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Sunday Events for October 2008

Informal Gathering at 12:30 p.m.

Programs begin at 1:00 p.m.

Oct 5th “Dogma, Dogpa and the Puppies Resulting from the Intercourse Between Science and Religion”

Dr. Kenneth S. Schmitz, Professor of Chemistry, UMKC

Just as quantum particles are forever entangled after contact, the forging of science with religion in the hearth of ancient civilizations has yielded an alloy of remarkable endurance and strength. How has religious prejudices affected the advancement of the historical sciences? The current philosophy of quantum mechanics is in concert with some religious views regarding the supernatural.

Skeptical Religious Studies 10am – Buddhism – Emptiness
Haag Hall, Room 307 11:15am – New Testament – The Deutero-Pauline Epistles

Oct 12th “Economics as Religion; Economics and Secular Humanism”

James Webb, Department of Economics, UMKC

Current economic theories have origins in religious doctrine meant to reconcile science with the existence of an unerring Creator. Secular humanism is based on the application of systematic reasoned inquiry to human problems. What does economics look like using a secular humanist approach?

Skeptical Religious Studies 10am – Hinduism – Seeing God
Haag Hall, Room 307 11:15am – Islam – Islam at the Crossroads

Oct 19th “The Rise of the Dutch Republic (part 2)”

Dr. Fred Whitehead, Independent Scholar, and Co-Editor of “Free Thought on the American Frontier”

A survey of the economic and cultural history of the Netherlands from the 17th century to the present. This is a sequel to the April presentation.

Skeptical Religious Studies 10am – Buddhism – Theravada Buddhism in Southeast Asia
Haag Hall, Room 307 11:15am – New Testament – The Pastoral Epistles

Woody Williams Memorial Lecture

Oct 26th “Happily Godless in High School”

Paul Donovan, Author of “Happily Godless”, Degrees in Physics, Education, Student Development, and Mathematics

A Kansas City, Kansas inner city high school atheist teacher discusses the line between the separation of church and state drawn from his class room experiences with students of diverse faith, which lead to the creation of his book Happily Godless.

Skeptical Religious Studies 10am – Hinduism – The Way of Devotion
Haag Hall, Room 307 11:15am – Islam – Women & Change in Islam

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