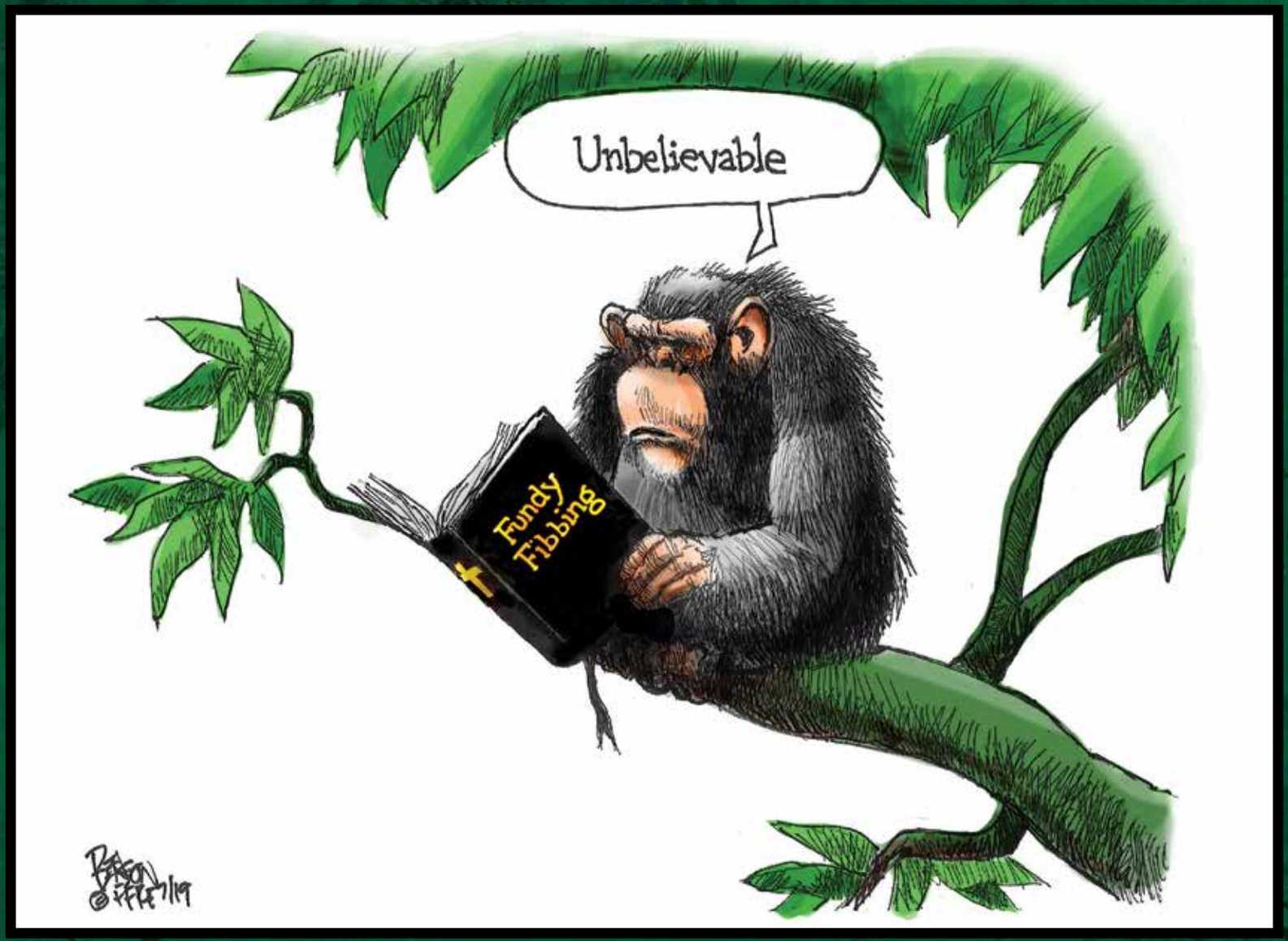


JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 'Wall of Separation' coined, 1802 by President Thomas Jefferson Ouida, b. 1839 *Novelist* E.M. Forster, b. 1879 *Novelist* **New Year's Day**	**2** Isaac Asimov, b. 1920 *Polymath, humanist* Steve Benson, b. 1954 *Editorial cartoonist*	**3**	**4** J.R. Simplot, b. 1909 *Atheist billionaire* Michael Stipe, b. 1960 *R.E.M. Vocalist*	**5** Felix Manz, d. 1527 *Heretic, martyr* Iris DeMent, b. 1961 *Singer, songwriter*	**6** Carl Sandburg, b. 1878 *Poet & author* Nigella Lawson, b. 1960 *Cook, TV host*	**7** John E. Remsburg, b. 1848 *Freethought author* Zora Neale Hurston, b. 1891 *Writer, folklorist*
8 Butterfly McQueen, b. 1911 *Actress* Stephen Hawking, b. 1942 *Cosmologist* David Bowie, b. 1947 *Rock musician*	**9** Simone de Beauvoir, b. 1908 *Author, feminist* Linda Greenhouse, b. 1947 *Pulitzer-Prize winning reporter* Dave Matthews, b. 1967 *Musician*	**10** Col. Ethan Allen, b. 1738 *American revolutionary, 'Reason' author*	**11** G.W. Foote, b. 1850 *Secular editor* Alice Paul, b. 1885 *ERA activist* Aldo Leopold, b. 1887 *Ecologist*	**12** Jack London, b. 1876 *Novelist* Ruth Hurmence Green, b. 1915 *'Born Again Skeptic' author*	**13** Ernestine L. Rose, b. 1810 *Atheist, feminist pioneer*	**14** Andy Rooney, b. 1919 *TV commentator* Julian Bond, b. 1940 *Civil rights champion* Steven Soderbergh, b. 1963 *Filmmaker*
15 Molière, b. 1622 *Playwright* Jean Meslier, b. 1664 *Atheist priest* Martin Luther King Jr., b. 1929 *State/church supporter*	**16** Statute for Religious Freedom Enacted, 1786 **National Religious Freedom Day** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**	**17** Benjamin Franklin, b. 1706 *American revolutionary* Javed Akhtar, b. 1945 *Scriptwriter, lyricist* Sebastian Junger, b. 1962 *Filmmaker*	**18** Montesquieu, b. 1689 *Political philosopher* A.A. Milne, b. 1882 *Children's author* James F. Crow, b. 1916 *Evolutionary biologist*	**19** Auguste Comte, b. 1798 *Father of sociology* Edgar Allan Poe, b. 1809 *Writer* Julian Barnes, b. 1946 *Writer*	**20** Bill Maher, b. 1956 *Comedian*	**21** Helen H. Gardener, b. 1853 *Freethought activist, writer*
22 Lord Byron, b. 1788 *Poet* Johan A. Strindberg, b. 1849 *Dramatist* Beatrice Webb, b. 1858 *Reformer* Roe v. Wade issued, 1973 (Overturned 2022)	**23** Stendhal, b. 1783 *Novelist*	**24** Frederick the Great, b. 1712 *Prussian monarch* Joseph Mazzini Wheeler, b. 1850 *Secularist* Garrett Lisi, b. 1968 Physicist	**25** Robert Burns, b. 1759 *Poet* W. Somerset Maugham, b. 1874 *Novelist* Virginia Woolf, b. 1882 *Essayist, novelist*	**26** Paul Newman, b. 1925 *Actor, philanthropist* Jules Feiffer, b. 1929 *Cartoonist, playwright*	**27** Jerome Kern, b. 1885 *Songwriter* Mikhail Baryshnikov, b. 1948 *Dancer* Patton Oswalt, b. 1969 *Actor*	**28** John Baskerville, b. 1706 *Typographer* Alan Alda, b. 1936 *Actor*
29 Thomas Paine, b. 1737 *Revolutionary, author* Frederick Delius, b. 1862 *Composer* W.C. Fields, b. 1880 *Comedian* Robin Morgan, b. 1941 *Feminist poet, author*	**30** Saul Alinsky, b. 1909 *Organizer* Olof Palme, b. 1927 *Swedish Prime Minister* Jack Germond, b. 1928 *Journalist*	**31** Rupert Hughes, b. 1872 *Screenwriter* Johnny Rotten, b. 1956 *Punk rocker, author* Oksana Shachko, b. 1987 *FEMEN co-founder*				



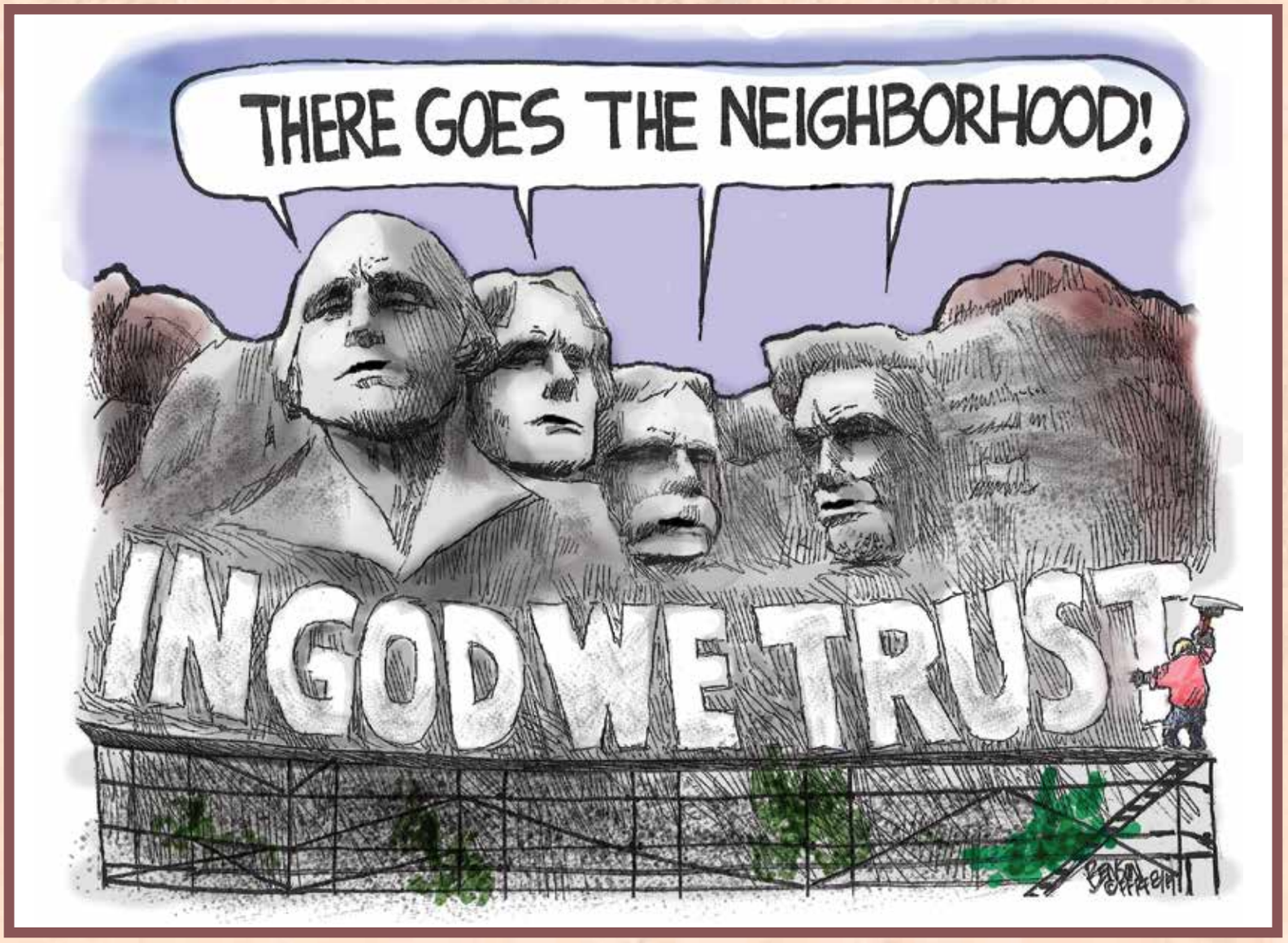
FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Langston Hughes, b. 1902 *Poet, novelist* Terry Jones, b. 1942 *Director, 'Monty Python'* Barry Duke, b. 1949 *Gay rights activist*	**2** James Joyce, b. 1882 *Novelist* Ayn Rand, b. 1905 *Novelist, philosopher* Burton Lane, b. 1912 *Composer* **Groundhog Day**	**3** James Michener, b. 1907 *Novelist*	**4** Georg Brandes, b. 1842 *Author, 'Jesus: A Myth'* Bill Haywood, b. 1869 *Labor activist*
5	**6** Christopher Marlowe, b. 1564 *Playwright, poet* Alice Greczyn, b. 1989 *Actress, activist*	**7** Charles Dickens, b. 1812 *Novelist* Sinclair Lewis, b. 1885 *Novelist, muckraker* Chris Rock, b. 1965 *Comedian, actor, producer*	**8** Elizabeth Bishop, b. 1911 *Poet, writer* Philip Appleman, b. 1926 *Poet, Darwin scholar* William Jackson Harper, b. 1980 *Actor, playwright* Cecily Strong, b. 1984 *SNL comedian*	**9** Aletta Jacobs, b. 1854 *Women's rights pioneer* Amy Lowell, b. 1874 *Poet* Jacques Monod, b. 1910 *Nobel Laureate* Alice Walker, b. 1944 *Poet, novelist*	**10** Eliza Lynn Linton, b. 1822 *Novelist*	**11** Thomas Alva Edison, b. 1847 *Inventor* Florynce "Flo" Kennedy, b. 1916 *Lawyer, feminist* Sikivu Hutchinson, b. 1969, *Black Skeptics LA founder* Natalie Dormer, b. 1982 *'Game of Thrones' actress*
