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# PANViews



***Newsletter of PA Nonbelievers, Inc., affiliated with American Atheists,  
Atheist Alliance International and the Council for Secular Humanism.***

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## ***President's Report***

*Josh CruverKibi*

PA Nonbelievers had our first tabling event in a year and half at Old Annville Day! We had a great time and we enjoyed catching up with each other. PAN will also be attending two tabling events this October, Pumpkinfest on the 9th and 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday and Sunday respectively, and Lancaster Pride on Sunday the 24th. We have also started new meetup locations in addition to the other in person meetups we have been having throughout the summer. PAN Harrisburg meetup will be in person at a new location, Café 1500, on Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup>. There was also a new in person meetup in southern York at The Village Coffee & Cream, in Shrewsbury.

A lot of us have felt freer to get out and interact with others in the community since getting our vaccinations. Unfortunately, there is a foreboding delta variant spreading primarily in the south of the United States that could spread up to Central Pennsylvania. I think that following the science, staying informed, and using appropriate precautions and behaviors can help us each reduce our chances of catching and or having a break through COVID infection depending on our particular risks. For example, I see clients (children and their parents) in person at my office, and I have been wearing a mask for all of them due to the greater probability of COVID spread since kids have been going back to schools. I monitor the New York Times COVID Hot Spot data to see the concentration and infection rates in my area. According to their current data in the county I live in, Cumberland County, there are 59 cases of COVID diagnosed a day and the current concentration of infections in my county is 23 in every 100,000 people or .023% of the population. In York County there is a higher rate than in my county, 123 cases of COVID diagnosed a day and the current concentration in York County of infections is 27 in every 100,000 people or .027% of the population. In perspective, at that rate the probability is generally low for coming across someone who is infected. In a crowd of 10,000 people, from the data above, I would deduce 2-10 people of that 10,000 may have COVID. I am not a virologist, and I accept that their statistical equations are likely more accurate and predictive of relevant variables that I am not aware of; however, I do not currently have access to that data. However, I still have to live my life and make decisions about the risks that I take. I can use what science driven information that I do have access to and apply the scientific method to get perspective and direction. Remember the scientific method is a process, not absolute.

On perspective, Florida has one of the highest COVID spread rates in the United States currently, have a state vaccinated rate that is only 2% less than Pennsylvania overall, and have been much laxer with mask mandates overall compared to Pennsylvania. Manatee County Florida for example, has an equivalent population to Cumberland and York Counties, but an average infection rate of 498 per day and 123 in every 100,000 people or .12%. I personally would not feel confident to walk around without a mask on anywhere in Manatee County, even being vaccinated. But, since Florida had a laxer mask wearing mandate than here in PA, are they just showing what could happen here at some point in the next month or two, since our mask wearing has also decreased?

So, I stay safe out there, follow the science, and please take the precautions that you feel

comfortable and safe with. If you are feeling sick, please do not go out in public, seek appropriate science driven treatment, get well, and maybe we will see you at one of our online meetings every Wednesday. You can of course still attend on PAN Wednesday meetings if that is your preferred hang out as well and or if you live too far away to visit in person.

***Atheist News in Pennsylvania– The Nation – The World!***

**Another Aspect of the Afghan Crisis**

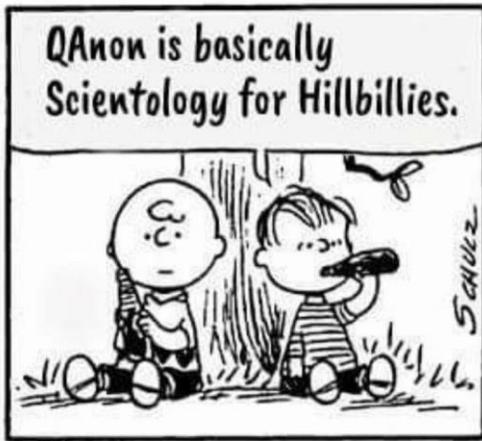
People throughout the world are legitimately concerned about the rights of women under the Taliban in Afghanistan. But there’s another group of people about whom we should worry: humanists and atheists.

