"Every revealed religion is filled with mysterious dogmas, unintelligible principles, incredible wonders, astonishing recitals, which appear to have been invented solely to confound reason."

Baron d'Holbach (1723-1789)



"All national institutions of churches, whether Jewish, Christian or Turkish, appear to me no other than human inventions, set up to terrify and enslave mankind, and monopolize power and profit."

Thomas Paine (1737-1809)



The time to be happy is now.
The place to be happy is here.
The way to be happy is to make others so.
Robert Green Ingersoll (1833-1899)



"Reason may be a small force, but it is constant and works always in one direction, while the forces of unreason destroy one another in futile strife. Therefore every orgy of unreason in the end strengthens the friends of reason, and shows afresh that they are the only true friends of humanity."

Taslima Nasrin (1962-)

## Join us!

### **Coffee Socials**

First Sunday of the month at the Good Earth Food Coop, Centennial Plaza. 10:00-12:00.

## **Freethinkers Night Out**

Second Tuesday after the Coffee Social. Dinner at a restaurant in the St. Cloud area.

#### **Study Group**

Fourth Wednesday of the month. Read and discuss books about science, history, humanism, philosophy, religion, contemporary issues, and more.

Have a suggestion for an event? Contact us at info@cmfreethinkers.org

Event dates may change. For more information on these and other events and to verify dates and times, please check our webpage or Meetup page.

Whether you live close by or far away, whether you come regularly or just once in a while, we look forward to seeing you.

"Atheism isn't a handful of high-profile writers and speakers and celebrities. Atheism isn't Richard Dawkins and Julia Sweeney and Ricky Gervais. These people are important, of course. But atheism is all of us. Building a community, and creating a movement for social change – that is something that is done on the ground."

Greta Christina (1961-)



## We take part in and support our local community. For example, we:

- host a table at the annual St. Cloud Pride event at Lake George;
- hold an annual drawing for a family membership to the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul;
- sponsor a youth each summer to attend Camp Quest, an educational camp stressing fun, freethought, science, and humanist values;
- make annual contributions to Anna Marie's Alliance, a shelter for victims of domestic violence in St. Cloud, and Planned Parenthood;
- participate in a semi-annual highway clean-up on Highway 10 (north of Camp Ripley).

## CENTRAL MINNESOTA FREETHINKERS

Founded 1998

We are a non-profit, social, educational, and charitable organization created to foster a community of reason.

We are freethinkers, atheists, agnostics, secularists, humanists, and "nones" in and around St. Cloud.

We live our lives happily free of dogma and the constraints of religion.

# For more information or to sign up for our newsletter or Meetup, visit:

cmfreethinkers.org

meetup.com/Central-Minnesota-Freethinkers/

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# Other organizations of interest:

Freedom From Religion Foundation ffrf.org

Council on Secular Humanism secularhumanism.org

American Humanist Association americanhumanist.org

Minnesota Atheists mnatheists.org

Lakes Area Atheists and Freethinkers (Brainerd, MN) lakesareaatheists.blogspot.com

# Who are you?

Freethinker?

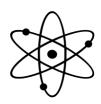
Atheist?

**Agnostic?** 

**Humanist?** 

Secularist?

"None"?



That's who we are.