



# It's time to renew your membership for 2010

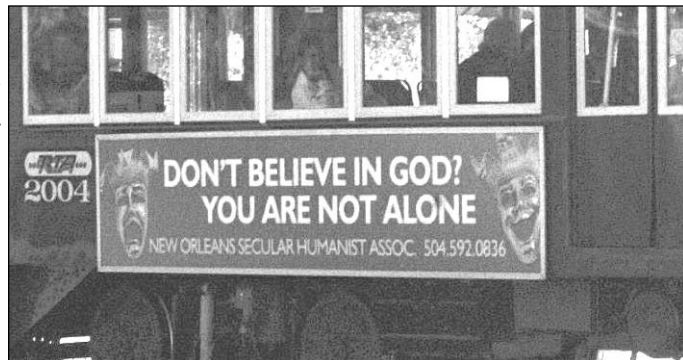
(or become a member for the first time)

with New Orleans Secular Humanist Association!

*In order to help cover operating expenses of NOSHA, your Board of Directors voted in September to increase annual household membership dues to \$20. Dues payments made between now and January 1 will be applied to 2010.*

Our experience shows that even with the slight increase in annual dues, that amount does not cover the ordinary ongoing expenses of NOSHA. In the past, we have received a few large contributions which made up for such shortages. Your additional tax-deductible contribution in any amount will be important and appreciated by our organization.

We have set up a **Speakers Fund** to enable us to provide travel costs, honoraria, and other event costs. We have already presented **Sean Faircloth**, Executive Director of the Secular Coalition for America as keynote speaker at our banquet meeting in September, and hosted **Vic Stenger**, author of ten critically acclaimed books, for our October meeting. In December, **Darrel Ray**, author of *The God Virus* will speak to us and NOSHA has agreed to host the **Deep South Humanist Conference** in January 2010.



Also, NOSHA thanks those who contributed to the **Advertising Fund**, which financed our I-10 billboard, with enough left to repeat the Mardi Gras streetcar ad next February (*see photo above*). Now that we see what "a little help from our friends" can do to further the NOSHA mission and maintain interest in the organization, we have new ambitious plans to bring speakers and events to New Orleans for your enjoyment.

Please help us by becoming a member or by making a donation in any amount you can spare!

*NOSHA meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Audubon Zoo in the Dominion Learning Center, 6500 Magazine St.*

## YES, I/WE WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NEW ORLEANS SECULAR HUMANIST ASSOCIATION!

**Dues: \$20.00 per household**

*Make your check payable to NOSHA*

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Isn't it good to know there are like-minded people right here in your community?  
Join Us and we'll send you our quarterly newsletter and notices of all  
of our activities and social events.

# Join your friends at NOSHA

## What is Secular Humanism?

Secular Humanism is a philosophy of life, that without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity.

## Are you a Humanist?

Humanists affirm the dignity of every human being and assert that humanity is responsible for its own destiny, having within itself all that is needed to improve the conditions of life.

Humanists see reason and science as the best tools for the discovery of knowledge and the achievement of goals.

## Who belongs to NOSHA?

NOSHA members come from across the greater New Orleans area, south Louisiana and Mississippi.

We are non-religious people including teachers, scientists,

engineers, artists, attorneys, students and social activists.

We are men, women, young, old, parents and grandparents. We are citizens who care about our communities.



For more information, contact

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We are liquidating the NOSHA library! Everyone attending the November meeting will have the opportunity to take a book from the tables. If there are some books remaining after everyone has one book, then more than one can be taken.

## ONCE IN A LIFETIME BOOK GIVEAWAY!

NOSHA will have a special meeting to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species*. We'll view two parts of a British television documentary entitled "The Genius of Charles Darwin." It was written and is presented by evolutionary biologist **Richard Dawkins** and was first shown in Great Britain in August 2008. It won Best TV Documentary Series 2008 at the British Broadcast Awards in January 2009. Our showing may be the first public viewing in this country!

**Synopsis:** Published 150 years ago, Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* changed everything: science, religion, and even humanity's image of itself. Join Dawkins as he explains exactly how Darwin developed his revolutionary theory of evolution and why it's still relevant today. How do species evolve? What does "natural selection" mean in biology, politics, sociology, and philosophy? With passionate certainty, Dawkins provides answers, posing evolution as a matter of fact, not faith.

In addition to interviewing scientific experts such as geneticist **Craig Venter** and paleoanthropologist **Richard Leakey**, Dawkins speaks with **Dr. Rowan Williams**, Archbishop of Canterbury, and other religious leaders about the existence of a Creator. Provocative, informative, and irresistibly watchable, this award-winning documentary offers lively new insights on an idea that still meets stubborn resistance.

**November's Monthly Meeting ~ Saturday, November 21 at 2pm**