The Times Will Never Print
Unsigned: Just A Few More Six-Word Memoirs
Rafferty, John: October 12 is Freethought Day
Unsigned: And Celebrate October 23: Happy 6012th Birthday, World!

November 2008

Milligan, Samuel: Confucianism as a Secular Ethical System
Neubauer, Steve (R): Religion is a Lot Like Tobacco
Allen, Steve (filler) (R): Don't understand no interest in religion
Scientific American (R): Spooky Science: Does a Fear of Ghosts Keep Us Honest?
Van Biema, David (R): More Spooky: Do Angels Keep Us Safe?
Unsigned: Think of This the Next Time You think "Real Science" Has All The Answers
Milner, Richard: The Origin of Modern Agnosticism
Multiple Contributors: Define Yourself: Readers Respond
Beer, Giddian: Are We Alone?
Unsigned: Another Dastardly Attack in The War Against Christianity
Unsigned: Didn't We Settle All This in 1865?
Harris, Arthur: My Conversion to Heathen
Wachtel, Harvey: letter re Happy Birthday World (Oct PIQUE)
Lippe, Bill: letter re No bad guys on religious left?
Unsigned: Fox News' Bill O'Reilly Discovers a New Proof of God's Existence. It's Bill O'Reilly!
JesusAndMo (R): Jesus and Mo at the Thanksgiving Table
Rafferty, John: Saying Grace at Thanksgiving
Unsigned: Here Come Christmas and Hanukah. So what?
Notice: December PIQUE Will (Probably) Be Late

December 2008

The Nation (R): Why We Vote

Notice: 'Tis the Season to Support Operation Foxhole Atheists

Notice: Obama's First Hundred Days: Your 100-Word Suggestions, Please

Rafferty, John: (On) The Varieties of Scientific Experience, by Carl Sagan

Rafferty, John: Another Letter the Times Didn't Print

Unsigned: Religion Round-Up 'Round the World

Rafferty, Colin: Letter re "Think of this next time ..." (Nov PIQUE)

Beer, Giddian: Letter follow-up to "Are We Alone?" (Nov PIQUE)

Dickhoff, Robert: Letter re "Are We Alone?" (Nov PIQUE)

Notice: Two More 2008 Dumbth Award Nominees

Notice: And the Early Favorite for 2009 Is ...

Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense, Parts 1-2

Unsigned: Metacognition? Rats!

Cline, Austin (R): What Christmas Wars?

Peikoff, Dr. Leonard (R): Christmas Should be More Commercial

Condell, Pat (R): Christmas Partying with Jesus

Unsigned: Born in a Manger, Wandered in Deserts and Galilee, and
Still No Permanent Address

Fugelsang, John (R): filler: Jesus/Elvis fan clubs freak me out

Anonymous (R): filler: Christmas: a holiday celebrated by ... etc.

Unsigned (R): Miracle Toast

Unsigned: And Feliz Navidad to You, Too, Steve

Unsigned: Merry Hanukkah from the White House

Notice: Give PIQUE for the "Holy Days"

January 2009

Unsigned: Happy New Year

Rafferty, John: Late Night Thoughts on the Start of the Just-Ended
Season of Peace and Joy

Kurtz, Paul (R): Is Belief in God Essential for Moral Virtue?

Anonymous (R): filler: "secular humanists ... don't steal"

Harris, Arthur: Aux Armes!

Pettinger, Paul (R): filler: "secularism is about ..."

Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationism Nonsense – Parts 3-4

Dickhoff, Bob: Bob Dickhoff Recommends ...

Notice: And the 2008 SHSNY Dumbth Award Goes to ... You Choose!

Reed, Martine: The SHSNY/CFI-New York Theater Group Sees – and
Reviews – "The Atheist"

Unsigned: Larry Beinhart Reads (Just a Little) from "Salvation Boulevard"

Multiple Contributors: Obama's First Hundred Days: Our 100-Word Suggestions

Unsigned (R): And Guess What the Rest of the Country Wants Him to Do

Schissel, Chic: Yes, We Are Really, Really Alone

Watterson, Bill (R): filler: "... surest sign that intelligent life ..."

Geller, Ruth N. (R): Evolution is So Over ... Or Not

Higgins, Andrew (R): How is This "Muslim" Not Dead?

Notice: We Gain a New Recruit

February 2009

Ingersoll, Robert Green (R): England's Noblest and Her Grandest

Wilson, Edward O. (R): Charles Darwin's Difficult Legacy

Editors of Scientific American, The (R): Why Everyone Should Learn the Theory

of Evolution
Unsigned: “No One Has Seen Human Evolution,” the Creationists Argue. Oh,
Really?
Leonard, Andrew (R): Can Humans Really Alter Earth’s Climate? It Seems We’ve
Done It Before
Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense – Parts 5-6-7
Blow, Charles M. (R): Heaven for the Godless?
Rafferty, John: I’m Not Surprise and I am Surprised
Multiple Contributors: More Suggestions for the Obama Administration’s First 100
Days
Whitmore, Wayne, M.D. (R): Secularism and Libertarianism: Rooted in Reason
Arents, John: John Arents Responds to Art Harris
Harris, Art: Art Harris Responds to the Response
Lynn, Elaine: Elaine Lynn Chastens John Rafferty
Beer, Giddian: Giddian Beer Takes on Paul Kurtz, Too
Unsigned: Another Setback for Muslim Women
Henick, Alfred: Self-Hypnosis
Darwin, Charles (R): Let’s Give the Last Words to Darwin (multiple quotes)

