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In Person at 12:30 PM and Online at 1:00 PM

MORALITY DE-MYSTIFIED

To many people, morality seems unnatural, unscientific, and possibly mysterious or supernatural, or subjective and arbitrary. I will argue that there are objective moral facts which are entirely natural, based on scientific concepts like instrumental valuation, recursive thought, and universalizability. We can then both explain why there are so many moral valuations we share in common, and understand we are prone to make certain frequent errors about the content or source of morality.



Scott Forschler

Scott Forschler is an independent scholar with a PhD in philosophy from the University of Minnesota, and a specialization in the foundations of morality and universalizability tests. He is writing a book called *The Logic of Morality*, and is the author of many scholarly articles on ethical theory, and other topics from Flannery O'Connor and Zen Buddhism, to the tension between perfection and workability in engineering design.

This event is free and open to the public. It will be held at Pinnacle Living at 45 Forts Ferry Road in Latham, New York and via Zoom. Light refreshments will be available before the talk. If you are not a current paid CDHS member, please follow the instructions below to request an email invitation to attend.

ANYONE WHO IS NOT A CURRENT PAID MEMBER of CDHS can attend. Send an email request to: CDHS.Albany@gmail.com. Please send the request several days prior, or you may log onto our Meetup page: <https://www.meetup.com/Capital-District-Humanist-Society/>, then click on JOIN, then click on ATTEND, and use the RSVP function, and the link will be available.

The Capital District Humanist Society provides a supportive community for exchanging ideas, heightening our knowledge of the world and ourselves, fostering moral and ethical growth, and promoting the principles of secular humanism. CDHS is a member organization for people with humanist values. Our values include commitment to free inquiry, rational thought, lifelong education, democracy, social concern, and fellowship.

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On Sunday, September 15th, 2024, 12:30 PM (In Person) and 1:00 PM (Online)

The Capital District Humanist Society Presents:

National Preparedness Month:

Emergency Preparedness

Since its inception in 2004, National Preparedness Month is observed in the U.S. during the month of September. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourages everyone to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes and in their communities.

Benjamin Wang was a member of New York City's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) before relocating to the Capital District, when he soon became a member of CDHS. CERT is a community outreach program within NYC's Emergency Management Office, which was established in 1996. CERT members are dedicated volunteers who help prepare their communities for emergencies and disasters. CERT members are trained to support first responders in disaster events, help people displaced from their homes, and educate communities about emergency preparedness. While in NYC, Benjamin participated in many community support events and gave multiple Ready New York presentations for his CERT chapter.

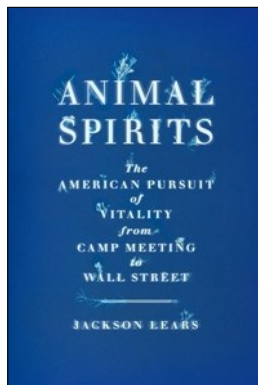


Ben Wang

This meeting will discuss the potential emergencies and natural disasters the Capital District may experience and how to prepare you and your loved ones for such an event. Topics will include making a plan, gathering supplies, sheltering in place, and evacuations. The presentation will be about 30-40 minutes and leave plenty of time for Q&A and conversation. Benjamin will also have guides and materials for all in-person attendees which will help prepare you and your loved ones for an emergency or disaster.

This program will take place both in person (at 12:30 PM) and online (at 1:00 PM) via Zoom. The in-person event will be held at Pinnacle Living at 45 Forts Ferry Road in Latham, NY. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available at the in-person meeting before the speaker's presentation. Current paid CDHS members will automatically receive an invite to the on-line meeting via email. If you are not a current paid CDHS member, please see page 1 to request an email invitation to attend.

CDHS Book Group is reading *Animal Spirits: The American Pursuit of Vitality from Camp Meeting to Wall Street* by Jackson Lears. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays.



Contact Frank Robinson if you would like to join the spirited and informative discussion.