American Atheists, Humanists International, the American Humanist Association and the American Ethical Union have sent a letter to President Biden, calling on the administration to protect the lives of all Afghans, but particularly atheists, humanists, and former Muslims, according to [atheists.org](http://atheists.org). These organizations have requested that Biden issue an Emergency Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions to raise the number of refugees admitted into the US in 2021 and 2022.

Andrew Copson, president of Humanists International, speaking at their 69<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, said, “The things most valued by our humanist movement—freedom of thought, speech, and choice; human rights including of women, LGBTI+ people, and children; knowledge, rationality; human empathy—are the things most hated by the Taliban and those who have allied or will ally with them.”

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*God is Still Laughing*



**Campus Clubs Can’t Discriminate**

One of former Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos’s bad decisions is about to be reversed, according to American Atheists at [atheists.org](http://atheists.org).

In November 2020 the DeVos enacted a rule that required all public colleges and universities to exempt religious student clubs from nondiscrimination rules. All other student clubs that are officially recognized by schools, and paid for by student activity fees, cannot discriminate.

On January 21, 2021, American Atheists and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State filed suit on behalf of the Secular Student Alliance and Declan Galli, a LGBTQ Episcopalian student at California Polytechnic State University. The lawsuit states the obvious: the requirement directly conflicts with the US Constitution and state nondiscrimination laws.

In response, the US Department of Education is reviewing the regulation, and anticipates rescinding it. Because of this, AA and AU agreed to ask the US District Court for the District of Columbia to stay the lawsuit to give the department time to get rid of the regulation. While it’s not definite, it looks as if nondiscrimination will win.

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### Any Conscience? Nope

Guerilla Skeptics is a group of people who expose frauds, such as psychics and mediums. Susan Gerbic, who founded the group, writes a column, Guerilla Skepticism, for *Skeptical Inquirer*, [skepticalinquirer.com](http://skepticalinquirer.com).

A recent column discussed the group's recent adventures with Thomas John Flanagan, also known as TJ, the Manhattan Medium, or the Seatbelt Psychic, from a Lifetime reality show when he was a ride-share driver, and attempted to contact the dead relatives of the people who got into his car. The *Skeptical Inquirer* article goes into detail as to how TJ's TV appearances are actually scripted in advance; the riders in Seatbelt Psychic were actors with IMDb profiles, for example. Only lasted one season.



The group catches TJ, and other charlatans, by putting together fake Facebook pages for people affiliated with Guerilla Skeptics. The made-up pages have enough information to allow TJ to construct a fake performance when they attend one of his sessions. A previous sting event in Los Angeles was featured in the *New York Times Magazine* in 2019.

The pandemic slowed down TJ's business. However, he rose to the occasion. In April 2021 he scheduled an 8-person Spirit Circle, over Zoom, for children aged 5 to 12 (with an adult). The idea was that the kids could contact dead relatives, for the low, low price of \$400 each. Members of Guerilla Skeptics was horrified at the potential harm this dangerous nonsense could cause children, and tried to get it cancelled, but were unable to do so. Therefore, members of Guerilla Skeptics joined the Zoom call. It went as one would expect. Members of Guerilla Skeptics were able to find information about the participants and their families on Facebook, or about their dead relatives on Legacy.com. There were lots of comments about the deceased relatives online, which made it easy for TJ to paint a compelling narrative.

Guerilla Skeptics went even further to prove how ridiculous all this was. Among the participants were "Pat" and "Ida," and "Julie" and "Jasmine." Pat was Sheree McNatty of New Zealand Skeptics; Ida is her 14-year-old daughter, who has some acting experience. Jasmine is fourteen-year-old Bailey Harris who has published a series of children's books on science; Julie was her mother, Mackenzie Harris.