March 2009

Notice: The 2008 SHSNY Dumbth Award: Ben Stein Sweeps the Field!
Kaplan, Marty (R): The Science of 44
Overbye, Dennis (R): Elevating Science, Elevating Democracy
Harris, Art: Anti-Stem Cell Research: The Logic Trap
Lifton, Barbara: Miracle on the Hudson, Barbara Lifton, Skeptical SHSNY
Reporter
Murtha, Robert A. (Reviewer): The SHSNY Book Club Reads “Spirituality for the
Skeptic by Robert C. Solomon
Mora, Carlos Martin (Reporter): Darwin’s 200th Birthday Celebration
Filler: A Thought for Saint Patrick’s Day
Notice: The SHSNY Bus Slogan Contest
Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense, Parts 8-9-10
Meyers, PZ, Pharyngula (R): Stirring Up the Snakes
Barber, Matt (R): Baal Worship: The Power of Liberalism
Beer, Giddean (Debate Reporter): Away With All Gods (Baal, too?)
Nash, Ogden (filler) (R): “The door of a bigoted mind ...”
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #72
Verstandig, Milton: Secular Double Standards
Schissel, Chic: Libertarianism: Rooted in Reason?
Jesus & Mo: The Barmaid Embraces Fideism
Turgenev, Ivan (filler) (R): “Whatever a man prays for ...”
Russell, Bertrand (filler) (R): “What makes a freethinker ...”
Hein, Piet (filler) (R): “Knowing what ...”
Rafferty, John: Albert Schweitzer, Dr. Livingston and the Shoe Lady
Rafferty, Colin – Pictorial Essay: Two Pictures Worth a Million Words
Ivins, Mollie (Filler) (R): “So keep fighting for freedom ...”

April 2009

Jacoby, Susan (R): Keeping the Faith, Ignoring the History
Harris, Art: Art Harris Responds to Milt Verstandig's Response
Rafferty, John: When "Pro-Life" Means Pro-Abortion
Rafferty, John: And When "Pro-Life" is Anti-Child
Unsigned: And If the Vatican is Still Wondering Why Congregations are Shrinking ...
Rafferty, John (Reporter): William Lobdell Tells an Overflow Audience All About *Losing My Religion*
Unsigned: The Boss on Evolution in New Jersey
April Fool (R): Black Man Given Nation's Worst Job
April Fool (R)!: New ice-Cream Flavor Honors Obama: Yes, Pecan!
April Fool (R): Large Hadron Collider May Have Destroyed God "By Accident"
April Fool (filler): Saudi bearded ladies
April Fool (R): 32 Percent of Prayers Are Deflected Off Passing Satellites
April Fool: Rudy Giuliani Ends Recount Effort
April Fool (R): Public Notice (USA quality supplier of liberty ...)
April Fool (R): Evolutionists Flock to Darwin-Shaped Wall Stain
April Fool: John Rafferty Admits Editorial Bias
Notice: The SHSNY Bus Slogan Contest
Unsigned: We Have 2009's First Dumbth Nominee: Pope Benedict XVI
Unsigned: And We Have Our Second: Michele Bachman
Rafferty, John (Reviewer): Karma, Dharma, Pudding & Pie by Philip Appleman
Harris, Art: Jews, Faith & Bernie Madoff
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Discuss Africa and ... Um
Sirota, David (R): We're Addicted to Fake Outrage (and our drug policy is idiotic)
Vargas Llosa, Alvaro (R): We Can't Win "The War on Drugs"

May 2009

Rafferty, John: Shame
Sullivan, Andrew (R): The Torture Report
Fischer, David Hackett (R): In America's Most Perilous Struggle, "A Policy of Humanity"
Rowell, George: Hard Drugs: A Social Cancer
Rafferty, John: (Response to Rowell, same issue) – 5/09
Sirota, David (R): Our Nation's Narcotics Policy is Drug-Fueled Madness
Millman, Irv: How Unbiased and Enlightened are We Secular Humanists?
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #55
Bering, Jesse (R): Is Evolutionary Thinking Unnatural?
Notice: We Have a Few More Suggestions for a SHSNY Godless Bus Ad Slogan
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #1: Because It Just Keeps Getting Better
Unsigned: Going Somewhere? Try Not to Book on Tuninter Airlines
Unsigned: The Sensitive, Comprehensible, Merciful Vatican
Jesus and Mo (R): Mohammed Reflects on the Easter Season Just Past
Kleupfel, Charles: Which Libertarianism?
Verstandig, Milt: Government is No Substitute for Reason
Whitmore, Wayne G., M.D.: Individual Property Rights are the Core Principle of Libertarianism
Parcival (R): The False God of the Lie
Unsigned: We Have Our Next Dumbth Nominee (Glenn Beck)
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #114
Unsigned: "Zero Tolerance" in the Nanny Societies