CDHS Executive Council

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Room Arrangements	Frank Robinson
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RECAP OF OUR JULY SPEAKER'S TALK

by Frank Robinson

Susan Sackett long worked as executive assistant to Gene Roddenberry, the mastermind of Star Trek; her talk being titled "Humanism in Star Trek," posed the question, "Did it boldly go?" (a reference to the series epigram, "To boldly go," exploring the cosmos.)

Sackett explained that Roddenberry was a committed humanist, and used the shows to push that philosophy. She said it was encapsulated as "IDIC" — "infinite diversity in infinite combinations."

This was illustrated in two Star Trek episodes, videos of which Sackett presented in abridged form.

One was "Return of the Archons," depicting a world inhabited by placidly contented people — zombie-like, actually. Their minds were being controlled by an authoritarian regime via a computer system, which Sackett cast as a metaphor for religion and belief in God. She also said this episode was intended to vent Roddenberry's repugnance toward the then-nascent phenomenon of computer games taking over people's minds. A key message here was that creativity is essential for human life.

The second episode was "Who Watches the Watchers?" Here, people on another planet are somehow persuaded to resurrect ancient beliefs they'd long since grown out of, now worshipping as a god the starship's own Captain Picard. From Picard's standpoint, this was something of an accident, and he's appalled. Yet the mission's "prime directive" bars interfering with the current state of a planet, inhibiting his taking any action. But somehow he manages to smooth this dilemma, and disabuses the planet's populace.

Sackett said this episode shows what happens when people get tainted by religion. It included the verbiage, "Dark ages of superstition, ignorance and fear." Later, in the Q&A, there was discussion of what amounted to censorship, with the network squelching any problematic content. But apparently, Roddenberry and company got away with stuff like the "Dark ages" lingo by situating it on another planet. Nothing to do with us Earthlings.

At the speaker's request, no recording of this talk was created.

Refreshments Volunteers Needed for 2025

Sue Parry reports that for the remainder of 2024, volunteers have signed up to bring refreshments to monthly meetings. Unless otherwise announced, meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month. Light snacks/finger foods such as chips and dips, cookies, cheese and crackers, etc. are what works the best. Refreshments volunteers are not responsible for beverages, as members will bring their own. Please see below for more details:

- Venue: Pinnacle Living at Forts Ferry, 45 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY 12110 in the Library/Lounge.
- Setup time: arrive between 12:00 noon—12:15 PM to set up food table; plates, utensils, etc. are located in the CDHS cart.
- Plan on 20-25 in-person attendees, but choose food that you'd be willing to take home if there are leftovers, but usually there are people who are interested in taking leftovers.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Sue Parry at sueparryharmony@gmail.com.



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TEN COMMITMENTS
Living Humanist Values
HumanistCommitments.org

 EMPATHY I will consider other people's thoughts, feelings, and experiences.	 CRITICAL THINKING I will practice good judgment by asking questions and thinking for myself.
 RESPONSIBILITY I will be a good person even when no one is looking and own the consequences of my actions.	 ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT I will always focus on becoming a better person.
 GLOBAL AWARENESS I will be a good neighbor to the people who share the Earth with me and help make the world a better place for everyone.	 PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE I will help people solve problems and handle disagreements in ways that are fair for everyone.
 ENVIRONMENTALISM I will take care of the Earth and the life on it.	 SERVICE & PARTICIPATION I will help my community in ways that let me get to know the people I'm helping.
 HUMILITY I will be aware of my strengths and weaknesses, and appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of others.	 ALTRUISM I will help others in need without hoping for rewards.

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Join the bunch for lunch at Diner Time, 813 New Loudon Road in Latham, just off the Latham Circle. We gather at 11:30 on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Our next get-togethers will be on August 15th and September 19th. Please let Rosina Ansaldo know by Wednesday evening if you'll be joining them.

NOTE: We're looking for more suggestions for restaurants for the Lunch Bunch. We'd like to give our local eateries a chance by rotating them every few months and returning to the ones that get enthusiastic thumbs up. Please send ideas to Rosina Ansaldo. Thanks!

