

Progressive Atheists Inc.

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"Your participation is PA's future"



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... we seek to go beyond divisive racial, religious, tribal, and sectarian constructs, and instead, contribute to a universal humanity.

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MEMBERSHIP

Term 2015: 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017

***** ONLY \$20 Annually *****

Purchase Membership Online:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/product-category/membership/>

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Report: No Religion On The 2016 Census

Many people in Australia are born into religion but no longer practice or hold the same beliefs.

On the 2016 census, to be held on the **9th August**, the opportunity to choose **'No religion'** is now at the top of the list, giving people the chance to consider their answer first.

Accurate census data helps policy makers & political leaders make all sorts of planning and funding decisions. So if you're not religious any more, **mark the 'No religion' box on the 2016 Census.**

The Census is an important chance to make sure your interests are met and that views you don't hold are not over-represented in the coming years.

READ MORE HERE: <http://censusnoreligion.org.au/>

Join the Facebook Event - Australian Census 2016 - Tick 'No religion' Campaign

<https://www.facebook.com/events/177765775932271/>



MORE DETAILS: <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/06/13/us/orlando-nightclub-shooting/index.html>

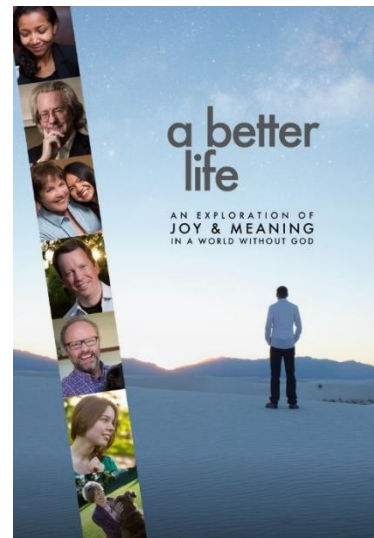
Report: Melbourne Screening of 'A Better Life'

Join filmmaker & author Chris Johnson for the Melbourne premiere of *A Better Life: An Exploration of Joy & Meaning in a World Without God*.

When: Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 @ 7:30pm - Chris Johnson will give a lecture, followed by screening the film & Q&A. (Tea & Biscuits prior @ 7:00pm)

Where: Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church - 110 Grey St, East Melbourne VIC 3002, Australia

There is no God. Now what? If this is the only life we have, how does that affect how we live our lives, how we treat each other, and cope with death. As a follow-up to one of Kickstarter's most successful publishing projects, photographer and filmmaker Chris Johnson introduces us to some of the many voices from his book. In this fascinating documentary — learn the stories behind the book in interviews with some of our greatest thinkers. Join Chris as he explores issues of joy & meaning and travels around the globe meeting people from all walks of life and backgrounds who challenge the false stereotypes of atheists as immoral and evil. From Daniel Dennett and A.C. Grayling, to Julia Sweeney and Robert Llewellyn — learn the various ways many atheists have left religion to a better life filled with love, compassion, hope, and wonder!



Join the Facebook Event - Melbourne Screening of 'A Better Life'

<https://www.facebook.com/events/941245639335258/>

Event sponsored by [Progressive Atheists](#)

Report: Waleed and Sonia

WALEED Aly has waded into the debate over Sonia Kruger's controversial comments about banning Muslims, saying the Today Extra host "isn't evil" and calling on people to stop the cycle of outrage.

In an editorial on Tuesday night's edition of *The Project*, Aly questioned the national pile-on that follows situations like the one Kruger found herself in yesterday, comparing it to a spinning Gravitron.

"I could sit here and pull apart Sonia Kruger's statement," he said in the editorial, co-written by supervising producer Tom Whitty. "I could point out that Japan has had its share of terror attacks, or that the UN has attributed Japan's low crime rate to low inequality and low gun ownership. I could point out that if Sonia is afraid, logically, as a woman in Australia, she has a much higher chance of being murdered by a man she knows, than a Muslim from another country.

"And I could do all of this with the best intentions, but really, all I'd be doing is encouraging the inertia of outrage that spins the Gravitron that we're all on. I'd be fuelling the same cycle that has led to absolutely horrendous personal attacks on Sonia in the last 24 hours.

READ MORE HERE: <http://www.news.com.au/entertainment/tv/current-affairs/sonia-kruger-isnt-evil-waleed-aly/news-story/5968a1a4746c85b683212966b614c3f4>



Report: Is Turkey losing its secular culture?

Turkish General Cevik Bir once said, "In Turkey, we have a marriage of Islam and democracy ... The child of this marriage is secularism. Now this child gets sick from time to time. The Turkish armed forces is the doctor which saves the child. Depending on how sick the kid is, we administer the necessary medicine to make sure the child recuperates".

Those words help explain why Turkey has been vulnerable to so many military coups or coup attempts since it emerged as a modern secular nation under Mustafa Kemal Attaturk after World War I.

It was Attaturk who enshrined secular government in Turkey's constitution and removed the provision declaring that the "religion of the state is Islam".

READ MORE HERE: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-18/turkey-coup-attempt-shows-division-over-wish-for-islamist-rule/7639292>



Hotline: Recovering from Religion

Learning how to live after questions, doubts, and changing beliefs is a journey. We at Recovering From Religion are intimately familiar with this path, and we are here to help you to cross that bridge. Our passion is connecting others with support, resources, community, and most of all, hope.

We want to meet you where you are and connect you to people that understand what you are feeling, the questions you have, and the obstacles you face. Our projects serve this mission in three ways:

- The [Hotline Project](#) offers compassionate agents via phone and chat who will listen to you and offer their support. They've been where you are, and they want to help.
- [The Secular Therapy Project](#) will connect you with a therapist who will offer only evidence-based and non-religious treatment. Our network of skilled and licensed therapists is always growing.
- Local [support groups](#) give you the opportunity for face to face peer support in your local area to explore the impact of religion in your life, without judgment, with other people going through, or having gone through, the same experience.

MORE INFORMATION HERE:

<http://www.recoveringfromreligion.org/#home>

Progressive Atheists Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in Melbourne. At the meeting an Annual Report will be presented. The Term 2016 will step down and a new committee will be elected for Term 2017.

We are currently inviting expressions of interest to stand for the Committee Term 2017.

Roles to fill are:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

6 places for Ordinary Members

If you are interested to find out more about what these roles entail please contact the current committee. Contact details can be found on the website: <http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/committee/> otherwise you can send an email to contact@progressiveatheists.org

Progressive Atheists Annual General Meeting

Monday 31 October 2016

Dinner from 6.00 pm

Meeting 7.30 pm

La Notte Restaurant

140 Lygon St, Carlton VIC 3053

Join the Facebook Event - Progressive Atheists Annual General Meeting

<https://www.facebook.com/events/305415766515291/>

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Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting

Our next Progressive Atheists Inc. Open Meeting will be held at 12 pm on **Saturday, 27th August 2016** at the Melbourne Unitarian Hall, 110 Grey Street, East Melbourne, VIC 3002. All who support our purpose are welcome.

<http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/events/232838589/>

*Reminder for September Open Meeting: **Saturday, 24th September 2016***

Progressive Atheists Purpose Statement:

<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/purpose-statement/>

Melbourne Atheists MeetUp Group | Event Calendar

Keep in touch with atheists around Melbourne via the Melbourne MeetUp:
<http://www.meetup.com/Melbourne-Atheists/events/calendar/>

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Progressive Atheists Membership is \$20 per annum / \$10 concession.

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<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/membership/application/>

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<http://progressiveatheists.org/about-us/membership/>

Email our Membership Officer:

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OR ASK the person who gave you this bulletin

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