June 2009

Rafferty, John: Secularism vs. Democracy: Which Side Are You On?
Krugman, Paul (R): Reclaiming America's Soul
Unsigned: Jesse Venture (No Squishy Liberal) On Waterboarding
Marquand, Robert (R): 2001: Afghanistan; 2003: Iraq; 2010: Holland
Aronson, Ronald (R): 40 Million Nonbelievers
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Deplore New-Atheist Name-Calling
Jesus and Mo (R): The Barmaid Explains Modern Mockery for Jesus and Mo
Goodstein, Laurie (R): More Atheists Shout It from the Rooftops
Rafferty, John: Shackin' Up With God
Rafferty, John (Reporter): Our Day of Reason/Week of Reason Was a Huge Success
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): Faith & Reason
Allen, Ethan (filler) (R): "In those parts of the world ..."
Kristof, Nicholas D. (R): Islam, Virgins and Grapes
Wheeler, Brad: Brad Wheeler's Letter to The Times Invites Kristof Back to the Real World
Unsigned: And Meanwhile, Back in That Real Muslim World
Middlebrooks, Dennis: While In the World's Most Scientifically-Advanced Country ...
Unsigned: One Reason Humanists are Mets Fans
Unsigned (R): Political Correctness Correctly Defined
Unsigned: Only 16 Shopping Days to Xmas

July 2009

Rafferty, John: What a Mess
Sullivan, Andrew (R): This I Believe – July 4
Myers, P Z, Pharyngula: The Disgrace of the Irish Catholic Church
Unsigned (R): The Mendacity of Bill Donohue of the Catholic League
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus & Mo on Irish Catholic Abuse
Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense – Part 11
Kristof, Nicholas D. (R): Is Your Morality Conservative or Liberal? Take the Test to Find Out
Aaronovich, David (R): God Is Not Back
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus & Mo on Free Speech and the Defamation of Religion
Anderson, Clive, CounterPunch (R): "Stupefied!" The Bush-Years Religious Craze Was True – All of It
Freston, Kathy (R): What If We Were All Vegetarians, Just for a Day?
Unsigned (R): He Played God, But What He Really Wants to do is Direct
Unsigned (R): What Would Jesus Do? Torture!
Unsigned (R): What Else Would Jesus Do? Kill!
Miller, Wiley (R): Preconceptual Science – You Know, Like "Creation Science" – Explained
Unsigned: Secularism vs. Democracy. Some Answers to the Question: Which Side are You on?
Harris, Art
Lifton, Barbara
Middlebrooks, Dennis
Kaufman, Jeff
Dickhoff, Robert
Doerr, Edd, President, Americans for Religious Liberty

Storch, Sim
Rafferty, John
Angier, Natalie (R): Cosmic Proportions and the Emptiness of Space
Sagan, Carl (R): Carl Sagan on those Same Cosmic Proportions
Unsigned: John Quincy Adams, Born July 11, 1767
Unsigned: Sam Milligan Retires from the Board

September, 2009

Shermer, Michael (R): Genesis Revisited: A Scientific Creation Story
Ingersoll, Robert (R): filler – believe Garden of Eden story?
Rafferty, John: Janet McCloskey Robbins Strauss: 1925-2008
Kelly, Giles: Confessions of a Humanist on Visiting Washington's National Cathedral
Brooks, David (R): Evolutionary Psychology
Jesus & Mo (R): Moses Explains Apophatic Theology to Jesus and Mo
Unsigned: More on "Secularism vs. Democracy"
Friedland, Stanley
Whitmore, Wayne
Harris, Arthur
Anonymous Alcoholic Atheist: Good Christians, Bad Manners
Jackson, Robert (R): filler: two kinds of thought (their own and evil)
Grayling, A.C. (R): The Curse of Religion
Grayling, A.C. (R): More from Philosopher A.C. Grayling
Klein, Marty (R): Abortion: "Morally Equivalent" Doesn't Mean "Politically Equivalent"
Unsigned (R): But Isn't "Abstinence Only" the Only Sex Education We Need?
Middlebrooks, Dennis: Dennis Middlebrooks Writes *The Daily News* about Murderer George Sodini
Florien, Daniel (R): Is George Sodini with Jesus?
Herbert, Bob (R): Bob Herbert Has another Point of View
Notice: We Have Two More Candidates for the 2009 SHSNY Dumbth Award (Joe the Plumber and Sen. John Thune)
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #92 (MO: AK-47 w/purchase of pickup)
Unsigned: Manning the Ramparts in Defense of the Language of Shakespeare and Milton
Unsigned: Religion Round the World: A Summer of Silliness and Stupidity
Jesus & Mo (R): Moses Makes Jesus, Mo and the Barmaid Sick
Unsigned: An Egregious Omission Corrected (re JQAdams July 2009)
Schissel, Chic: Letter (re Veggie for a Day July 2009)
Unsigned: The Preachers were Right: He's the Devil's Spawn!
Unsigned: Oh, No, Brad Pitt's Going to Hell, Too!