Open Positions on Executive Council and Upcoming Election Information

CDHS will be holding an election in September for three positions on our Executive Council. Fred Levine is standing for re-election to Programs / Publicity position. Fred provided this statement about himself and why he would like to continue in this position:

"After appreciating being a member of CDHS for a few years I recognized that its continued existence is highly dependent on members stepping forward in various ways to ensure it remains a viable, thriving organization. I therefore began attending Executive Council meetings to see how things work, and if I could help out. When the need arose I readily volunteered to become Program Coordinator and also to publicize the Sunday programs. I have found a lot of help and support from other members of the EC and from a number of members in general. I would like to continue these duties, and would welcome any members who show an interest in how the Executive Council functions. More importantly, many members of CDHS have offered ideas, but the EC is stretched to its limits. Members with ideas, who are willing to help bring them to fruition would be most welcome."

At this time we have two open positions and are seeking candidates to fill the Secretary and Compliance Officer positions. If you have been a member of CDHS for over one year, please consider volunteering your time and efforts in one of these roles. The EC meets monthly and duties for each position are:

Secretary

- ◇ Take minutes of EC meetings, send draft to EC members for review. Update as necessary.
- ◇ Maintain archive of approved minutes of past meetings.

Compliance Officer

- ◇ Review bank statements and account reconciliations provided by the Treasurer.

CDHS is a volunteer organization and relies on members to volunteer their time to help maintain CDHS as a successful and effective organization.

Please contact Don Porterfield at cdhs.albany@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for one of these positions.

Tulsa mayoral candidate longs to go back to when public officials "had to be Christians"

(excerpted from *Friendly Atheist*, August 1, 2024)

A lot of Christian Nationalists have a nasty habit of promoting theocracy, then backing away from it the moment someone calls it out. You won't find a more perfect example of that than Tulsa, Oklahoma mayoral candidate Brent VanNorman.

Over the weekend, he spoke at the church of fellow Christian Nationalist (and failed U.S. Senate candidate) Jackson Lahmeyer, where he fantasized about going back to a time when all elected officials had to be Christian.

... After declaring that "righteousness [also] exalts a city," VanNorman then cited Proverbs 29 to declare that "when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." As such, VanNorman then proclaimed, "my number one qualification for being mayor of Tulsa is that I am an unashamed follower of Jesus. I think that if you go back and study the history of our nation and our founding, the pulpit was the primary tool [during] the Revolutionary War [for] communicating to people. But [also], public officials had to be Christians in many areas and we've gone so far away from that and we need to get back."

To be clear, being a Christian was never a requirement for public office anywhere in the United States. (In some states, there used to be requirements that you had to believe in God, but even those didn't specify a particular faith.) The Constitution literally spells out how there can be no religious test for candidates. In practice, of course, it has always helped to be Christian and we have a habit of electing Christians and there's a long tradition of officials taking an oath on the Bible, but none of that is mandatory.

What exactly does VanNorman think "we need to get back" to by electing more Christians? What civil rights does he believe need to be stripped away from various groups? Which Bible does he want injected into public school classrooms? What does he think should happen if there are non-religious officials in public office?

The *Tulsa World* asked him to explain himself and VanNorman did what all Christian Nationalists do when confronted with their own words: He backtracked. VanNorman clarified his remarks in an interview with the *Tulsa World* on Monday, saying he was not advocating that the government needs to be Christian.

"No, no, no, no. My point would be that I think people that are informed by Christian values make good public servants and they have a servant's heart," VanNorman said. "I hope that my motives are pure in what I'm doing and I'm not doing them for the wrong reason."

VanNorman did say, ironically, that church/state separation is "clearly established law right now"... but those last two words suggest he would love to see that changed.

...when you're dealing with Christian bigots who see the world in black and white, there's never any room for nuance.

VanNorman makes it very clear that he would make life as miserable as possible for LGBTQ Tulsans. He actually trashed another mayoral candidate for her platform of inclusivity, saying "if she is mayor, throughout the month of June you are going to see some multi-colored flags lining our city streets, and you won't if I am mayor."