In this case, they didn't create a phony Facebook page. But they did send long, detailed emails when they signed up, and TJ used that information in his reading, along with all the cold-reading tricks frauds like he are skilled at.

It's bad enough that conscienceless cons such as TJ prey on adults. It's disgusting that he now has children as victims. And that Guerilla Skeptics had to pay him \$800 to prove it.

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**Modern Meetups**

Another week, another Catholic Church sex scandal. This one’s a doozy: apparently lots of priests throughout the Catholic hierarchy in both the US and at the Vatican use the app Grindr.

A New York *Times* article, *nytimes.com*, describes Grindr as a “gay hookup app,” so it is easy to see that the church would find this revelation distressing.

A blog, The Pillar, first reported this news. Interestingly, a lot of the discussion within the church doesn’t focus on the obvious problem: a lot of clergy don’t believe in celibacy.

Seth Andrews



No, commentators seem more concerned in figuring out how, exactly, The Pillar got ahold of cell phone data. There’s also a subtext in the discussion that uses this information to discredit Pope Francis. It seems The Pillar mentions (vaguely, according to The *Times*) that underage youth use Grindr, too. Conservative bishops and cardinals want to blame pedophilia exclusively on gay priests, and have used this tidbit as proof that Francis is not sufficiently opposed to homosexuality.

Some commentators have mentioned that priests are unnerved by the idea their cell phone usage isn’t private. While that is a concern, it’s interesting that the revelation priests are apparently actively fooling around seems to be less of a problem.

On a related note, *vice.com* reports that Theodore McCarrick, the former cardinal and archbishop of Washington, DC, has been charged in Massachusetts with 3 counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over age 14. The charges go back to 1974, when McCarrick allegedly cornered a 16-year-old at the kid’s brother’s wedding reception. McCarrick told the boy that he needed to go to confession because he hadn’t been attending church regularly. He then fondled the boy. After McCarrick finished, he told the boy to say prayers “so God can redeem you of your sins.”

This case could be filed because of a technicality. At the time of the assault, McCarrick was not a resident of Massachusetts; the statute of limitations “paused” when he left the state, so the boy, now an adult, could file charges in 2021.

After all these years, the pedophilia issue just won’t go away.

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**Conversion Therapy Doesn’t Work**

Everyone knows that. But a new Netflix documentary, “Pray Away,” also shows the damage it can do.

As reported on *nbcnews.com*, Kristine Stolakis was inspired by her uncle, who came out as transgendered and suffered through conversion therapy. Her goal was to “ground the film in the undeniable truth that this movement, no matter the good intentions or reason for getting involved that any leader has, causes tremendous harm for people.” Her production staff was largely comprised of LGBTQ individuals, many of whom were former evangelicals.

The film concentrates on Exodus International, a conversion therapy organization which began in the 1970s as a Bible study group. The group was composed of 5 gay men who wanted to help each other leave the “homosexual lifestyle.” Eventually the organization grew to 400 local ministries in 17 countries.

Eventually many of the “converted” leaders admitted that their same-sex attractions never really went away and disavowed the movement. Even though Exodus dissolved in 2013, Stolakis found that the idea behind it has never really gone away. According to a 2019 report from the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law, nearly 700,000 LGBTQ people have gone through some form of conversion therapy. This is true even though many mainstream organizations, including the American Medical Association and American Psychiatric Association, have long condemned the process. It is now illegal to subject minors to conversion therapy in 20 states.

(Pennsylvania is not one of them. According to the Movement Advancement Project, 12 cities and 2 counties have banned conversion therapy for children. A partial list of the cities includes Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Allentown, Reading, State College, Bethlehem, Erie, and Scranton.)

*Mrs. Betty Bowers, America’s Best Christian*



The film takes on a common misconception about conversion therapy: that it consists primarily of aversion treatment, such as applying electric shocks. Actually, it is mostly talk therapy, sometimes with a licensed counselor, but more commonly with a spiritual or religious leader who does not necessarily have any training as a counselor.