October, 2009

Rafferty, John (reporting): The Godless Mafia Meets
Miller, Lisa (R): We Are All Hindus Now
Araujo, Derek C.: Ted Kennedy on Church and State
Rafferty, John: SHSNY (and Friends) Fight Catholic League Censorship
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus, Mo & the Barmaid on Silence and Mockery
Light, Flash: You Can't Sue God. No, You Really Can't
Nussbaum, Alexander: Evolutionary Psychology is as Beyond-a-Doubt True as is Evolution

Begley, Sharon (R): (Un)Wired for God
Wright, Robert (R): Morality: Evolved, or Part of the Reality of the Universe?
Oswalt, Patton (R): Sky Cake
Carter, Jimmy (R): America's Best-Known "Born Again" Thinks Again
Rafferty, John: A Respectful Disagreement
Unsigned: Our Three Major Western Religions in Love-Thy-Neighbor Mode
Skeptics Dictionary (R): Tooth Fairy Science and Fairy Tale Science
Trudeau, Gary (R): Doonesbury Disses "Reasonists"
Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense – Part 12
Lohan, Tara (R): Who Walks Bowser While You're in Heaven?
Unsigned: God's Game Plan
Unsigned: Only 3% of Oklahoma H.S. Students Would Pass the U.S.
Citizenship Test
Unsigned: Dumb ... and Fatally Dumber
Notice: SHSNY Website – New and Improved

November 2009

Notice: Big Apple Coalition of Reason and BigAppleCoR.org are Launched
Unsigned (NYT) (R): Faith-Based Discrimination
Gilgoff, Dan (R): Four Ways the "No Religion" Boom Will Alter American
Politics
Rafferty, John: Word Up
Williams, Mary Elizabeth (R): Monkeying with Darwin
Unsigned: A Thoughtful Creationist Analysis
Waldman, Steven (R): Deism: It's Back
Silverman, Sarah (R): Sarah Silverman's Plan to End World Hunger
Trillin, Calvin (R): The Liberal (Usually Humanist) Left Turns Itself Inside
Out for an "Artist"
Filler: Jean Anouilh on God and the rich
Filler: "The Simpsons" on Americans and dead "heroes"
Notice: SHSNY Celebrates Freethought Month and "Poetic Atheism" with
Jennifer Michael Hecht
Harding, Kate (R): Another Child Dies of Unanswered Prayers
Henick, Alfred: Who's Guilty?
Silverman, Herb (R): How is Vaccination "Controversial"?
Miller, Wiley (R): Stupidity or Ignorance Seem to be Our Choices
Unsigned: It Isn't "Liberal Media Bias" – It's Crap Bias
Horwitz, Tony (R): The Real First Thanksgiving
Paul & Storm (R): The Way-Too-Early Christmas Song
Rafferty, Colin: A Catholic Funds an Abortion
Clark-Flory, Tracy (R): Islamist Anti-Woman Insanity
Lynn, Barry (R): Thanks, We Think
Rafferty, John: October 7, 2009, A Date That Will Live in Somedamnthng
or Other
Notice: More Unraveling In Amherst

December 2009

Keillor, Garrison (R): A New York Kind of Holiday
Harrison, Kathryn (R): The Man Who Invented Christmas
ThisIsTrue (R): The Poop on Christmas
Hardy, Thomas (R): Christmas, 1924
Stenger, Carlo (R): Atheism: A Class Distinction?
Dacey, Austin (R): The Secularist Case Against "Atheism 3.0"
Sanderson, Terry (R): I'm a Confirmed Indifferent
Spivak, Anton: Whatever Happened to "Rhymes-With-Shmashmorton"?
Rafferty, John: A Biblical Education
Notice: Last Call for Dumbth Nominations
Unsigned: What the Pope's Suggestion That Dissident Flocks in the CofE ...
Unsigned: Change We Don't Believe In
TheOnion.com (R): December Named National Awareness Month
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Salute the Humanist Bus & Subway Campaigns
Unsigned: Notes for the Underground
TheDailyMash (R): Church of Scientology Guilty of Acting Like a Church
Rafferty, John: December 21, 2012

January 2010

Rafferty, John: The Swiss Question ... and Answers, I Hope
Harris, Art: Return of the Nativist
Johnston, Rowena: A Joyless Decision on "Gay" Marriage
Parris, Matthew (R): Religion as a Jigsaw Puzzle
Blow, Charles M. (R): Mr. Potato-Head Religious Mashups
Unsigned: Church & State in Japan
Notice: Cast Your Vote for the SHSNY Dumbth-of-the-Year, 2009
Unsigned: A Past Dumbth Winner and a Certain Future Nominee Rewrite History
Tierney, John (R): How Will Religion Evolve?
 NYTimes Readers Respond (to above)
Lemaire, Brian: The State of Church-State Issues
Rafferty, John: Speaking of Which ... East Ramapo, Again
Beer, G.: Understanding "The Culture of Life"
Unsigned: Modern Judaism
Unsigned: Shameless
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #79 (Bibles in Texas jury room)
Unsigned: Signs of Our Times
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #125 (trying to unseat NC atheist politico)