On Tuesday night, Lahmeyer once again hosted VanNorman at his church and urged the congregation to vote for him as mayor—violating IRS regulations—because it would be good to have "someone in that office that is on our team."

The election takes place on August 27. If no candidate receives 50% of the vote, there will be a runoff between the top two candidates.

To read this article in its entirety, please copy and paste this link into your browser: https://www.friendlyatheist.com/p/tulsa-mayoral-candidate-longs-to?utm_campaign=email-half-post&r=12lu7e&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email.

Next Social Set for Saturday, August 10th

Please join us at the Dr. Best House and Medical Museum (1568 Clauverwie Road) in Middleburgh, NY for a guided tour of the site. First we will gather at Mrs. K's Kitchen (318 Main St, Middleburgh) for lunch. They suggest arriving no later than 11:30. We will be ordering off the menu (link to FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Mrs-Ks-Kitchen-100063800850414/>).

The tour of the museum, just a short distance from Mrs. K's, will begin at 1:30. A couple of quotes from the museum's website (<https://www.drbesthouse.com/>) are:

"As if awaiting the return of Dr. Best from a house call on his horse-drawn carriage, this Italianate Victorian style home and medical office captures the elegance of the turn of the century."

"Serving a small-town American community from 1884 to 1991, the Dr. Best collection echoes reminders of a quickly changing era. Civil War, railroad and telephone artifacts all reflect the character of this family of pioneers and visionaries. The expansive and unique collection includes thousands of bottles, automotive memorabilia, clothing and quilts, to name a few as well as the fully stocked period kitchen and state-of-the-art medical equipment."

There are multiple buildings at the museum so depending on how many people attend, they may break us up into small groups to tour each building. There is no fee for the museum tour, but donations are welcome.

You are welcome to attend only lunch, only the museum, or both.

Please RSVP by **August 8th** by emailing candacelf13@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!



July Social Recap

A grand total of 27 CDHS members and friends attended the annual July 4th Social, held at Dee Fuller's home. Side dishes were brought for sharing, and the main course was barbecue from the delightful Dinosaur BBQ, provided by CDHS. Frank Robinson is shown in the photo below reading the Declaration of Independence. This event is a CDHS tradition and is one of the most popular socials we have during the year.



Sincere thanks go out to Dee Fuller for her work and hospitality, and thanks to all who attended and shared food and camaraderie with like-minded people.

Meet the conspiracy theorist and anti-LGBTQ extremist pulling the strings at major American corporations

by Rebecca Crosby, from *Popular Information*, July 31, 2024

In recent months, major companies have publicly announced that they are abandoning their diversity efforts. In at least two cases, companies were pressured into taking action by right-wing extremist and conspiracy theorist Robby Starbuck. He has succeeded in influencing corporate behavior through his social media account despite embracing racist conspiracy theories, anti-LGBTQ bigotry, and other fringe views. Following his recent successes, Starbuck has promised that he is just getting started.

Starbuck, a filmmaker who unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 2022, initially targeted Tractor Supply, a publicly traded agricultural supply company. At the beginning of June, he announced to his 520,000 followers on X that “[i]t’s time to expose Tractor Supply.” Starbuck’s post, with a video accompanying it, alleged that the company provides “LGBTQIA+ training for employees” and funds “pride/drag events.” Starbuck also attacked the company for displaying “Pride month decorations in the office,” creating a “DEI [diversity, equality, and inclusion] Council,” and engaging in “DEI hiring practices.”

Starbuck spoke at length about Tractor Supply’s involvement in Pride events. He argued that “[t]he kind of sex you like is not an appropriate topic for work” and that “[e]vents built around the kind of sex people like to have should not have kids at them and should not be funded with the money we spend at Tractor Supply.” Starbuck encouraged his followers to boycott Tractor Supply and to contact the company to complain. In the following weeks, Starbuck posted dozens of times about Tractor Supply.

