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NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR FREETHINKERS

**Dr. Osterholm
is unable to make
his presentation
as planned**

Join us Sunday March 1st at 10am at the Hillside Community Center, 12 East 4th Street (at the side door), in person and via Zoom.

DEMOCR★CY *and* Religion

A presentation by LSF'S Charles Gessert

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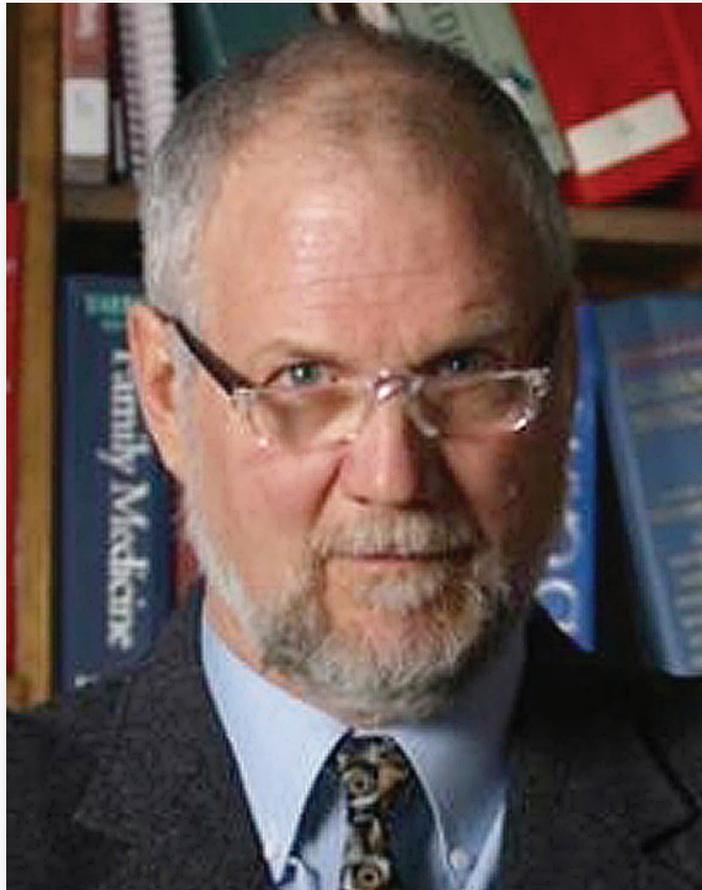
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DEMOCRACY and Religion



Democracy interfaces with many competing ideologies, including religions. In some cases the 'competing ideologies' are at odds with - or hostile to - the principles of democracy. This program will describe some of the religious challenges to democracy in 2026.

Charles Gessert is the Treasurer of Lake Superior Freethinkers. He has been very active with charitable groups in the region since retiring as Senior Research Scientist at Essentia Health and is sought after as a speaker and presenter.

Join your fellow Freethinkers after each monthly Sunday meeting for brunch at Pizza Lucé, 11 East Superior Street.



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2026 National Day of Reason

The National Day of Reason is observed annually on the first Thursday in May, coinciding with the federally recognized National Day of Prayer. In 2026, it will take place on Thursday, May 7th.

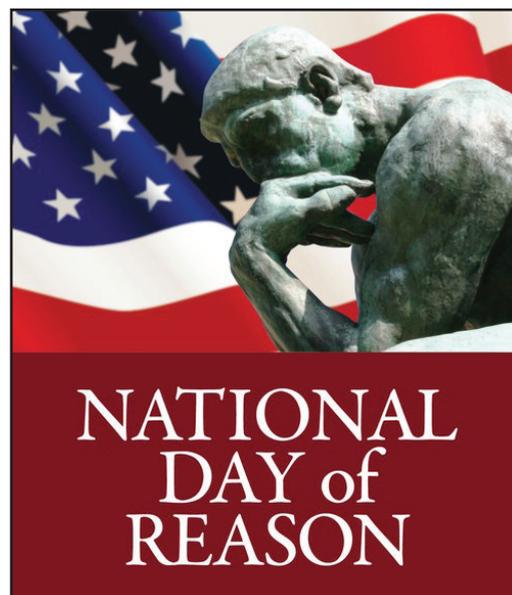
What is the National Day of Reason?

The National Day of Reason was established as a secular counter-observance to the National Day of Prayer, intended to affirm the importance of reason, logic, and evidence-based decision-making. Endorsed by various secular and humanist organizations, it is rooted in the principle that government should remain neutral on religious matters and that public policy should be guided by facts and inclusive values rather than religious doctrine.

The day also highlights issues related to freedom of thought, religious liberty, and the importance of science and education. Events across the country promote civic engagement, community service, and discussions about the role of reason in a free and democratic society.

How Can You Get Involved?

Whether you are part of a secular community or simply passionate about science, logic, and equal rights, there are many meaningful ways to participate in the National Day of Reason: **Attend or Host a Local Event:** Many secular organizations host educational forums, guest speakers, panel discussions, or community service activities to mark the day. You can attend an event or create your own gathering focused on the importance of reason in public life.



Engage in Community Service: Participate in a volunteer project that benefits your local area. Acts of service highlight how shared values and human compassion can unite communities without religious affiliation. **Contact Your Representatives:** Use the day to advocate for secular government, science-based policymaking, and the protection of constitutional rights. Writing to elected officials about key issues is a powerful way to exercise civic engagement. **Celebrate Science and Education:** Support local science centers, libraries, or public schools through donations, attendance, or promotion. Hosting a science-themed event or book club is another great way to champion rational thought.

Why is the National Day of Reason Important?

The National Day of Reason promotes values that are foundational to a pluralistic and democratic society. In a world where misinformation, division, and dogma can often cloud public discourse, this observance underscores the need for thoughtful, informed, and evidence-based approaches to solving real-world problems. By recognizing and celebrating the role of reason, this day empowers individuals to think critically, act compassionately, and advocate for a government that serves all people regardless of belief. It reaffirms that reason and empathy can guide moral decisions and community progress, fostering unity across diverse beliefs and backgrounds.

HAPPY HOUR

Join us from 4:00-6:00 pm
Thursday, March 5th
at Mexico Lindo, Fitger's
Brewery Complex

The fun begins at 4:00 pm!

The restaurant will validate your covered parking and we will validate your skepticism about religion.
Bring a friend.

MARCH SOCIAL DINNER

Join us Wednesday March 18th at 5:30pm
for LSF's Social Dinner at
PhoHolic 1623 London Road.