February 2010

Judson, Olivia (R): The Origin of Darwin
Rafferty, John: One Opposable Thumb Up for Darwin, One Prehensile Tail Down
 for Blue People (A Review of "Creation" and of "Avatar")
Rafferty, John: The Other Birthday Boy of February 12, 1809
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): On the Scope of Skeptical Inquiry: Skepticism, Athesim &
 Political Theory
Sagan, Carl (R): On "Spirit"
Rafferty, John: Of Minarets In Switzerland, Immigrants in America, and School
 Boards in East Ramapo
Vogel, David
Middlebrooks, Dennis
Reed, Martine

Friedland, Stan
Nussbaum, Alexander
Friedberg, Barbara
Offenhartz, Harvey
Schissel, Chic

Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus & Mo Settle the Debate
Unsigned: What's Your Philosophy Type?
Middlebrooks, Dennis: The Dietary Benefits of Religion
Unsigned: In Texas He'd Have Been Promoted
Lepore, Jill (R): Murders 'R' Us
Unsigned: 2010 Looks Like a Great Year in Dumbth
Unsigned (R): The Ridiculous Claims Quiz
Aurelius, Marcus (R): Marcus Aurelius on The Good Life
Notice: March PIQUE Will Be Late

March 2010

Rafferty, John: James Madison: March 16, 1751 – June 28, 1836
Murtha, Robert A., Jr.: Re Swiss Minarets and Muslim Immigrants
Twain, Mark (filler) (R): human is bad enough for me
Sullivan, Andrew (R): Why the Trial Should Be in Criminal Court in New York City
Wooldrige, Adrian (filler) (R): September 11 an act of religious war
Anonymous (R): ProtestorsTake Mass Homeopathy Overdose, Get Sugar Rush
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus, Mo & Moses Debate Homeopathy
Park, Robert (R): Cell Phones are Found to Emit Nonsense
Unsigned: We Celebrate Darwin Day, Our 22nd Anniversary, and Pope Benedict XVI
(Photo Essay): 66 For Dinner
Dawkins, Richard Foundation (R): Haitian Relief and American Secularism
Rafferty, John: "Miracles" in Haiti ... "As Seen on TV"
ABC News, Australia (R): A Great Read-Between-the-Lines Story
Mohler, Albert – Baptist Preacher (R): Answer Us This, Pat Robertson
Kelly, Giles: Secular Humanist Spirituality?
Christina, Greta (R): Why We Don't Need Religion to Give Life Mystery
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Find Meaning in Myths
Middlebrooks, Dennis: Philosophy as a Two-Edged Sword
Unsigned: In the 21st Century, In a Country Equipped with Nuclear Weapons
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #88
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #89
Tencer, Daniel (R): South Carolina Solves the Terrorists-in-our-Midst Problem
Unsigned (R): Savonarola is Alive and Well in Alcoa, Tennessee
Unsigned: It's About Time

April 2010

Unsigned: What is the Secular Coalition for America?
Rafferty, John: The Texas School Board is Not Conservative
Reed, Martine: The Door to Freedom is in the Wall of Separation
Christina, Greta (R): Why "Everything Has a Cause" is no Justification For God's Existence
Goldstein, Rebecca Newberger (R): Morality and the Argument From The View from Nowhere

Rennie, John (R): 15 Answers to Creationist Nonsense – Part 13
April Fool: *Ich Gewonnen Habe! Ich Gewonnen Habe!*
April Fool (R): Pope Reverses Ban on Abortion
April Fool: 3.4 Trillion Prayers Recalled in “Quality Control” Effort
April Fool (R): Some Prayers Are Finally Answered
April Fool: South Dakota Legislature Enacts “One Foot” Abortion Law
April Fool (R): Supreme Court Gives Gore’s Nobel Prize to Bush
April Fool (R): Church Cancelled Due to Lack of God
Nussbaum, Alexander: Is Homo sapiens the Reasoning Animal?
Steel, Mark (R): Sex Education in a Catholic School
Friedrichs, Ellen (R): The Definition of Crazy
Henley, Kari (R): Is the “Easter” We Know a Joke?
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Celebrate Good Friday
Quatro, Jamie (R): God Texts the 10 Commandments to Moses
Jesus & Mo (R): Jesus Explains the Importance of the Commandments to the Barmaid
Unsigned: Jesus of Nazareth: Commie Nazi
Limbaugh, Rush: Promises, Promises

