

Rumblings from Olympus

Learning from His Story

I recently participated in a seminar on the Peloponnesian War as told by the historian Thucydides. The work is actually unfinished, as it breaks off in the middle of the year 411 BC, about seven years before the war ended.

As with other great books, such as The Bible, people can pick out passages to justify any position that suits them. Thus, it is popular with neocons who are advisors to the Bush administration to quote Thucydides describing Athenian policy as “the strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must.”

However, the historian also shows us a Spartan society, albeit austere, that nevertheless was content to be a state of small farmers, not interested in expansion. The Athenians were actually the more militaristic of the two, and were, as Thucydides describes, “always grasping for more.”

The war ended when Athens unconditionally surrendering. The Athenian people began--as always happens in these cases--to look around for a scapegoat. They found a scapegoat in Socrates because two of his best pupils, Alcibiades and Critias, had inflamed the passions for war among the Athenian citizens.

We can only speculate who today’s scapegoat might be. ☺

Recent Bumper Sticker

“Lord save me from your followers.”

The Bible in 50 words

God made
 Adam bit
 Noah arked
 Abraham split
 Joseph ruled
 Jacob fooled
 Bush talked
 Moses balked
 Pharaoh plagued
 People walked
 Sea divided
 Tablets guided
 Promise landed
 Saul freaked
 David peeked
 Prophets warned
 Jesus born
 God walked
 Love talked
 Anger crucified
 Hope died
 Love rose
 Spirit flamed
 Word spread
 God remained.



Shavings from the Board

In recent months, the South Coast UU Fellowship Board of Directors has decided the following:



- The fellowship will explore becoming a *Welcoming Congregation* – an official UUA designation of a congregation that welcomes lesbian, gay, and bisexual members. Contact Georgia Martin if you are interested in the process.
- We will look into getting our fellowship listed in the yellow pages. ☺

*Can omniscient God, who
 Knows the future, find
 The omnipotence to
 Change His future mind?*

By Karen Owens

**October 7 SCUUF
 Joining Ceremony**

Membership is open to anyone who agrees with our purpose and is willing to make a commitment time, talent, or treasure to the Fellowship.

We will have our next joining ceremony on Sunday October 7 at our regular fellowship meeting. To join, contact any member of the Fellowship Board. ☺

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(Remember, hyperlinks work in SCUUP online!)

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The Unitarian Universalist Association
www.uua.org



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South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

October 2007 Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, programs are from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at North Bend United Methodist Church, 2389 Meade Street.

October 7	The God Delusion: A Rebuttal
October 14	Association Sunday: Growing Our Faith
October 21	Restorative Justice in Theory and Action
October 28	Recent Travels in Russia