How much harm does conversion therapy do? A report in the American Journal of Public Health found that young people who went through its therapy “were more than twice as likely to report having attempted suicide and having multiple suicide attempts” than those who were not subjected to the it.

While conversion therapy has developed a bad reputation, another form of it still exists. According to the Harvard Civil Rights – Civil Liberties Law Review, harvardcrl.org, it has reappeared, now called “reparative therapy.” It’s used by adults who want to change their sexual orientation, generally because that identity doesn’t fit in with their religious or political beliefs. Believers say that it’s okay, because there is no client-shaming or shock treatments, just talk therapy and behavior modification. The American Psychiatric Association isn’t impressed. Participants may change their behavior, it says, but not their real sexual identity. When they realize they have not changed, the APA says, they often suffer depression, and need real therapy.

How have Christians reacted to the documentary? *Christianity Today*, christianitytoday.com, wonders why anybody is still concerned about conversion therapy. It’s gone away, the website insists; Exodus International is out of business. Why are countries, states and cities still passing laws? The gospelcoalition.org complains that it’s “another thinly veiled attack on Christianity by Hollywood.” It too insists that Exodus no longer exists; why is anybody concerned?

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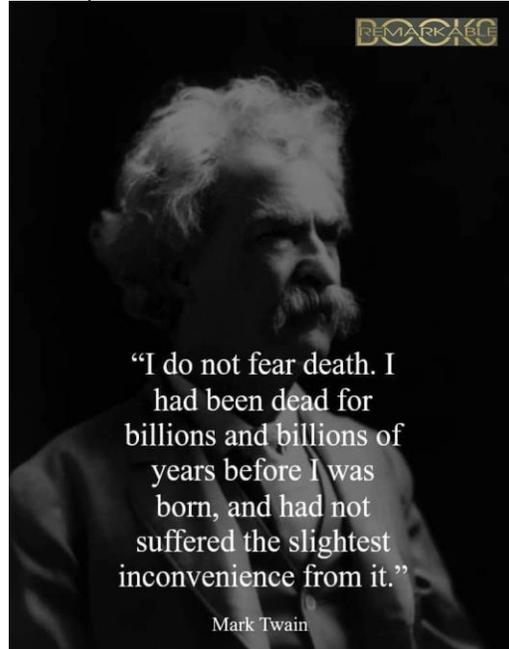
## Bad News and Good News in Ireland

Over the last few years Ireland has become increasingly secular. Hit hard by the sexual abuse scandal, the Catholic Church's stranglehold has loosened.

That doesn't mean there isn't a way to go. The group Atheist Ireland, [atheist.ie](http://atheist.ie), is challenging the Irish government before the European Court of Human Rights because of its requirement that the Taoiseach and Tanaiste swear a religious oath in order to serve. (The Taoiseach and Tanaiste are prime minister and deputy prime minister.)

The Irish Government is arguing that religious oaths for members of the Council of State are "necessary in a democratic society in the interests of public safety, for the protection of public order, health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

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Atheist Ireland points out that the current leaders, Micheál Martin, and Leo Varadkar, are making an argument that would prevent conscientious atheists from ever holding the positions they now occupy. The atheist organization is running a One Oath for All Campaign because they believe that all officeholders should make a declaration to uphold the Constitution, with no reference to their personal religious or nonreligious beliefs.

Atheist Ireland has fought this fight before, with the United Nations Human Rights Committee in 2014. The Human Rights Committee stated the following:

*"The State Party should take concrete steps to amend articles 12, 31 and 34 of the Constitution that require religious oaths to take up senior public office positions, taking into account the Committee's general comment No. 22 (1993) concerning the right not to be compelled to reveal one's thoughts or adherence to a religion or belief in public."* In October 2020 the Human Rights Committee further requested: *"Please report on the measures taken to ensure that the right to freedom of conscience and religious belief is fully respected, in law and in practice, on a non-discriminatory basis... Please indicate whether there have been any changes to the constitutional provisions requiring persons who take up certain senior public positions to take religious oaths."*

According to the website [independent.ie](http://independent.ie), the Irish government has responded to the challenge to the oath by claiming that none of the people suing them are "victims," because none of them are office holders, or currently running for office. The government further stated that the case should be dismissed because the plaintiffs' rights to freedom of thought, conscience and religion were not breached.