May 2010

Unsigned (R): New from Paul Kurtz: “Neo-Humanism”
Rafferty, John: Why I Did Not Sign On
Lynn, Elaine: Atheists at Play in New Jersey: A Report on American Atheists, Inc.’s 36th Annual Convention
Anonymous: *Now You’re Getting Mad?*
Keiller, Garrison (R): The Sensible Virtues
Light, Flash: Cloning, “Engineered Immortality,” and the Long View
Unsigned: Great Minds Think Alike
Rafferty, John: May is “Lying for Jesus” Month
Dowd, Maureen (R): Women Can Clean Up the Messes Made by Men in Dresses
Dawkins, Richard (filler) (R): Ratzinger Should Not Resign
Williams, Mary Elizabeth (R): Who’s *Really* to Blame?
Unsigned: For All Those Climate-Change Deniers Who Mocked Al Gore During Last Winter’s Snowstorms
Unsigned: Pity the Poor Islamic Fundamentalist, Beset On All Sides by Well, the World
Dvorak, Petula (R): One Business Failure We Can Celebrate
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #66
Goodwin, Michael (R): Christian Soldier Overdid It a Tad
Angier, Natalie (R): All in Good Time
Rafferty, John: A Delightful New Book and a New SHSNY Contest
Eagleman, David (R): Sum
The SHSNY Afterlife Contest
Unsigned: A Dumbth Nominee Who Makes the Others Look Smart

June 2010

National Academy of Science (R): Climate Change and the Integrity of Science
Wise, Tim (R): What If the Tea Party Was “A Black Thing?”
Unsigned: Okay Fellow Liberals, What’s the Party-Line Position on This?
Unsigned: Opposition Paints Alabama Politician as Rational, Sane. He Denies It.
Clark-Flory, Tracy (R): The Month in Islamic Crazy

Unsigned (R): Sarah Palin Flunks Middle-School American History. Again.
Notice: SHSNY's "Day of Reason" Brunch Was a Smash Success
Notice: New York's "Reasonables" Turned Out in Big Numbers for Massimo
Pigliucci's New Book
Wright, Robert (R): Ethics for Extraterrestrials
Notice: Paul Kurtz Resigns
Gregory, Leland (R): Jesus On Eggs
McMellon, Chuck (Reporter): Our Lady of the Bedroom Floor
Dacey, Austin (R): Decomposing Humanism: Why Replace Religion?
Notice: The Afterlife Is Cancelled
Wills, Gary (R): Raping Jesus
Middlebrooks, Dennis: Cancel the Mother Teresa Postage Stamp
Unsigned: You Ran Over *Who*?
Lifton, Barbara: Barbara Lifton Takes on Paul Kurtz and "Neo-Humanism"
Rafferty, John: (Pro)-Life Imitates (Satirical) Art

July 2011

Rafferty, John: We are now a Charter Chapter of the American Humanist
Association
Gibson, David (R): Secularist Schism Widens, Threatening a Movement's
Finances – and Future?
Schissel, Chic: Kurtz's "Kinder, Gentler" Humanism is the Right Tack to Take
Marxer, Donna: Vatican Haiku
Rafferty, John: Arizona Nun Excommunicated for Saving a (Mother of Four)
Woman's Life
Unsigned: White-Washing
Unsigned: George Washington and Abe Lincoln: Trash-Talking Homophobes
Unsigned: And Speaking (Stupidly) of "DADT" ...
Unsigned: Alabama Refuses to Concede "Stupidest State" Status to Arizona
Notice: Our Newest Dumbth Nominee Confuses (Proto-Fascist) Fiction with
Reality
Notice: Wait, Wait ... Don't Ever Count Newt Out
Unsigned: Rush Limbaugh, 59, (heart) Kathryn Rogers, 33
Loehr, Davidson (R): Is God Irrelevant?
Christina, Greta (R): Why Did God Create Atheists? (Part 1)
Delamontagne, R. Georges (R): Trinitarianism Explained
Unsigned (R): The Slashdot.com Explanation of the Universe
Henick, Alfred: The Fix Was In
Rafferty, John: World Cup Soccer News from the Talibans: Religious and
Secular
Unsigned: Statue of Jesus Destroyed by Act of God
Ingersoll, Robert (R): Ingersoll on the 1876 Centennial of the Declaration of
Independence, July 4, 1876
Notice: Reminder: No Pique in August

September 2010

FunnyOrDie (R): Religion: The Commercial
Blow, Charles M. (R): Let's Watch Out for Our Left Flank
Frantz, Karen (R): Congratulations, Australia
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #62 (Florida Koran burning)
Christina, Greta (R): Why Did God Create Atheists – Part 2
Rafferty, John: Hey, Getcha Red-Hot Opinions Here!
Hitchens, Christopher (R): Loony Prince Charley
Brooks, David (R): The Moral Naturalists
Zafon, Carlos Ruiz (R): ... And the Flesh Bleeds
Krauss, Lawrence M. (R): Hold Religious Leaders Accountable
Luther, Martin (filler) (R): If a woman grows old ...
Unsigned (R): Famous Christian Quits Christianity
Dowd, Maureen (R): If Roman Polanski were a Priest ...
Sullivan, Andrew (filler) (R): "they pretend ... we pretend"
Notice: Irving Jacks, 1925-2010
Unsigned (R): "Humanists Announce Formation of New Institute Dedicated to Ethics"
Kurtz, Paul (R): Neo-Humanist Statement of Secular Principles and Values
DeDora, Michael (letter): On CFI/CSH/CSI
Harris, Art (letter): On Paul Kurtz
Henick, Al (letter): On "Touchdown Jesus"
Schissel, Chic (letter): On Obama's "Targeted Killings"
Franklin, Benjamin (filler re Schissel): "deserve neither liberty nor safety"
Nietzsche (filler re Schissel): "the abyss gazes also into you"
Middlebrooks, Dennis (letter): On the Pledge of Allegiance
Notice: Re: Letters and PIQUE Editorial Policy
Rafferty, John: I Told You, I Told You, and I Told You
Notice: Help Wanted! Call for Volunteers!