12 Charles Darwin, b. 1809 *Evolutionist* Abraham, b. 1809 *16th U.S. president* George Meredith, b. 1829 *Novelist, poet* **Darwin Day**	**13** Robert Ingersoll & Eva Parker, Married, 1862 Henry Rollins, b. 1961 *Musician*	**14** Frederick Douglass, b. 1818 *Abolitionist, editor* Teller, b. 1948 *Magician* Simon Pegg, b. 1970 *Actor, comedian* **Valentine's Day**	**15** Galileo Galilei, b. 1564 *Astronomer* Jeremy Bentham, b. 1748 *Utilitarian, reformer* Susan B. Anthony, b. 1820 *Feminist, reformer* Matt Groening, b. 1954 *'Simpsons' creator*	**16** Sir Francis Galton, b. 1822 *Scientist* Natalie Angier, b. 1958 *Columnist, author* Christopher Eccleston, b. 1964 *Actor* Elizabeth Olsen, b. 1989 *Actor*	**17** Giordano Bruno, d. 1600 *Heretic/martyr*	**18** Matt Dillon, b. 1964 *Actor* Jared Huffman, b. 1964 *U.S. Representative*
19 Nicolaus Copernicus, b. 1473 *Astronomer* Svante August Arrhenius, b. 1859 *Nobel Prize-winning chemist* Andre Breton, b. 1896 *Poet, surrealist*	**20** E.B. Foote, b. 1829 *Comstock foe* Robert Altman, b. 1925 *Director, screenwriter* Julian Scheer, b. 1926 *NASA official* James Albert Haught, b. 1932 *Journalist, author* **Presidents Day**	**21**	**22** Arthur Schopenhauer, b. 1788 *Philosopher* James Russell Lowell, b. 1819 *Poet* Edna St. Vincent Millay, b. 1892 *Poet*	**23** W.E.B. Du Bois, b. 1868 *Civil rights reformer* Rebecca Newberger Goldstein, b. 1950 *Philosopher, author* S.E. Cupp, b. 1979 *Columnist*	**24** George Augustus Moore, b. 1852 *Novelist* Joan Barbara Konner, b. 1931 *Journalist*	**25** Anthony Burgess, b. 1917 *Novelist* Hemant Mehta, b. 1983 *Atheist activist*
26 Victor Marie Hugo, b. 1802 *Novelist* Tony Randall, b. 1920 *Actor*	**27** Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, b. 1807 *Poet* John Steinbeck, b. 1902 *Novelist* Sonia Johnson, b. 1936 *Feminist, author*	**28** Michel de Montaigne, b. 1533 *Essayist* Linus Pauling, b. 1901 *Nobel Laureate* Daniel Handler, b. 1970 *'Lemony Snicket' author*				


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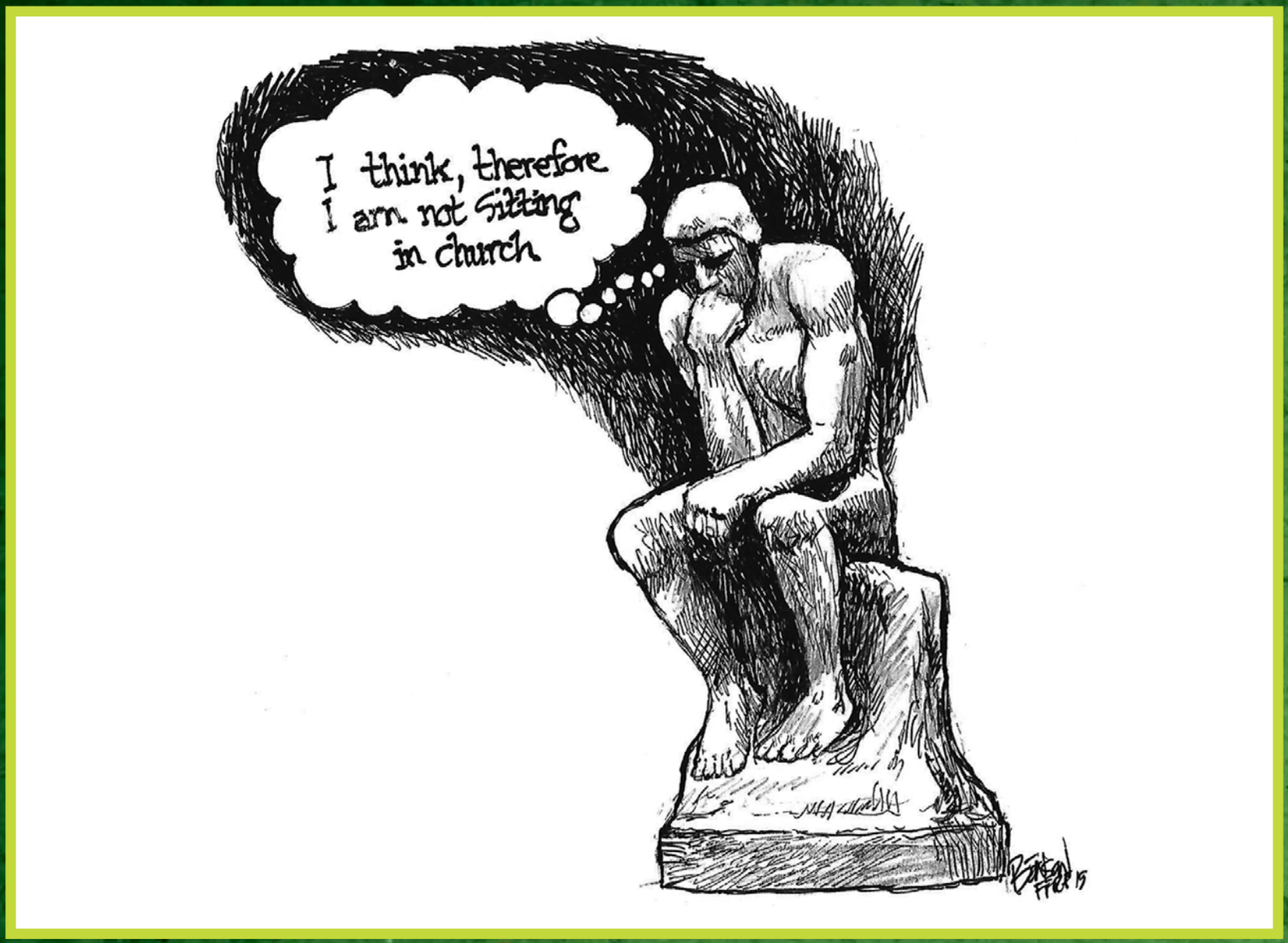
MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Queen Caroline, b. 1683 *Monarch* Robert Lowell, b. 1917 *Poet* Scott Dikkers, b. 1965 *'The Onion' founder* Javier Bardem, b. 1969 *Actor*	**2** John Irving, b. 1942 *Novelist* Daniel Craig, b. 1968 *Actor*	**3** William Godwin, b. 1756 *Atheist philosopher* Ira Glass, b. 1959 *Radio personality*	**4**
5 Rosa Luxemburg, b. 1871 *Revolutionary* Penn Jillette, b. 1955 *Magician* Matt Lucas, b. 1974 *Entertainer*	**6** David Gilmour, b. 1946 *Singer, songwriter*	**7** Luther Burbank, b. 1849 *Scientist, inventor* Jo Kotula, b. 1910 *Aviation artist* Alan Hale, b. 1958 *Astronomer*	**8** Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., b. 1841 *Supreme Court Justice* McCollum v. Board of Education, 1948 *Stopped religion in public schools* **International Women's Day**	**9** Michael Kinsley, b. 1951 *Editor, author* Paul "PZ" Myers, b. 1957 *Biologist, blogger* Óscar Isaac, b. 1979 *Actor, musician*	**10**	**11** Douglas Adams, b. 1952 *Sci-fi/comedy writer*
12 Edward Albee, b. 1928 *Playwright* **Daylight Saving Time Begins**	**13** Joseph Priestley, b. 1733 *Chemist*	**14** Albert Einstein, b. 1879 *Scientist, peace activist*	**15** David Cronenberg, b. 1943 *Filmmaker*	**16** James Madison, b. 1751 *4th U.S. President* Rosa Bonheur, b. 1822 *Painter* Maxim Gorky, b. 1868 *Playwright* Jorge Ramos, b. 1958 *Univision journalist*	**17** Moncure Daniel Conway, b. 1832 *Former clergy, author* Kate Greenaway, b. 1846 *Illustrator* Alexander McQueen, b. 1969 *Fashion designer* Andrew Hozier-Bryne, b. 1990 *Singer/songwriter*	**18** Marilla M. Ricker, b. 1840 *Attorney, abolitionist, suffragist* Weiss v. District Board, 1890 *Stopped school bible reading*
19 Jean Astruc, b. 1684 *Physician* Sir Richard F. Burton, b. 1821 *Adventurer, explorer* Henry Morgentaler, b. 1923 *Pro-choice physician* Philip Roth, b. 1933 *Novelist*	**20** B.F. Skinner, b. 1904 *Behavioral psychologist* The Woman Rebel founded, 1914 by Margaret Sanger Carl Reiner, b. 1922 *Comedy actor, writer, director* Jeremiah Camara, b. 1963 *Filmmaker, author* **Vernal Equinox**	**21** Benito Juárez, b. 1806 *26th President of Mexico* Cenk Uygur, b. 1970 *Attorney, 'Young Turk'*	**22** Stephen Pearl Andrews, b. 1812 *Abolitionist* Stephen Sondheim, b. 1930 *Composer, lyricist* William Shatner, b. 1931 *Actor*	**23** William Smith, b. 1769 *Father of geology* Erich Fromm, b. 1900 *Psychoanalyst, humanist*	**24** Harry Houdini, b. 1874 *Magician* David Suzuki, b. 1936 *Scientist, advocate* Tig Notaro, b. 1971 *Comedian*	**25** Matilda Joslyn Gage, b. 1826 *Feminist, writer* Béla Bartok, b. 1881 *Classical composer* Gloria Steinem, b. 1934 *Feminist, writer* Elton John, b. 1947 *Singer, humanitarian*