The plaintiffs responded that they were indeed victims, and that the idea that religious oaths are necessary for a democratic society could not be taken seriously.

If the European Court agrees that the oath requirement breaches the human rights of the non-religious, the Irish Constitution will have to be changed, which would require a referendum.

But there's some good news. The Irish *Times*, [irishtimes.com](http://irishtimes.com), reports that for the first-time members of Atheist Ireland have been invited to meet the new Lord Mayor of Dublin as part of the traditional series of meetings new Lord Mayors have with community leaders.

New Lord Mayors usually meet with the Taoiseach, Dublin's two (!) archbishops, an Iman, and a Rabbi. But this Lord Mayor, Alison Gilliland, requested a meeting with Atheist Ireland chairman Michael Nugent, and AI's human rights officer, Jane Donnelly.

Both Nugent and Donnelly welcomed the invitation. Donnelly thought it was important that atheists were placed on equal footing with religious groups, because often atheists are classified as people with no beliefs, which, she said, is not the case. Nugent agreed. He said, "We are often described as people of 'no belief' or as 'nones', which is not true. We have positive beliefs."

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### Religion and the Pay Gap

In a recent series of studies, researchers from the U of Colorado – Denver and the University of Minnesota made an interesting discovery. In countries with high religiosity, women make significantly less money than men.

Forbes, forbes.com, reports on the study. The study claims that each of

the world's six major religions – Buddhism, Christianity, Folk, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism – can establish expectations about the roles of men and women that can lead to a pay gap in countries where those religions dominate. The researchers used data from 140 countries to test this hypothesis. They found that in countries where religious belief is high (such as Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka) women earn 46% of what men do. In countries where religious belief is low (such as Estonia, Sweden, and Denmark) women earn 76% of what men do. It didn't matter what religion dominated.

The researchers then completed another study, based on the US. In states with high religious participation, women earned 74% of men's wages; in states with low religious participation, the figure was 82%. In addition, the pay gap is narrowing faster in the less religious states. The wage gap is projected to disappear in about 28 years in more secular states – and 109 years in more religious ones.

Religion has this effect, the research showed, because more religious groups relegate women to domestic roles, and discourage participation in the workplace; more acceptance of the sexualization and sexual victimization of women; and less acceptance of women in leadership positions.

As part of their research, the persons conducting the study conducted a series of experiments. In one, they asked supervisors to make salary recommendations for fictional male and female employees who had identical credentials, experience, and performance. The only companies where men were assigned significantly higher wages were those where the employer expressed religious values. The reviewers at these companies also said that balancing professional and domestic responsibilities applied to women more than men, found sexualized behavior toward women more acceptable than people at less religious companies did, and thought men were more suited for leadership roles.

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### Harvard's Head Chaplain is an Atheist

Harvard's organization of chaplains has elected a new president: Gary Epstein, who is an atheist, and the author of "Good Without God," in which he makes the case for humanism.

According to the New York *Times*, nytimes.com, Epstein will coordinate the work of more than 40 university chaplains.

Epstein has been Harvard's Humanist chaplain since 2005. He says, "There is a rising group of people who no longer identify with any religious tradition but still experience a real need for conversation and support around what it means to be a good human and live an ethical life."

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Do not go gentle  
into that good night.  
Rage, rage against  
the dying of the light.



