

SBU Freethinkers
Friday 19 September 2008 3PM
Official Meeting Minutes

- I. Open Discussion:
 - a. What is Science?
 - i. Doubt
 - ii. Holding nothing sacred
 - iii. Testing hypothesis
 - iv. Seeking truth
 - v. Fine-tuning explanations of natural phenomena
 - vi. Any inquiry into nature that yields empirical hypothesis testing
 - b. What is religion?
 - i. Faith
 - ii. Holding certain people and ideas sacred
 - iii. Creating explanations for the unknown
 - iv. Why religion?
 - 1. Fear of death
 - 2. fear of the unknown
 - 3. community
 - 4. desire to believe
 - 5. lack of understanding of science
 - v. The group did not get a chance to come up with a succinct definition
 - II. Announcements
 - a. Community:
 - i. ID Lecture at 7:30 9/19/08
 - ii. Direction of the group should be further explored
 - b. E-board:
 - i. Collaborating with religious groups on humanitarian projects
 - III. Proposals
 - a. meeting topic: Discussion of the connection between religion and morality
 - b. choose pre-meeting reading materials
 - c. have bi-monthly seminars as a goal
 - IV. Allocations
 - a. None
 - V. Meeting was adjourned at around 4:15
- Submitted by David Mazza, SBU Freethinkers Secretary and Webmaster, 9/22/08