26 A.E. Housman, b. 1859 *Poet* Robert Frost, b. 1874 *Poet* Edward Sorel, b. 1929 *Artist, satirist* Richard Dawkins, b. 1941 *Evolutionary biologist* Keira Knightley, b. 1985 *Actress*	**27** John Ballance, b. 1839 *N.Z. prime minister*	**28** Corliss Lamont, b. 1902 *Activist, philosopher* Jane Rule, b. 1931 *Writer* Daniel C. Dennett, b. 1942 *Philosopher* Ishmael Jaffree, b. 1944 *Plaintiff, attorney*	**29** Ludwig Buchner, b. 1824 *Physician, philosopher* Eric Idle, b. 1943 *Comedian*	**30** Charles Booth, b. 1840 *Humanitarian*	**31** Olive Schreiner, b. 1855 *Novelist* Hypatia Bradlaugh Bonner, b. 1858 *Freethought reformer* John Fowles, b. 1926 *Novelist*	



APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Abraham H. Maslow, b. 1908 *Psychologist* Milan Kundera, b. 1929 *Novelist* **April Fool's Day**
2 Émile Zola, b. 1840 *Novelist, reformer*	**3** Mathilde Franziska Giesler Anneke b. 1817, *Reformer* John Burroughs, b. 1837 *Naturalist* Marlon Brando, b. 1924 *Actor* A.C. Grayling, b. 1949 *Philosopher*	**4** Robert Scheer, b. 1936 *Journalist* David Cross, b. 1964 *Comedian*	**5** Thomas Hobbes, b. 1588 *Philosopher* Algernon Charles Swinburne, b. 1837 *Poet* Arthur Hailey, b. 1920 *Novelist*	**6** Robert M. Sapolsky, b. 1957 *Biologist, author*	**7** Elihu Palmer, b. 1764 *Freethought activist* Abner Kneeland, b. 1774 *Freethought activist* Marjory Stoneman Douglas, b. 1890 *Environmentalist* Jack Lawrence, b. 1912 *Lyricist*	**8** Barbara Leigh Smith Bodichon, b. 1827 *Feminist, reformer* Yip Harburg, b. 1896 *Lyricist, Social justice poet*
9 Charles Baudelaire, b. 1821 *Poet* Paul Robeson, b. 1898 *Performer, actor* Tom Lehrer, b. 1928 *Satiric songwriter* Sam Harris, b. 1967 *'End of Faith' author*	**10** Thomas Allsop, b. 1795 *Radical reformer*	**11** George E. Macdonald, b. 1857 *Freethought editor* Mark Strand, b. 1934 *Poet*	**12** Henry Zumach, b. 1942 *Freethought activist* Jon Krakauer, b. 1954 *Author*	**13** Thomas Jefferson, b. 1743 *3rd U.S. President* George Jacob Holyoake, b. 1817 *Freethought activist* Mattie Parry Krekel, b. 1840 *Freethought lecturer* Christopher Hitchens, b. 1949 *Journalist*	**14** Rod Steiger, b. 1925 *Actor* Richard Jeni, b. 1947 *Comedian, actor*	**15** A. Philip Randolph, b. 1889 *Civil rights leader* Thomas Szasz, b. 1920 *Psychiatrist, writer* Elizabeth Montgomery, b. 1933 *Actress* Emma Thompson, b. 1959 *Actress*
16 Anatole France, b. 1844 *Novelist* Charlie Chaplin, b. 1889 *Actor, comedian*	**17** Isak Dinesen, b. 1885 *Novelist*	**18** Clarence Darrow, b. 1857 *Attorney, civil libertarian*	**19**	**20** David Chalmers, b. 1966 *Philosopher* **Ask An Atheist Day**	**21** Clemence Royer, b. 1830 *Philosopher, scientist*	**22** "Mme. De Stael," b. 1766 *Playwright* Vladimir Nabokov, b. 1899 *Novelist* Jack Nicholson, b. 1937 *Actor* **Earth Day**
23 William Shakespeare, b. 1564 *The Bard* Joseph Turner, b. 1775 *Painter* Sergei Prokofiev, b. 1891 *Composer*	**24**	**25**	**26** David Hume, b. 1711 *Philosopher* Eugene Delacroix, b. 1798 *Painter*	**27** Mary Wollstonecraft, b. 1759 *Feminist, reformer* Ulysses S. Grant, b. 1822 *18th U.S. President* Hubert Harrison, b. 1883 *Civil rights activist* Russell T. Davies, b. 1963 *'Dr. Who,' BBC producer*	**28** Sir Terence Pratchett, b. 1948 *Author* Jessica Alba, b. 1981 *Actress*	**29** Derek Humphrey, b. 1930 *Hemlock Society co-founder* Robert Gottlieb, b. 1931 *Editor, writer* Uma Thurman, b. 1970 *Actress*
30 Cloris Leachman, b. 1926 *Actress* Annie Dillard, b. 1945 *Writer, professor*						



MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Joseph Heller, b. 1923 *Novelist* Robert "Bob" Mankoff, b. 1944 *Cartoonist*	**2** Catherine the Great, b. 1729 *Russian monarch* Anthony B. Pinn, b. 1964 *Humanist scholar*	**3** Pete Seeger, b. 1919 *Folk singer* Steven Weinberg, b. 1933 *Nobel Laureate physicist* Mary L. Trump, b. 1965 *Psychologist*	**4** Thomas H. Huxley, M.D., b. 1825 *Scientist, "agnostic" coiner* George Will, b. 1941 *Columnist, journalist*	**5** Karl Marx, b. 1818 *Economist, reformer* John Scopes, arrested 1925 *Evolution teacher* Richard E. Grant, b. 1957 *Actor* **Cinco De Mayo**	**6** Sigmund Freud, b. 1856 *Psychologist* Margaret Isabel Cole, b. 1893 *Politician, poet* George Clooney, b. 1961 *Actor, director*
7 Robert Browning, b. 1812 *Poet* Johannes Brahms, b. 1833 *Composer* Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, b. 1840 *Composer*	**8** Ella E. Gibson, b. 1821 *Freethought activist* David Attenborough, b. 1926 *Director, actor*	**9** Billy Joel, b. 1949 *Musician*	**10** Charles Knowlton, M.D., b. 1800 *Birth control advocate* Ariel Durant, b. 1898 *Author* Jonathan Edwards, b. 1966 *Olympian*	**11** Irving Berlin, b. 1888 *Songwriter* Richard Feynman, b. 1918 *Nobel Laureate, scientist*	**12** Florence Nightingale, b. 1820 *Humanitarian* Dante Gabriel Rossetti, b. 1828 *Painter, poet* Katharine Hepburn, b. 1907 *Oscar-winning actress* George Carlin, b. 1937 *Comedian*	**13** Roger Zelazny, b. 1937 *Author*