The increased number of atheists, agnostics and "nones" among college students is pronounced at Harvard. A Harvard Crimson survey of the class of 2019 found that they were twice as likely to identify as an atheist or agnostic than other 18-year-olds. The article references a Pew Research Center study that showed more than 40% of millennials are nonbelievers. According to Notre Dame sociologist Christian Smith, there are several reasons for this trend: the alliance between the Republican Party and the Christian right, a decline of trust in all institutions, skepticism about religion after the September 11 terrorist attacks, and a shift away from traditional families that emphasized church attendance.

Rev. Kathleen Reed, the Lutheran chaplain who chaired the committee that chose Epstein, explained his choice: "Greg was the first choice of a committee that was made up of a Lutheran, a Christian Scientist, an evangelical Christian and a Bahá'í. We're presenting to the university a vision of how the world could work when diverse traditions focus on how to be good humans and neighbors."

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### Test Your Bible Knowledge!

Lancaster has a new monthly newspaper, The Lancaster *Patriot*. It has what might tactfully be described as an interesting perspective. One of its features is "Bible Trivia," by Wilson Casey. *PANViews* was struck by some of the warm, loving, and happy factoids it featured. Here's the whole quiz, disturbing questions included. Let's see how well all our former fundies do!

1. Is the book of Lazarus in the Old Testament, New Testament, or neither?
2. What happened to Jeroboam's hand on confronting the man of God at the altar? Fell off, turned to salt, became a viper, dried up
3. The children making fun of Elisha's bald head were torn apart by? 2 bears, 3 lions, 7 serpents, locust swarm
4. From Acts 13, who called "A man after mine own heart"? Gideon, David, Matthew, James
5. In John 19, who said, "What I have written, I have written"? Daniel, John the Baptist, Pilate, Jesus
6. From Genesis 1:20, on what day did God create the birds? 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

Answers: 1) Neither 2) Dried up 3) 2 bears 4) David 5) Pilate 6) 5<sup>th</sup>

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# FUN!

Make a multi-color pumpkin!



## Science Word Jumble, from Chandra X-ray Observatory

Unscramble the letters to form a word or phrase. Use the underlined letters to form a new, science-related word.

Solution at the end of *PANViews*.

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**Member Submissions**

**Philosophy to Live By**  
*John Wolff*

*This was motivated by a request from Lancaster Newspapers for submissions under the above title. They published a large number of responses -- including mine -- in their edition of Sunday July 11. I was very disappointed by many responses, and found them self-centered and of narrow focus and. Below is an expanded version of my submission, reworked for PANViews and extended beyond the newspaper's 250-word limit.*

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I am prejudiced. I am racist. But so is everyone else – perhaps to different degrees. To pretend otherwise, is a lie. Our attitudes and opinions result from our upbringing, our education, and life experiences; thus we approach each situation or person with that background. We cannot claim to be newborns with a clean slate. And we are genetically predisposed to prefer our own - our family, our team, neighborhood, nation, race, and people who reflect our opinions.

Despite our prejudices and preconceptions, we must treat everyone fairly and with kindness. That is hard but better than pretending a blatant falsehood or wishful thinking. We must not fear the “other” but be open-minded and tolerant and willing to learn. Last year’s American racial protests were surely well justified.

We are all human but we are not all equal. We are all different with different talents, abilities, and accomplishments that should be recognized and rewarded accordingly. Even siblings are very different. We each have a sense of likes (or revulsion) which may not be explainable to others. But we are all entitled to be treated equally and given equal opportunity in all aspects of life, particularly by our legal system.

It takes some life experience and setbacks to develop empathy for people and to realize that others may have much different senses and perceptions. Those born wealthy without having experienced

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any adversity think they deserve their good luck, just like royalty. Without empathy, they are not fit to lead us politically or any other way. They are the ones who become dictators

Despite some charitable good works, most religions are a major cause of strife in the world. Or financial rackets. They are oppressive to the point of persecution if backed by the power of the majority or of government. Our constitutional separation between any religion and civil life! is a most essential freedom. Base your beliefs on facts and evidence, not myths, slogans, lies, propaganda, ancient writings, or social media.