In late June, Tractor Supply announced that all roles pertaining to DEI would be eliminated, that all corporate DEI goals would be retired, and that it would no longer sponsor any “nonbusiness activities” such as pride events. The company also stated that it would no longer be submitting data to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the most prominent LGBTQ rights organization in the United States, for its Corporate Equality Index.

The idea that, in 2024, a pride parade is a subversive event that requires discussing the “kind of sex you like” at work is a fringe belief. But Starbuck has a history of embracing fringe conspiracy theories.

On July 10, Starbuck promoted the racist great replacement theory on X. “There’s no sugarcoating it,” Starbuck wrote. “Democrats want illegal immigrants to vote. It’s why they let them in.” The great replacement theory is the claim that Democrats are trying to “replace” white Americans with immigrants. The theory is baseless, but has proved popular among white supremacists, and has motivated multiple mass shootings. Starbuck acknowledges that he is promoting the great replacement theory, but argues that it is not actually racist. “You can’t call replacement theory racist when it’s literally out in the open now. I’m Latino and I’m telling you that the left in the west is trying to replace existing citizens (mostly white) with migrants from 3rd world countries,” Starbuck posted on X in February.

Starbuck also promoted wild claims about the purported dangers of the COVID-19 vaccine. In October 2023, following the death of actor Matthew Perry after years of struggling with drug addiction, Starbuck suggested Perry’s death was actually caused by the COVID-19 vaccine. Perry was, according to Starbuck, “a big supporter of the COVID vaccines.” Starbuck called for an investigation of the COVID-19 vaccine “as a potential cause of any cardiac issues.” Starbuck has also shown support for Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s anti-vaccine non-profit, Children’s Health Defense, calling it “fantastic” and saying it does “great work.”

Starbuck has also promoted “chemtrails,” a conspiracy theory that “governments or other parties are engaged in a secret program to add toxic chemicals to the atmosphere,” which he claims are part of a government effort to control the weather. In April, Starbuck wrote that major flooding in Dubai was not caused by “climate change” but was instead caused by “the use of weather modification” and “[c]loud seeding where chemicals are sprayed in clouds to create rain.” In response to the post, an X user commented, “Colloquially known as ‘chemtrails,’” to which Starbuck responded, “Correct.” According to scientists, “there is no evidence for the existence of chemtrails.” (While the UAE has attempted to use geoengineering to increase rainfall, it was not a contributing factor to the floods, according to experts.)

Starbuck also pushed the false claim that there is cannibalism occurring in Haiti, stating that “the country is now effectively run by a warlord named Barbecue who has a ‘cannibal gang.’” This claim, based on a viral social media post, is false, according to Politifact. The State Department said “it has received no credible reports about cannibalism in Haiti.”

Starbuck was able to successfully pressure Tractor Supply without prompting any real scrutiny about his own extremist beliefs. Starbuck then repeated the process with farm equipment company Deere & Co., posting dozens of times about the company’s diversity policies. On July 9, Starbuck criticized the company’s “LGBTQ & race based identity groups,” “total commitment to DEI policies,” and policy asking employees to list their “preferred pronouns.” Shortly after Starbuck began posting, the company announced it would be eliminating some of its diversity initiatives. Starbuck celebrated the partial win, but argued that the company should go further and eliminate all corporate diversity efforts.

Starbuck is now going after his next target. On July 23, Starbuck called for a boycott of Harley-Davidson on X, citing the company’s hosting “LGBTQ+ events at the corporate office” and facilitating “LGBTQ+ & race based” affinity groups. Starbuck appears to be demanding that corporations not engage in any acknowledgment of LGBTQ employees or customers.

In an interview, Starbuck said “he and his researchers have identified 20 companies that could be ripe for a similar boycott.” Starbuck said that he “definitely proved a model” that involves targeting companies that appeal to a conservative clientele. In a post on X, Starbuck wrote, “DEI is poison and we won’t rest until the public knows how companies have strayed from American values.”