14 Robert Owen, b. 1771 *Reformer* Erwin Chemerinsky, b. 1953 *Law professor* Robyn Blumner, b. 1961 *CFI executive director* **Mother's Day**	**15** L. Frank Baum, b. 1856 *'Wizard of Oz' author*	**16** Henry Fonda, b. 1905 *Actor* Louis "Studs" Terkel, b. 1912 *Chronicler* Brian Eno, b. 1948 *Musician*	**17**	**18** Bertrand Russell, b. 1872 *Philosopher, author* Juan Mendez, b. 1985 *Arizona state senator*	**19** Lorraine Hansberry, b. 1930 *Playwright* Nora Ephron, b. 1941 *Screenwriter, director*	**20** Stephen Girard, b. 1750 *Philanthropist* Honoré de Balzac, b. 1799 *Novelist* John Stuart Mill, b. 1806 *Civil libertarian* Ron Reagan, b. 1958 *Commentator, dancer*
21 Alexander Pope, b. 1688 *Poet* Robert Creeley, b. 1926 *Poet*	**22** Harvey Milk, b. 1930 *Politician*	**23** Margaret Fuller, b. 1810 *Feminist, author* Joan Collins, b. 1933 *Actress, writer*	**24** Rufus King Noyes, M.D., b. 1853 *Physician* Stanley Baxter, b. 1926 *Actor, author*	**25** Ralph Waldo Emerson, b. 1803 *Author* Sir Ian McKellen, b. 1939 *Actor*	**26** Jack Kevorkian, b. 1928 *Physician, activist* Sanal Edamaruku, b. 1955 *Secular activist* Matt Stone, b. 1971 *Actor, animator*	**27** Isadora Duncan, b. 1878 *Dancer* Harlan Ellison, b. 1934 *Writer* Adam Carolla, b. 1964 *Comedian*
28	**29** Peter Higgs, b. 1929 *Physicist* Amy Schneider, b. 1979 *"Jeopardy" Champion* **Memorial Day**	**30** Mikhail Bakunin, b. 1814 *Revolutionary* A. Stone Freedburg, b. 1908 *Pioneering physician*	**31** Walt Whitman, b. 1819 *Poet*			



JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Marilyn Monroe, b. 1926 *Actress* Morgan Freeman, b. 1937 *Actor, director*	**2** Thomas Hardy, b. 1840 *Novelist* Edward Elgar, b. 1857 *Composer* Barbara Smoker, b. 1923 *Freethought activist*	**3** Edward Livingston Youmans, b. 1821 *'Popular Science' founder* Rafael Nadal, b. 1986 *Tennis player*
4 Susan Jacoby, b. 1945 *Scholar, author* Angelina Jolie, b. 1975 *Actress, Oscar winner, humanitarian* Wallace v. Jaffree, 1985 *Stopped school prayer*	**5** Adam Smith, b. 1723 *Economist, author* Kenneth Follett, b. 1949 *Author*	**6** Aram Khachaturian, b. 1903 *Classical composer* Harvey Fierstein, b. 1952 *Comedian, actor* Sam Simon, b. 1955 *'Simpsons' co-founder* Maxine Kumin, b. 1925 *Poet*	**7** Alice Hubbard, b. 1861 *Freethought activist, writer* Charles Strouse, b. 1928 *Composer of "Annie"*	**8** Robert Schumann, b. 1810 *Composer* Frank Lloyd Wright, b. 1867 *Architect* Francis Crick, b. 1916 *Scientist* Sara Paretsky, b. 1947 *Mystery writer*	**9** Cole Porter, b. 1891 *Songwriter* Michael J. Fox, b. 1961 *Actor* Natalie Portman, b. 1981 *Actress*	**10** Treaty of Tripoli signed, 1797 Nat Hentoff, b. 1925 *Columnist* Saul Bellow, b. 1915 *Writer* Maurice Sendak, b. 1928 *Writer, illustrator* E.O. Wilson, b. 1929 *Scientist*
11 Anne Royall, b. 1769 *Early secular activist* Richard Strauss, b. 1864 *Composer* Joseph Lewis, b. 1889 *Freethought activist* Gene Wilder, b. 1933 *Actor* Hugh Laurie, b. 1959 *Actor*	**12** Harriet Martineau, b. 1802 *Writer, sociologist* Loving v. Virginia decided, 1967 *Affirmed interracial marriage*	**13** Ann Druyan, b. 1949 *"Cosmos" writer*	**14** Robert "Fighting Bob" La Follette, b. 1855, *Senator, governor, Progressive* Margaret Bourke-White, b. 1904 *Photojournalist*	**15**	**16** Joyce Carol Oates, b. 1938 *Novelist*	**17** Abington Town School District v. Schempp, 1963 *Halted bible reading in schools* Jello Biafra, b. 1958 *Punk rocker*
18 Barack Hussein Obama Sr., b. 1936 *Economist* Roger Ebert, b. 1942 *Film Critic* Lisa Randall, b. 1962 *Particle physicist* **Father's Day**	**19** Salman Rushdie, b. 1947 *Novelist* Torcaso v. Watkins, 1961 *Stopped religious test* **Juneteenth**	**20** Ira Cardiff, b. 1873 *Humanist author* Amanda Donohoe, b. 1962 *Actress*	**21** Jean-Paul Sartre, b. 1905 *Existentialist* Ian McEwan, b. 1948 *Novelist* **Summer Solstice**	**22** Julian Huxley, b. 1887 *Biologist* Erich Maria Remarque, b. 1898 *Novelist* Bill Blass, b. 1922 *Fashion designer* Meryl Streep, b. 1949 *Actress* Dan Brown, b. 1964 *Author*	**23** Daniel Henry Chamberlain, b. 1835 *Politician* Alan Turing, b. 1912 *Computer scientist* Josh Whedon, b. 1964 *Screenwriter, director*	**24** Ambrose Bierce, b. 1842 *Writer* Michael Newdow, b. 1953 *Attorney, physician*
25 George Orwell, b. 1903 *Novelist, writer* Dan Barker, b. 1949 *Freethought writer, musician* Anthony Bourdain, b. 1956 *Chef, author* Ricky Gervais, b. 1961 *Comedian*	**26** Pearl Buck, b. 1892 *Novelist* Phil Zuckerman, b. 1969 *Secularity studies pioneer* Nick Offerman, b. 1970 *Actor*	**27** Emma Goldman, b. 1869 *Revolutionary, reformer*	**28** Jean Jacques Rousseau, b. 1712 *Reformer, philosopher* Paul Broca, b. 1824 *Professor of surgical pathology* Richard Rodgers, b. 1902 *Broadway composer* Ashley Montagu, b. 1905 *Anthropologist*	**29** Frank Loesser, b. 1910 *Composer*	**30** Harry Weese, b. 1915 *Architect*	