Above all, a sense of humor and an eye for hypocrisy are required for survival. A bit of humility also helps.

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### **I Visit From Afar**

*Jim Eshleman*

My mother had three sisters, all born and raised as Lutherans in Lebanon, PA. When my grandfather took off for parts unknown, my grandmother had to take a job and sent off the four young girls to a Lutheran orphanage in Germantown, PA, where they lived until they finished high school. Returning to Lebanon, they all found Lutheran veterans for husbands and raised as Lutherans a total of ten in my generation.

Salt of the earth. Sang in the choir. Taught Sunday School. Ushers, deacons, and church council members. They were "good Lutherans" who did not concern themselves with theology.

When my last aunt died recently at 101, I attended the funeral. Eight of the ten cousins were there among five generations. After the viewing and socializing, a Lutheran service was held for the seventy or so present. I sat in the back row so that few would realize that I was not helping with the prayers, readings, creeds, and responses.

As I watched, I wondered how much feeling and understanding were in these words. Did they know of the tortured debate behind these words? Were they properly fearful, or so confident that their final destination was assured?

In an instant, the scene was transformed into a gathering of four-year-olds talking about their imaginary friends, but mostly about a particular imaginary friend who knew their every thought, who held their hands whenever they wished, who promised them that they would never die. And so they sang. Benign? With a chill I thought about the times and places when disagreeing with them could be fatal.



## ***PAN News & Update***

Long time members Carl and Cheryl Huber will be back in York September 14 – 23. They'd like to see their PAN friends. PAN is looking into holding an Equinox event; stay tuned.

**PAN Donates Blood** – Just about anybody can donate blood. There are some restrictions – a recent tattoo, or illness – but there aren't many. PAN has an "account" with Wellspan, by which we get credit, as an organization, when our members give blood. Wellspan does not accept walk-ins. To set up an appointment at the blood donation center, located at Apple Hill, call 717-741-8307. Maybe a group of us can go together. If you're interested, send Jim Waldie a PM on Facebook.

**Meetings** – PAN is holding in-person meetings again, but our virtual meetings at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays are continuing, too. Get more information on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/panonbelievers](http://www.facebook.com/groups/panonbelievers).

Carlisle – Fourth Friday of the month, 5:30 pm, Hops and Barley, 398 North York Street, Mechanicsburg

Chambersburg – Second Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm. Please check website/Facebook for location.

Harrisburg– First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm. **NEW LOCATION:** Café 1500, 1500 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., #101

Lancaster – Fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, Centerville Diner, 100 S. Centerville Rd.

Lebanon - Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm, Batdorf Restaurant, 245 W. Main St., Annville

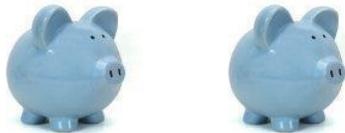
Reading – Third Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, Oakbrook Brewing Company, 628 Park Avenue

Shrewsbury – Stay tuned! More information to come.

York – First Sunday of the month, noon, I-ron-ic, 256 E. Philadelphia St.

### ***How to Contribute to PAN***

**Giant Cards** - We will have Giant grocery store cards available for purchase at PAN meetings. You pay face value for the card and use the face value at the store, but Giant lets PAN have 5% of that face value. If you shop at Giant, anyway, use the cards in lieu of cash and help PAN. What could be easier?



**Pennies for PAN** - Finally, we are happy to take money the old-fashioned way. You can give your tax-deductible contribution to a Board Member at one of our meetings or events, you can donate via PayPal on our website, [www.panonbelievers.org](http://www.panonbelievers.org), or you can mail a check to us at PA Nonbelievers, Inc. PO Box 702, York, PA 17405. Remember when you donate you can indicate what fund you want your donation to go to, you can find the list of our funds on the PAN website in the Donate section.

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### **ANSWERS TO THE WORD JUMBLES**

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**New Word:** Observatory