October 2010

Rafferty, John: About the "Ground Zero Mosque"
Wright, Lawrence (R): Intolerance
Harris, Art: Beware of Elephants and Camels
Henick, Al: Move the Mosque to the U.N.
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo on Interfaith Harmony
Tomorrow, Tom (R): The "News of the Galaxy" is Just as Puerile as It is Here
Letters on Hate Crime Law:
 Owens, Nan
 Middlebrooks, Dennis
 Cosentino, Remo
Unsigned: Theologian of the Month: Lady Gaga
Unsigned (R): Realist of the Month: Woody Allen
Lynn, Elaine: I'm Real, You May or May Not Be
Pigliucci, Massimo (R): The Place of Science
DeVega, Chauncey (R): When Stupid People Don't Know They are Stupid
Keillor, Garrison (R): Garrison Keillor on Anti-Elitism
Iyriboz, Tunç: Turkey's Choice: An Islamic Trojan Horse?
Unsigned: The Great Debate Continues
Unsigned: George Rowell 1929-2010
 Peter Rowell
 Milt Verstandig

John and Gabriele Arents
Unsigned (R): Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid, and Stick to your Diet on Halloween

November 2010

Babelgum (R): Elect the Willfully Ignorant! The 2010 All-Purpose, Any-Candidate Political TV Commercial
Unsigned: The Newest (and Odds-On Favorite) 2010 Dumbth-Award Candidate
Conn, Joseph L. (R): A Christian Minister Makes the Case for Separation
Kohn, Sally (R): Glenn Beck's "Collective Salvation" Myth Misuses American History – Again
Rafferty, John: Two Footnotes to the Chilean Miners "Miracle"
Appleman, Phil: Thanksgiving
Murtha, Bob (reporter): "Great Lectures": Great Start
Rafferty, John (reporter) Our October 10 Freethought Day Brunch Was a Rousing Success
Marxer, Donna: Now You Can Pay Your SHSNY Dues, Buy a Subscription, Prepay for an Event, or Make a Donation – On PayPal
Goodstein, Laurie (R): We Aren't Ignorant of Religion, We're the Ones Who Understand It
Daily Mash (R): Religious Belief Linked to Being a Bit Dim
Rafferty, John: Pancakes, Not Prayers, Make People Happy
Unsigned: Sol Abrams, 1923-2010
Hedges, Chris (Truthdig) (R): Let's Call the New Tyranny by Its Name: Radical Christianity
Unsigned: Your Tax Dollars at Work: Giving a Whole New Meaning to "Tone Deaf"
Wachtel, Harvey (letter): Yet Another Letter on Hate Crime Law
Middlebrooks, Dennis (letter): More on the "Ground Zero Mosque"
Rafferty, John: Ho-Hum
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #109
Unsigned: Except for the Archbishop, Maybe We Should Live in Australia
Dobyns, Stephen (R): Confession

December 2010

Gordon, John Steele (R): A Brief History of Christmas, Both of Them
Jesus and Mo (R): The True Meaning of Christmas
Brooks, David (R): The Hanukkah Story
Rafferty, John: The Supremes Take Instruction from the Archbishop
Johnson, Steve (R): Flies, Elephants, Cities & Ideas, Or, Why We Live in New York
Unsigned: Wait, One Last (Belated) Dumbth Nominee
Marxer, Donna: Our Partners and Pals: The Plants (A précis of "The Botany of Desire" by Michael Pollan)
Pollan, Michael (R): Opiates are the Religion of the People, Not the Other Way Around
Henick, Al (letter): The "Mosque" Keeps Inspiring Letters
Martin, Steve (R): Atheists Don't Have No Songs
Ingersoll, Robert (filler) (R): (sense of humor/religion)
Russell, Bertrand (filler) (R): (God unlikely to be vain)
Rafferty, John: Holiday Gifts for Freethinkers
Unsigned (R): To Conclude Our Holiday Editorial, A Heartwarming

Christmas Story
Unsigned: What Has Secularism Done to Norway?
Miller, Wiley (R): The Church of Danae, Version 2.0
Unsigned: A Call to PIQUE Readers: What Would Be Your Advice?