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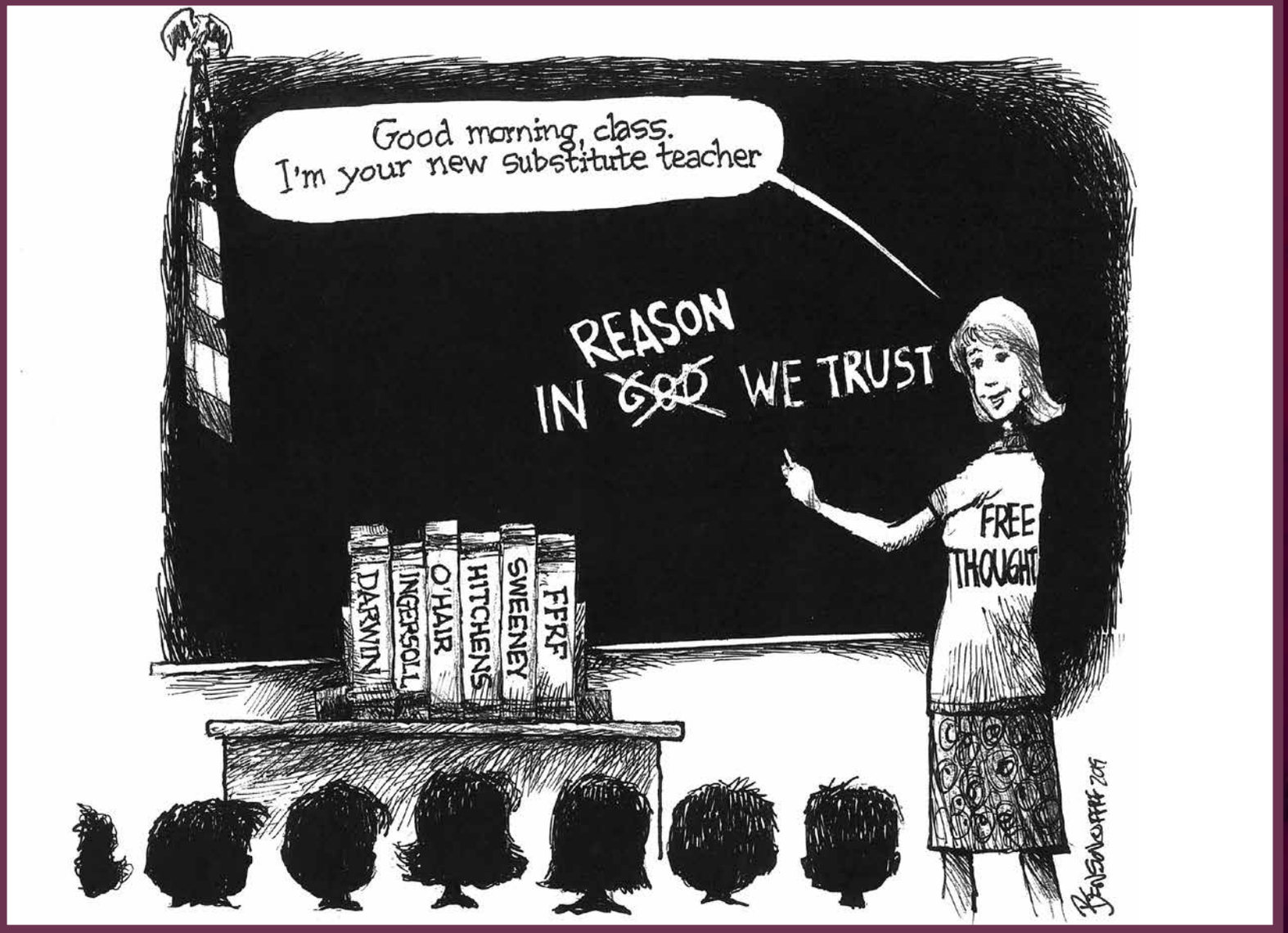
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						1 Edward Clodd, b. 1840 *Anthropologist*
2 George Sand, b. 1804 *Novelist* Barbara G. Walker, b. 1930 *Feminist author* Larry David, b. 1947, *'Seinfeld,' 'Curb Your Enthusiasm' writer* Civil Rights Act enacted, 1964	**3** Charlotte Perkins Gilman, b. 1860 *Feminist, novelist*	**4** Declaration of Independence, 1776 Stephen Foster, b. 1826 *Songwriter* Christopher Cameron, b. 1983 *Historian, author* **Independence Day**	**5** Ernest Mayr, b. 1904 *Evolutionary biologist*	**6** Aleksandr Pushkin, b. 1799 *Author* Frida Kahlo, b. 1907 *Painter* Peter Singer, b. 1946 *Moral philosopher*	**7** Josiah P. Mendum, b. 1811 *Boston Investigator editor* Gustav Mahler, b. 1860 *Composer* Robert A. Heinlein, b. 1907 *Sci fi writer* Eleanor Clift, b. 1940 *Reporter*	**8** Faye Wattleton, b. 1943 *Reproductive rights activist* Harriet Johnson, b. 1957 *Disability rights activist* Kevin Bacon, b. 1958 *Actor*
9 Sherry Matulis, b. 1931 *Author* Oliver Sacks, b. 1933 *Neurologist, writer*	**10** Camille Pissarro, b. 1830 *Impressionist* Marcel Proust, b. 1871 *Novelist* Ernie Chambers, b. 1937 *Nebraska state senator*	**11** John Q. Adams, b. 1767 *6th U.S. president* Pauline McLynn, b. 1962 *Actress, novelist*	**12** Henry David Thoreau, b. 1817 *Philosopher* Pablo Neruda, b. 1904 *Poet-diplomat* Phillip Adams, b. 1939 *Broadcaster, film producer*	**13** Sidney Webb, b. 1859 *Economist, reformer* Harrison Ford, b. 1942 *Actor* Jack Ziegler, b. 1942 *Satirist, cartoonist*	**14** Woody Guthrie, b. 1912 *Folk singer* Ingmar Bergman, b. 1918 *Director* Jane Lynch, b. 1960 *Actress*	**15** Iris Murdoch, b. 1919 *Novelist* Jacques Derrida, b. 1930 *Philosopher* Linda Ronstadt, b. 1946 *Singer* Jesse Ventura, b. 1951 *Politician*
16 Tony Kushner, b. 1956 *Playwright*	**17** Phyllis Diller, b. 1917 *Comedian* Josh Barro, b. 1984 *Columnist*	**18** William Makepeace Thackeray, b. 1811 *Novelist*	**19** Seneca Falls Convention, 1848 Fred Edwords, b. 1948 *Humanist leader*	**20** E. Haldeman-Julius, b. 1889 *Publisher, reformer*	**21** Anthony Collins, b. 1676 *Philosopher* Robin Williams, b. 1951 *Actor, comedian*	**22** Tom Robbins, b. 1936 *Author* Marci Hamilton, b. 1957 *Legal advocate* John Leguizamo, b. 1964 *Actor*
23 Alfred Knox, b. 1884 *Code-breaker* Woody Harrelson, b. 1961 *Actor* Daniel Radcliffe, b. 1989 *Actor*	**24** Simon Bolivar, b. 1783 *Revolutionary* Rose Byrne, b. 1979 *Actress* Mara Wilson, b. 1987 *Actress, writer*	**25** Eric Hoffer, b. 1902 *Social philosopher* Rosalind Franklin, b. 1920 *Chemist*	**26** George Bernard Shaw, b. 1856 *Playwright* Aldous Huxley, b. 1894 *Novelist* Stanley Kubrick, b. 1928 *Director, screenwriter* Mick Jagger, b. 1943 *Musician*	**27** Helen Taylor, b. 1831 *Feminist* Maya Rudolph, b. 1972 *Entertainer*	**28** Anne Hutchinson, banished 1637 *Rebel, secularist* 14th Amendment ratified, 1868 *Equal protection under law* Meg Bowman, b. 1929 *Humanist, feminist*	**29** Wil Wheaton, b. 1972 *Actor, writer*
30 Thorstein Veblen, b. 1857 *Economist, sociologist*	**31** Jean-Baptiste LaMarck, b. 1744 *Naturalist* Paul D. Boyer, b. 1918 *Nobel Laureate biochemist*					


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AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Herman Melville, b. 1819 *Writer*	**2** James Baldwin, b. 1924 *Writer, social critic* Peter O'Toole, b. 1932 *Actor*	**3** Rupert Brooke, b. 1887 *Poet* John Landis, b. 1950 *Director*	**4** Percy Bysshe Shelley, b. 1792 *Poet* Helen Thomas, b. 1921 *White House correspondent*	**5** Alfred Tennyson, b. 1809 *Poet* Clara Bewick Colby, b. 1846 *Feminist editor* Guy de Maupassant, b. 1850 *Writer* Ellery Schempp, b. 1940 *State/church champion*
6 Lawrence Lader, b. 1919 *Journalist, 'Abortion' author* Janet Jeppson Asimov, b. 1926 *Psychiatrist, humanist*	**7** Charles Southwell, b. 1814 *'Blasphemous' freethinker* James Randi, b. 1928 *Magician* Charlize Theron, b. 1975 *Actress*	**8** Paul Dirac, b. 1902 *Physicist* Tom Brazaitis, b. 1940 *Journalist*	**9**	**10** Frances Northcutt, b. 1943 *Attorney, feminist activist* Antonio Banderas, b. 1960 *Actor*	**11** Robert G. Ingersoll, b. 1833 *'The Great Agnostic'* Lyle Stuart, b. 1922 *Author* Steve Wozniak, b. 1950 *Computer scientist*	**12** Lillie Devereux Blake, b. 1833 *Suffragist* George Soros, b. 1930 *Philanthropist, social activist*
13 Felix Adler, b. 1851 *Ethical Culture founder*	**14** John Galsworthy, b. 1867 *Novelist*	**15** Julia Child, b. 1912 *Chef*	**16** Matthew Tindal, b. 1657 *Deistic author* Margaret Downey, b. 1950 *Secular activist* James Cameron, b. 1954 *Director* Vanessa Carlton, b. 1980 *Musician*	**17** Maria Deraismes, b. 1828 *Pioneer for women's rights* V. S. Naipaul, b. 1932 *Nobel Prize-winning writer* Alex Honnold, b. 1985 *Rock climber*	**18** Robert Redford, b. 1936 *Actor* Tom Flynn, b. 1955 *Freethought editor*	**19** Pierre Jean de Beranger, b. 1780 *Poet and chansonnier* Gene Roddenberry, b. 1921 *TV screenwriter, futurist* Ron Darling, b. 1960 *Baseball player*