Starbuck’s anti-LGBTQ extremism

Earlier this year, Starbuck released a documentary called *The War on Children*. The documentary, which he created with his wife Landon Starbuck, centers around the idea that the LGBTQ movement is a sophisticated effort by the government, social media companies, and the medical community to corrupt and sexualize children. While promoting a trailer for the documentary, Starbuck said that the “war on children” is being waged by left-wing activists that “will stop at nothing to indoctrinate them, sexualize them, guilt them and punish them until they submit to their woke religion.”

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In the documentary, which has 2 million views on X, Starbuck suggests that toxic chemicals are causing children to identify as LGBTQ. Starbuck claimed a study found that exposure to the pesticide atrazine in frogs purportedly turned them "gay" and caused them to mate with other male frogs. (An EPA review of the scientific literature found that this claim about the impact of atrazine on amphibians was false.) Starbuck says that no one wants to investigate the impact of atrazine and other chemicals on children. The theory was popularized by the notorious right-wing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones, who claimed tap water was a "gay bomb." Jones asserted that the federal government was engaged in a "chemical warfare operation" designed to increase the LGBTQ population and lower birth rates. The idea that chemicals are impacting the sexuality of children, according to experts, is completely baseless.

The film includes interviews with conservative activist Riley Gaines, right-wing extremist Chaya Raichik (who runs the X account @LibsofTikTok), and a representative from The Heritage Foundation. The documentary also includes gotcha-style interviews with a drag queen and others. Rolling Stone reported that the Starbucks used "deceptive tactics" and "careful omissions" like "provid[ing] working titles for the film such as Identity Rising and It Takes a Village" to convince his targets to take part in interviews.

Starbuck frequently promotes anti-LGBTQ views to his social media followers. On X, Starbuck has said that "[p]ride events should be age restricted and only indoors." Starbuck has also suggested that trans people want to assault women in public bathrooms and that displaying pride flags around children is "grooming and indoctrination." In June 2023, Starbuck complained about book publisher McGraw Hill celebrating pride, calling the company "woke" and insinuating that those who support LGBTQ rights support pedophilia. "They say no matter how you identify, you should be accepted. That means a man can identify as a child," Starbuck wrote.

Media ignores Starbuck's extreme ideology

Mainstream media coverage of Starbuck's campaigns against Tractor Supply and Deere & Co. do not mention his extreme beliefs or embrace of conspiracy theories. In an article about his boycott efforts, the Associated Press referred to Starbuck only as a "[c]onservative political commentator and filmmaker" and "a 35-year-old Cuban American." NBC News referred to Starbuck as a "filmmaker." The Wall Street Journal called Starbuck "a filmmaker turned conservative activist," and Bloomberg described Starbuck as "a conservative commentator."

Other publications that took a similar approach include USA Today ("conservative activist"), The Hill ("conservative activist"), and Newsweek ("[c]onservative political commentator and filmmaker").

Frank Wind Steps Down from EC

Frank Wind, long-time member of the EC, has announced that he is stepping down from the Executive Council, effective immediately.

Frank joined CDHS in 2003 and maintained an active presence in the organization. One of his major contributions was gathering information and preparing the CDHS pamphlet for publication. He served as the Publicity and Outreach Coordinator and in 2014 was elected to the position of Publications Coordinator, primarily working as the editor of the *Humanist Monthly*.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Frank for all his excellent work and hope that he stays "in the loop" with CDHS members and activities.

Thanks, Frank!

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There are five types of CDHS member support: Individual, \$50/yr.; Family, \$80/yr.; Sustaining, \$100/yr.; Patron, \$150/yr.; and Lifetime Member, one contribution of \$1000 or more.

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If you know of someone who may be interested in CDHS, please pass this newsletter along or give us the name; we will send a sample copy or two with no obligation.

We value your input. In the best humanist tradition, CDHS has no rigid picture of itself. We ask you to join us, not follow us. What activities and services would you like CDHS to provide its members? Send us your suggestions, questions, and comments.



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