January, 2011

Haught, James A. (R): Is This Really the Biggest News Story of Modern Times?
Park, Robert L. (R): Watson and Crick Walk Into a Bar ...
Lanza, Robert, M.D. (R): Why Are You Here?
Unsigned (cartoon) (R): As the Three Kings/Magi/Wise Men Make Their Way ...
Cousineau, Dick (R): Corliss Lamont 1902-1995
Rafferty, John: We're Number 84! We're Number 84!
Notice: Who Gets the Dumbth-of-the-Year 2010 Award? Cast Your Vote!
Christina, Greta (R): Is Atheism A Belief? Part 1.
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo on Atheism as a Faith
Rafferty, John: Religious Right: Obama Has No Business Quoting the Founders
National Secular Society (UK) (R): Before We Get All Excited About the Pope's
"U-Turn" on Condoms ...
Filler: Bumper Sticker of the Month: He's Your God ...
Navarro, Joseph (R): Report from California: The Two Basic Flavors of Ideology
Broughton, John (letter): A Conservative Critique of November PIQUE
Lindley, Bill (letter): Letter from California: On Brunch, Prayer and Pancakes
NYTimes Obituary (R): Edward F. McCartan
McCartan, Rita: Edward F. McCartan: An Extraordinary Life
Rafferty, John: Nutcase Christians Honor Just Some of America's Soldiers ... But
All of Nazi Germany's
Unsigned: Meet Richard Milner, SHSNY's Newest Honorary Member

February 2011

Notice: SHSNY Election Notice
Unsigned: It's Official: Britain is Secular
Pinker, Steven (R): Western Civilization is Humanism, and We Should
Claim It
Diamond, Jared (R): Religion is Theft
Cartoon (R): The Invention of Religion
Rafferty, John: Are We Missing the Most Important News of All Time?
Christina, Greta (R): Is Atheism a Belief? Part 2: Let's Get Rid of "Belief"
Itself
Notice: We Have Our First 2011 Dumbth Nominee
Cupp, S.E. (R): The Arrogance of Atheists
Middlebrooks, Dennis: One Atheist Responds
Rafferty, John: And So Does Another
Gervais, Ricky (R): Why I Am an Atheist
Schissel, Chic: Why Are We Here? Is the Answer Solipsism?
Unsigned: Hitchens Remains Hitchens, Right to the (Almost) End
Leopold, Jason (R): How Can You Be Qualified to Kill People If You're Not
"Spiritual"?
Why We Live in New York #78 (Glen Beck ratings in NYC drop)
Why We Live in New York #79 (KY "Ark Encounter" boondoggle)
Notice: Meet Carl Marxer, SHSNY's Newest Board Member

March 2011

Skeptics Dictionary (R): Contrary-To-Fact Conditionals, the Tucson Massacre and the Media
Kristof, Nicholas D. (R): Autos Don't Kill People, People ... Etc.
Light, Flash: The Question Is: Is Atheism a Belief? The Answer Is: Yes
Henick, Al: Belief and Unbelief: Who Cares?
Sagan, Carl: Why Believe at All?
Notice: Craig T. Nelson Wins the 2010 SHSNY Dumbth Award
Cousineau, Dick (R): Whence the Term "Dumbth"? Humanist Humorist Steve Allen, 1921-2000
Unsigned: Why We Live in New York #61 (Repub Gov Bentley of Alabama)
Unsigned: We Celebrate Darwin Day, Chinese New Year, The Dumbthest of Last Years and, What the Hell, Ourselves
Rafferty, John: Where Do We Go From Here? What Shall We *Do*?
Unsigned: A Humanist Joke for St. Patrick's Day
Scislowska, Monika (R): Just In Case You Thought the Catholic Church Had Advanced Beyond the 14th Century ...
Schopenhauer, Arthur (filler): "no absurdity so palpable ..."
Beal, Timothy (R): A Question for Creationists: Which Creation?
Tyson, Neil deGrasse: Neil deGrasse Tyson Makes the Case for Mars ... and For Science
Unsigned: Have a Slice of Pi on March 14.
Notice: The SHSNY Board of Directors Election Attracts Two New Nominees

April 2011

Brooks, David (R): The New Humanism
New York Times (editorial) (R): Welcome to the Anthropocene
Appleman, Philip (R): God is an Unnecessary Hypothesis
Jesus and Mo (R): Jesus and Mo Instruct the Barmaid in Metaphor
Delamontagne, R. Georges (and George Carlin) (R): Will Jesus Return in a UFO?
Schissel, Chic: On the Quality of Belief
McGowan, Dale (R): Of Babies and Bathwater
Rafferty, John: Where is Keith Olbermann When We Need Him?
Rafferty, John: In Newt Gingrich's World Adultery is Patriotic and One Plus One Plus One Equals Two
Greene, Robert Lane (R): Is Language in Decline? Maybe. And Maybe That's a Good Thing.
Rafferty, John: April Fool: Miramax, Dreamworks, AOL, Google, News Corp, Microsoft, Citicorp and God Ink Pact to Produce "Second Coming"
The Onion: April Fool (R): Gay Teen Worried He Might Be Christian
Rafferty, John: April Fool: Glenn Beck Demands Posthumous Pardon for Joseph Goebbels
Wade, Nicholas (R): Why Are We Smarter Than Chimps? We're More Social, Less Promiscuous
Pitts, Leonard (R): Slouching Toward "Jersey Shore"
Klein, Naomi (R): Why Do Intelligent Right-Wingers Deny the Science of Climate Change?
Kingkade, Tyler (R): Do Half of Iowa Republicans Really Believe Obama is a Muslim?
Jesus and Mo (R): Mohammed Bakes Jesus a Good Friday Cruciversary Cake

Miller, Laura (R): Cream of Bible Soup
Collins Billy (R): Flock