20	**21** Bo Burham, b. 1990 *Comedian, musician*	**22** Claude Debussy, b. 1862 *Composer* Annie Proulx, b. 1935 *Novelist* Diana Nyad, b. 1949 *Long-distance swimmer*	**23**	**24** Howard Zinn, b. 1922 *Historian* Stephen Fry, b. 1957 *Comedian* Arian Foster, b. 1986 *Football player, philanthropist*	**25** Horace Seaver, b. 1810 *Freethought editor* Taslima Nasrin, b. 1962 *Author*	**26** Robert Walpole, b. 1676 *1st UK prime minister* Zona Gale, b. 1874 *Author, playwright* Anniversary of 19th Amendment, 1920 Barbara Ehrenreich, b. 1941 *Author, feminist activist* Shirley Manson, b. 1966 *musician* **Women's Equality Day**
27 Granville Stuart, b. 1834 *Montana pioneer, infidel*	**28** Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, b. 1749 *Writer* C. Wright Mills, b. 1916 *Sociologist* Bwambale Roger Musubano, b. 1979 *Humanist activist*	**29** Charlie Parker, b. 1920 *Jazz musician*	**30** Mary Godwin Shelley, b. 1797 *'Frankenstein' author* Ted Williams, b. 1918 *Baseball player* Warren Buffett, b. 1930 *Business magnate*	**31**		



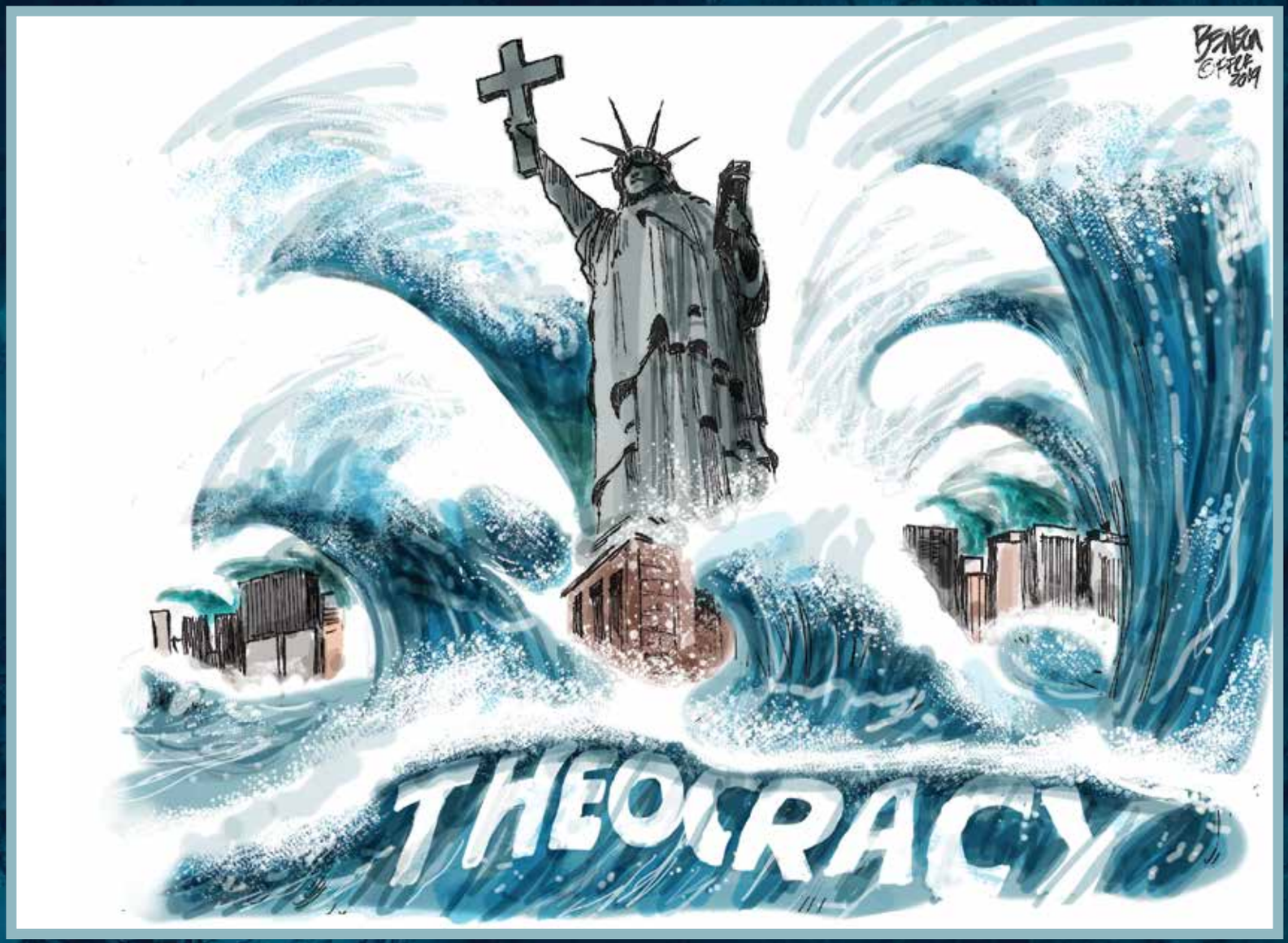
SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Chapman Cohen, b. 1868 *Freethought advocate* Edgar Rice Burroughs, b. 1875 *Author* Freethought Today debuted, 1983	**2** Claire Eglin Culhane, b. 1918 *Activist, author*
3 Freethought rally, Sweden, 1889 *Protesting church tyranny*	**4** Richard Wright, b. 1908 *Author* Mandisa Thomas, b. 1976 *Black Nonbelievers founder* **Labor Day**	**5** Carter Warden, b. 1963 *Clergy Project activist*	**6** Frances Wright, b. 1795 *Feminist, freethought pioneer* Jane Addams, b. 1860 *Settlement house founder* Robert M. Pirsig, b. 1928 *'Zen' author* Roger Waters, b. 1943 *Rock musician* Rosie Perez, 1964 *Actress*	**7** Malcolm Bradbury, b. 1932 *Novelist, screenwriter*	**8**	**9** Leo Tolstoy, b. 1828 *Novelist*
10 Stephen J. Gould, b. 1941 *Evolutionary biologist*	**11** Jessica Mitford, b. 1917 *"Queen of the Muckrakers"*	**12** H.L. Mencken, b. 1880 *Iconoclastic journalist* Catherine Fahringer, b. 1922 *Freethought activist* Neil Peart, 1952 *Rush drummer, lyricist* Avijit Roy., b. 1972 *Author, activist, secular martyr*	**13** Alain Locke, b. 1885 *Philosopher* Don Addis, b. 1935 *Editorial cartoonist*	**14** Alexander von Humboldt, b. 1769 *German explorer, scientist* Margaret Sanger, b. 1879 *Birth control heroine* Ted Gup, b. 1970 *Author*	**15** James Fenimore Cooper, b. 1789 *Novelist*	**16** Viscount Bolingbroke, b. 1678 *Irreligious statesman*
17 Theodore Schroeder, b. 1864 *Civil libertarian* Sean B. Carroll, b. 1960 *Evolutionary biologist* Jerry DeWitt, b. 1969 *Author, former pastor* **Constitution Day**	**18** Steven Pinker, b. 1954 *Linguist, psychologist*	**19** Jean Baptiste Delambre, b. 1749 *Astronomer* Frances Farmer, b. 1913 *Actress* Twiggy, b. 1949 *Model, actress* Simon Singh, b. 1964 *Author, journalist*	**20** Robert Emmet, d. 1803 *Irish revolutionary* Upton Sinclair, b. 1878 *Novelist, reformer* Malachy McCourt, b. 1931 *Actor, author* George R. R. Martin, b. 1948 *Novelist, screenwriter*	**21** James Watson, b. 1799 *Pioneering publisher* Etta Semple, b. 1855 *Feminist, freethought activist* H.G. Wells, b. 1866 *Novelist, reformer* Stephen King, b. 1947 *Novelist*	**22** Parker Pillsbury, b. 1809 *Abolitionist reformer* Eva Ingersoll, b. 1864 *Humanitarian, feminist*	**23** Victoria Woodhull, b. 1838 *Feminist gadfly* Walter Lippmann, b. 1899 *Journalist, editor, author* Ani DiFranco, b. 1970 *Singer, songwriter* **Autumnal Equinox**
24 F. Scott Fitzgerald, b. 1896 *Celebrated novelist*	**25** Theophile de Viau, d. 1626 *Martyred French poet* Dimitri Shostakovich, b. 1906 *Composer* Christopher Reeve, b. 1952 *Actor, activist* Donald Glover, b. 1983 *Actor, writer*	**26** Charles Bradlaugh, b. 1833 *Atheist activist* Ivan Pavlov, b. 1879 *Behavioral scientist* George Gershwin, b. 1898 *Composer* Ryan Bell *'Year Without God' author*	**27** Bhagat Singh, b. 1907 *Indian revolutionary* Albert Ellis, b. 1913 *Therapist, author*	**28** Prosper Merimee, b. 1803 *Dramatist* Georges Clemenceau, b. 1841 *French prime minister* Robert Stout, b. 1844 *New Zealand prime minister* Janeane Garofalo, b. 1964 *Actress, comedian* Graydon Square, b. 1981 *Rapper*	**29** Barbara Mertz, b. 1927 *Author* Michelle Bachelet, b. 1951 *Chilean president* Julia Gillard, b. 1961 *Australian prime minister*	**30** Truman Capote, b. 1924 *Author, screenwriter* Phil Plait, b. 1964 *Astronomer, blogger* Ta-Nehisi Coates, b. 1975 *Writer, journalist* **International Blasphemy Day**



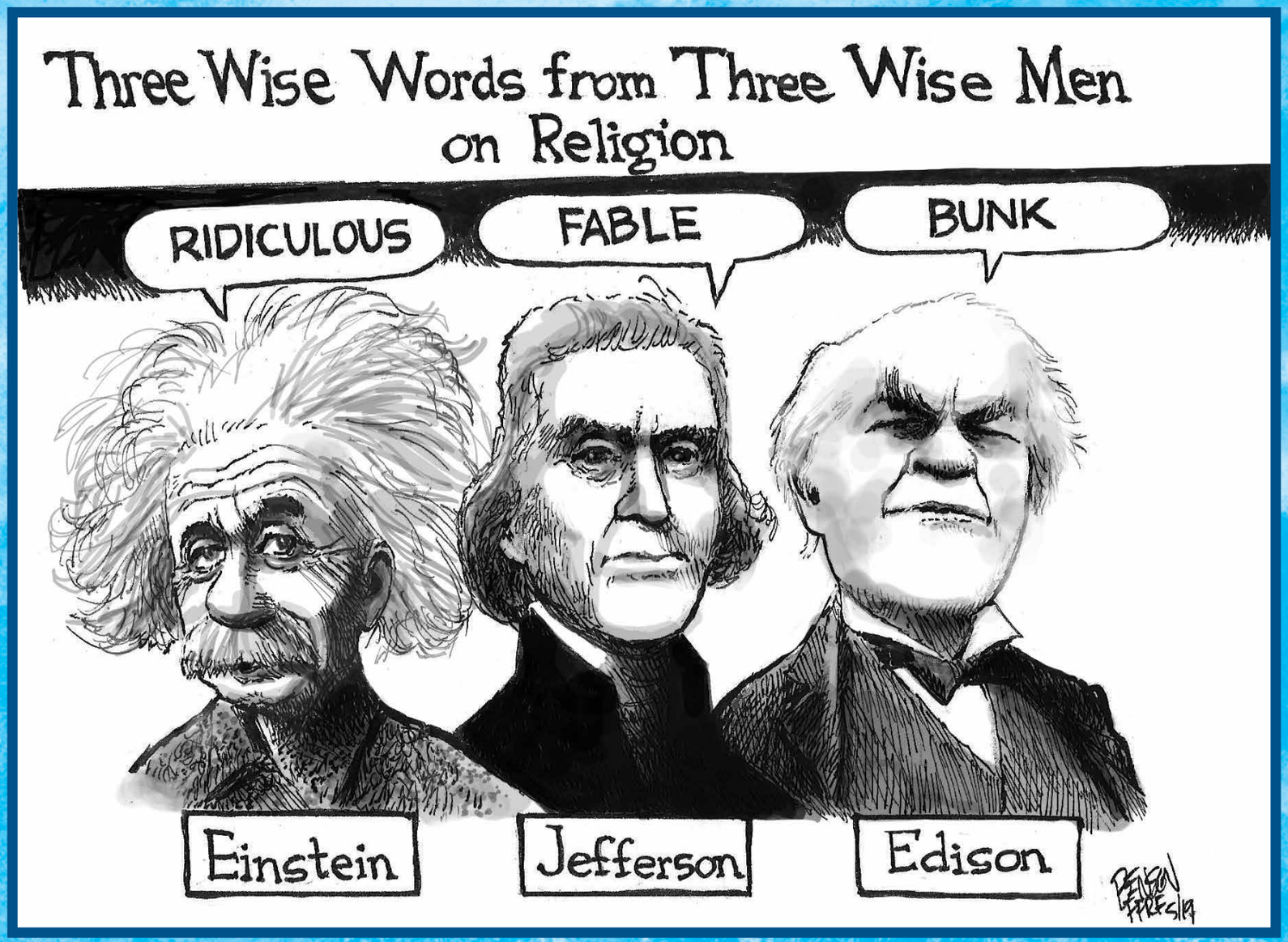
OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Charlie McDonnell, b. 1990 *Comedian, musician*	**2** Wallace Stevens, b. 1870 *Poet* Graham Greene, b. 1904 *Novelist* Sting, b. 1951 *Musician*	**3** Gore Vidal, b. 1925 *Writer*	**4** Vitaly Ginzburg, b. 1916 *Astrophysicist*	**5** Denis Diderot, b. 1713 *Philosopher* Bob Geldof, b. 1951 *Musician* Neil DeGrasse Tyson, b. 1958 *Astrophysicist* Sean M. Carroll, b. 1966 *Cosmologist*	**6** Alfred Naquet, b. 1834 *Chemist* Emily Cape, b. 1865 *Sociologist* John McWhorter, b. 1965 *Linguist, author*	**7** Joe Hill, b. 1879 *Union organizer* Joy Behar, b. 1942 *TV host* Dan Savage, b. 1964 *Gay rights activist* Tim Minchin, b. 1975 *Musician*
8 James Fergus, b. 1813 *Public official*	**9** Roger Williams, banished 1635 *Colonial secularist* Giuseppe Verdi, b. 1813 *Composer* John Lennon, b. 1940 *Musician* Chris O'Dowd, b. 1979 *Actor*	**10** Henry Cavendish, b. 1731 *Chemist* Thelonious Monk, b. 1917 *Jazz composer* Harold Pinter, b. 1930 *Playwright* Julia Sweeney, b. 1961 *Comedian, playwright*	**11** Eleanor Roosevelt, b. 1884 *First Lady*	**12** Ralph Vaughan Williams, b. 1872 *Composer* **Freethought Day**	**13**	**14** e.e. cummings, b. 1894 *Poet* Hannah Arendt, b. 1906 *Author* Katha Pollitt, b. 1949 *Poet, essayist*
15 Friedrich Nietzsche, b. 1844 *Philosopher* P.G. Wodehouse, b. 1881 *Humorist* John Kenneth Galbraith, b. 1908 *Economist* Arthur Schlesinger Jr., b. 1917 *Historian* Roxane Gay, b. 1974 *Writer, professor, blogger & editor*	**16** Oscar Wilde, b. 1854 *Playwright* Lilian Leland, b. 1857 *Travelogue author* Eugene O'Neill, b. 1888 *Playwright* Mary Daly, b. 1928 *Feminist philosopher*	**17** John Wilkes, b. 1727 *Mayor of London* Arthur Miller, b. 1915 *Playwright* William Anders, b. 1933 *Astronaut* Michael McKean, b. 1947 *Entertainer*	**18**	**19** Alton Lemon, b. 1928 *State/church plaintiff* Philip Pullman, b. 1946 *Novelist* Trey Parker, b. 1969 *Animator* Cara Santa Maria, b. 1983 *Science communicator*	**20** John Dewey, b. 1859 *Educator* Tom Petty, b. 1950 *Musician*	**21** Samuel Taylor Coleridge, b. 1772 *Poet* Martin Gardner, b. 1914 *Science writer* Ursula K. LeGuin, b. 1929 *Novelist* Tariq Ali, b. 1943 *Historian, politician*
22 Doris Lessing, b. 1919 *Novelist*	**23** Ned Rorem, b. 1923 *Composer* Johnny Carson, b. 1925 *TV host*	**24** Lakshmi Sahgal, b. 1914 *Indian revolutionary* Kevin Kline, b. 1947 *Actor*	**25** Max Stirner, b. 1806 *Philosopher* George Bizet, b. 1838 *Composer* Anne Tyler, b. 1941 *Novelist*	**26** Seth Macfarlane, b. 1973 *Actor, comedian*	**27** Michael Servetus, executed 1553 *Renaissance humanist* William Maclure, b. 1763 *Geologist, cartographer* Niccolo Paganini, b. 1782 *Violinist, composer* Sylvia Plath, b. 1932 *Author & poet*	**28** Elsa Lanchester, b. 1902 *British actress* Bill Gates III, b. 1955 *Business magnate, philanthropist* Joaquin Phoenix, b. 1974 *Actor* Matt Smith, b. 1982 *Actor*
29 Edward Truelove, b. 1809 *Publisher* Sir Alfred Jules Ayer, b. 1910 *Philosopher* Lee Child, b. 1954 *Novelist*	**30** John Adams, b. 1735 *2nd U.S. president* MC Paul Barman, b. 1974 *Rapper*	**31** John Keats, b. 1795 *Poet* **Halloween**				



NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Hermann Bondi, b. 1919 *Astronomer* Robert R. Tiernan, b. 1933 *Attorney* **Secular Day of the Dead**	**2** Burt Lancaster, b. 1913 *Actor* Annie Laurie Gaylor, b. 1955 *FFRF co-founder* **Secular Day of the Dead**	**3** Andre Malraux, b. 1901 *Writer* Ludovic Kennedy, b. 1919 *Journalist* Steven Wilson, b. 1967 *Musician*	**4** Maud Ingersoll, b. 1864 *Freethought activist* Kathy Griffin, b. 1960 *Comedian*
5 Harriet Law, b. 1831 *Freethought activist* Ella Wheeler Wilcox, b. 1850 *Poet* Eugene V. Debs, b. 1855 *Reformer* John B.S. Haldane, b. 1892 *Scientist* **Daylight Saving Time Ends**	**6** Vashti Cromwell McCollum, b. 1912 *Supreme Court victor* Mike Nichols, b. 1931 *Director* Thandie Newton, b. 1972 *Actress* Pat Tillman, b. 1976 *"Atheist in foxhole"*	**7** Marie Curie, b. 1867 *Physicist* Albert Camus, b. 1913 *Writer* Joni Mitchell, b. 1943 *Musician* Sasha Sagan, b. 1982 *Writer*	**8** Edmund Halley, b. 1656 *Astronomer* Ben Bova, b., 1932 *Science writer* Bonnie Raitt, b. 1949 *Musician*	**9** Robert Dale Owen, b. 1801 *Reformer* Ivan Turgenev, b. 1818 *Novelist* Carl Sagan, b. 1934 *Cosmologist*	**10**	**11** Joseph McCabe, b. 1867 *Freethought writer* Kurt Vonnegut, b. 1922 *Novelist* Pete Stark, b. 1931 *Member of Congress* **Veterans Day**
