

**From:** Rationalists of East Tennessee admin@rationalists.org  
**Subject:** RET December News  
**Date:** November 26, 2015 at 10:56 AM  
**To:** Carl Ledendecker ledendecker@me.com

TR

Giving thanks to science, reason and empathy. (Also a few million turkeys)



Facebook



Twitter

## Rationalists of East Tennessee Newsletter

December 2015

### First Sunday Meeting

**December 6 Sunday 10:30 - 12:30**

**Pellissippi State Community College, Goins Building, Cafeteria Annex**

A documentary film entitled "Contradiction, A question of Faith" by Jeremiah Camara, author of "Holy Lockdown: Does the Church Limit Black Progress?"

"A question of Faith addresses the saturation of churches in Black neighborhoods that are coexisting in the midst of poverty and powerlessness. Why are there so many churches yet so many problems in Black society? Writer, producer and director Jeremiah Camara travels the country exploring the impact strong faith has had on African Americans and seeks to find if there is a correlation between high-promise and low-productivity."

[Get Directions](#)

---

### The RET Skeptic Book Club

**December 13 Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Location: Books-A-Million at 8513 Kingston Pike, Knoxville.**

"Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East" by Scott Anderson.

The Arab Revolt against the Turks in World War I was, in the words of T. E. Lawrence, "a sideshow of a sideshow." As a result, the conflict was shaped to a remarkable degree by a small handful of adventurers and low-level officers far removed from the corridors of power.

---

### RET Third Sunday Meeting

**December 20 Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

**Pellissippi State Community College, Goins Auditorium**

A DVD presentation from the Skeptics Society Distinguished Lecture Series titled “The Great Debate: Has Science Refuted Religion?”

Caltech cosmologist and physicist Sean Carroll teams up with *Skeptic* magazine publisher and science historian Michael Shermer in this epic debate with noted conservative author Dinesh D’Souza and MIT physicist Ian Hutchinson as they go head-to-head over one of the most controversial issues of our age. As science pushes deeper into territory once the province of religion, with questions such as Why there is something rather than nothing?, Where did the universe come from?, How did life arise?, What was the origin of morality?, and others, inevitable conflicts arise over the best approach to answer them. Don’t miss this great debate.

[Get Directions](#)

---

## **RET Reflections Meeting**

**December 1:00 p.m.**

**This is an off month for Reflections. No meeting.**

---

## **RET Annual Winter Solstice Party**

**Saturday December 19 4:00 p.m to midnight.**

Potluck party at Steve and Carol Tokay's (691-6816)

8905 Garrison Drive, Knoxville TN 37931.

Don't miss one of RET's annual highlights. A great time is had by all.

---

---

## **RET Annual Meeting**

**February 7th 2016**

It will be here before you know it. We are looking for board members and officers. Please let a board member know if you would like to help RET move forward by joining the board.

This is also when any bylaws changes are voted on and the future of RET is discussed by the membership.  
(Bylaws changes require a thirty days advanced notice to the membership.)

---

## RET/ASK Freethought Forum TV

**Tuesdays 5:00 – 6:00 pm**

Freethought Forum TV is looking for people to be on the show. Contact Larry Rhodes or Lee Erickson if you are interested.

Knoxville: Comcast Channel 12 Charter Channel 6 Free streaming on [ctvknox.org](http://ctvknox.org).

Right after the show a co-host of the program holds The Atheist Society of Knoxville Meet-up at Barley's on Jackson Avenue in Knoxville's Old City. Volunteer hosts and suggestions for topics would be welcome for all of these programs. Contact Larry Rhodes at [larryr@usit.net](mailto:larryr@usit.net) or Lee Erickson at [forresterickson@comcast.net](mailto:forresterickson@comcast.net).

## Sunday Assembly Knoxville Live Better, Help Often, Wonder More

Dec 20 - This month's theme is "Festivus for the rest of us."

For other SA activities go to <http://knoxville-tn.sundayassembly.com> and click on "Calendar."

Email: [saknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:saknoxville@gmail.com)

Website: <http://knoxville-tn.sundayassembly.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sunday-Assembly-Knoxville/595906073848559>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Sunday-Assembly-Knoxville/>

---

## RET's New Web Site and Wild Apricot (Membership management software)

How to set up you new password and log in. Don't forget to enter you information into the RET Directory (viewable by members only and customizable by you so people see only what you want them to.

### TO LOG IN

Go to Rationalists.org. There, just above The Thinkers head, you will see a "Login" button. That's right, click on it. Use the email address that is already associated with RET contacts and mailings and click on "Forgot Password". There you will enter the email address and Captcha code. From there follow the directions.

---

## A Quote

Do not pass buy my epitaph, traveler.

But having stopped listen and learn, then go your way.

There is not boat in Hades, no ferryman Charon.

No caretaker Aiakos, no dog Cerberus.

All we who are dead below

Have become bones and ashes, nothing else.  
I have spoken to you honestly, go on traveler.  
Lest even while dead I seem talkative to you.

From an Ancient Roman Tombstone

Copyright © 2015 {Rationalists of East Tennessee, Inc.}. All rights reserved.  
Contact email: [info@rationalists.org](mailto:info@rationalists.org)  
Edited by Carl Ledendecker

You are receiving this message because you opted in at [{Organization URL}](#)

[Unsubscribe](#)