12 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, b. 1815 *Feminist foremother* Auguste Rodin, b. 1840 *Sculptor*	**13** Robert Louis Stevenson, b. 1850 *Novelist* Roy Torcaso, b. 1910 *Supreme Court victor* John de Lancie, b. 1948 *Actor* Ayaan Hirsi Ali, b. 1969 *'Infidel' author*	**14** J.M. Robertson, b. 1856 *Freethought journalist* Jawaharlal Nehru, b. 1889 *Indian prime minister* Aaron Copland, b. 1900 *Composer*	**15** William Pitt, b. 1708 *British statesman* Gora, b. 1902 *Indian freethought activist* Ed Asner, b. 1929 *Actor*	**16** George Seldes, b. 1890 *Journalist* José Saramago, b. 1922 *Novelist* Shriram Lagoo, b. 1927 *Actor*	**17** Stephen Symonds Foster, b. 1809 *Abolitionist* Voltairine de Cleyre, b. 1866 *Freethought reformer*	**18** Pierre Bayle, b. 1647 *Scholar* Chalmers Roberts, b. 1910 *Author* Ben Winter, b. 1927 *Cowboy, author* Margaret Atwood, b. 1939 *Novelist*
19 Indira Gandhi, b. 1917 *Indian prime minister* Jodie Foster, b. 1962 *Actress* Myla Goldberg, b. *1971 Author*	**20** Thomas Chatterton, b. 1752 *Poet* Edwin Hubble, b. 1889 *Astronomer*	**21** Voltaire, b. 1694 *Philosopher* Bjork, b. 1965 *Musician*	**22** George Eliot, b. 1819 *Novelist* Rodney Dangerfield, b. 1921 *Comedian*	**23** Marie Bashkirtseff, b. 1858 *Artist* Margaret Knight, b. 1903 *Freethought writer* Jennifer Michael Hecht, b. 1965 *Poet* **Thanksgiving Day**	**24** Benedict Spinoza, b. 1632 *Philosopher* Scott Joplin, b. 1868 *Composer* Billy Connolly, b. 1942 *Comedian* Amol Palekar, b. 1944 *Actor*	**25** Andrew Carnegie, b. 1835 *Philanthropist* Anne Nicol Gaylor, b. 1926 *FFRF founder, feminist*
26 Charles Schulz, b. 1922 *Cartoonist*	**27** Bruce Lee, b. 1940 *Martial artist* Bill Nye, b. 1955 *Scientist*	**28** William Blake, b. 1757 *Poet, artist* Sir Leslie Stephen, b. 1832 *Editor* Claude Levi-Strauss, b. 1908 *Anthropologist* Randy Newman, b. 1943 *Musician*	**29**	**30** John Toland, b. 1670 *"First professional freethinker"* Louise Victorine Ackermann, b. 1813 *Poet* Mark Twain, b. 1835 *Humorist* Gael Garcia Bernal, b. 1978 *Actor*		



DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Sarah Silverman, b. 1970 *Actress, comedian*	**2** T.C. Boyle, b. 1948 *Novelist* Kristin Lems, b. 1950 *Musician* Aaron Rodgers, b. 1983 *Football player*
3 Joseph Conrad, b. 1857 *Novelist* Julianne Moore, b. 1960 *Actress*	**4** Thomas Carlyle, b. 1795 *Historian* Samuel Butler, b. 1835 *Novelist* Candace R.M. Gorham, b. 1980 *Secular activist*	**5** "Witches Bull" issued by pope, 1484 Joan Didion, b. 1934 *Author* Carolyn Hax, b. 1966 *Writer* Sonia Johnson, excommunicated by Mormon Church, 1979	**6** Ira Gershwin, b. 1896 *Lyricist*	**7** Haywood C. Broun, b. 1888 *Journalist* Noam Chomsky, b. 1928 *Linguist*	**8** Baron d'Holbach, b. 1723 *Philosopher* James Thurber, b. 1894 *Humorist* Diego Rivera, b. 1886 *Artist* Bill Bryson, b. 1951 *Author*	**9** Hermione Gingold, b. 1897 *Comedian* Kirk Douglas, b. 1916 *Actor* John Malkovich, b. 1953 *Actor* Kate Smurthwaite, b. 1975 *Comedian*
10 William Lloyd Garrison, b. 1805 *Abolitionist* Thomas Gore, b. 1870 *U.S. senator* **International Secularism Day**	**11** Hector Berlioz, b. 1803 *Composer* Ellen Key, b. 1849 *Social critic*	**12** Gustave Flaubert, b. 1821 *Novelist* Jay Gorney, b. 1894 *Songwriter* Frank Sinatra, b. 1915 *Singer*	**13** Queen Silver, b. 1910 *Freethought activist* John Davidson, b. 1941 *Singer, actor*	**14** Titus Voelkel, b. 1849 *"Blasphemous" German editor*	**15** Oscar Niemeyer, b. 1907 *Architect* **Bill of Rights Day**	**16** Ludwig van Beethoven, b. 1770 *Composer* George Santayana, b. 1863 *Philosopher* Arthur C. Clarke, b. 1917 *Sci fi writer* Bill Hicks, b. 1961 *Comedian*
17 Marquise du Chatelet, b. 1706 *Scholar* Frances Hamerstrom, b. 1907 *Biologist* Kerry Packer, b. 1937 *Media mogul*	**18** Pedro Pablo Abaraca Aranda, b. 1719 *Spanish Prime Minister* Susan Sackett, b. 1943 *Author*	**19** Richard Leakey, b. 1944 *Paleoanthropologist*	**20** Sidney Hook, b. 1902 *Philosopher* Edward Tabash, b. 1950 *Attorney*	**21** Rebecca West, b. 1892 *Novelist* Paul Winchell, b. 1922 *Actor* Frank Zappa, b. 1940 *Musician* **Winter Solstice**	**22** Anthony Jeselnik, b. 1978 *Comedian*	**23** Francisco Manuel de Nascimento, b. 1734, *Heretic, martyr* D.M. Bennett, b. 1818 *Truth Seeker founder* Elmina D. Slenker, b. 1827 *Freethought activist* Eddie Vedder, b. 1964 *Musician*
24 Matthew Arnold, b. 1822 Poet, *critic* Ava Gardner, b. 1922 *Actress* Anthony Fauci, b. 1940 *Physician* Christopher Buckley, b. 1952 *Political satirist*	**25** Clara Barton, b. 1821 *Humanitarian* Leo Pfeffer, b. 1910 *State/church scholar* Annie Lennox, b. 1954 *Musician* **Merry Christ-myth!**	**26** Steve Allen, b. 1921 *Humorist, musician* James Mercer, b. 1970 *Musician*	**27** Marlene Dietrich, b. 1901 *Actress* Sarah Vowell, b. 1969 *Author*	**28** Maarten Schmidt, b. 1929 *Astronomer* Wendy Kaminer, b. 1949 *Author* Linus Torvalds, b. 1969 *Computer scientist* John Legend, b. 1978 *Musician*	**29** Paula Poundstone, b. 1959 *Comedian* Danny McBride, b. 1976 *Actor, writer, filmmaker*	**30** Jerry Coyne, b. 1949 *Evolutionary biologist*
31 Henri Matisse, b. 1869 *Artist* **New Year's Eve**						