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Politics! Lots of politics this week. Herein we decry the Orange One's SCOTUS pick, a famous conservative denounces Republicans, who are similarly dissed in Connecticut, and we break our own non-partisan rule. Jon Engel bans the Bible from the public forum, and Paul Kurtz is skeptical even of skeptics. We examine what "bad apple" cops really are, peek toward tomorrow for a Ken Burns documentary on today, and follow the fortunes of our favorite wannabe sheriff. But first, a New York hairdresser-entrepreneur makes an urgent plea for the preservation of our city's uniqueness. —JR

MORE THAN A MOTTO: I LOVE NEW YORK!

Michael Angelo

(Excerpted from "I Love New York' Is More Than a Motto", on the New York Times OpEd page, 9/28/2020)

Retail chains are abandoning Manhattan. They claim it is "unsustainable" for them to continue to do business in a city besieged by a pandemic, and that "there's no reason to do business in New York." So off they go, the Pain Quotidiens, the Victoria's Secrets, Neiman Marcus, either jettisoning locations, or packing up shop entirely and running for the hills. ...

I've lived and worked in and around this city my entire life, just like my father, grandfather and great-grandfather before me: four generations dating back to the late 1800s. It's where I learned my trade, developed my artistic aesthetic, fell in love and sustained a career, now for over 25 years. I love New York. That simple declaration is inseparable from the fact that I made my life here. And this is true for so many of the city's small-business owners, who invest in the communities where they operate rather than fleeing them.

Pre-pandemic, retailers — both big and small — were already struggling to compete with the convenience and ubiquity of online shopping. Now here we are, six months into a pandemic that has upended everything we thought we knew about city life, with no clear end in sight.

The *Times* reports that nearly 3,000 small businesses in New York City have closed for good since March; the coronavirus has sucked the life out of not just Gap and J.C. Penney, but CAP Beauty and Bar Sardine. Even the L.G.B.T.Q.+ landmark the Stonewall Inn is begging for money on GoFundMe.

With the death of small businesses like these, New York risks losing its signature and most enviable quality: being the world's melting pot. When you make the choice to be a

New Yorker, you're committing to a level of intimacy with your environment few other metropolises provide. That intimacy relies on authenticity, quirks and one-of-a-kind points of view. You're not going to find that at a Starbucks.

What the departure of the big retailers should finally, definitively illustrate, though, is how genuinely hard it is to do business here. The city needs to make it easier for the small businesses that choose to remain to survive.

Our local government can help entrepreneurs and artists flourish by creating tax incentives for commercial landlords to lease the spaces deemed "unsustainable" by corporations to local businesses and nonprofits at lower rents. New Yorkers can choose to invest in our communities by getting offline and back into the streets to shop and live.

"I love New York" is more than a motto; it's a testament to the true nature of the relationship between this city and its inhabitants. We live everywhere in the city, not just in our apartments. If all New York had to offer were "flagship" big-brand retail and the transactional experiences available anywhere else in America — or online — why bother? Why put up with the city's grit and tussle?

I can't fault the people who've had to make difficult and complex decisions about how and where their businesses or their families can succeed. But I hope that New York shows the courage, commitment and resilience to replace these vacated spaces with the kinds of organizations that reflect the beautiful diversity and creativity of a city that's never been about comfort or convenience, but thrives on meeting challenges, and through that painful process of enduring, spins dreams that capture the imagination of the world.

And to those who bailed because being in New York was all about optics, profitability and gross revenues: Please don't let the bridge and tunnel hit you in the — The *New York Times* won't let me say it, but you know what I mean.

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WHY THIS NEWSLETTER, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE NON-PARTISAN, URGES YOU TO VOTE FOR AND SUPPORT DEMOCRATS

John Rafferty

The U.S. House of Representatives has just passed resolution H. Res. 1154, "Condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes".

QAnon—the cult that believes the U.S. government has been infiltrated by a global ring of pedophiles and Satanists and that Donald Trump was elected president to fight the ring—was described by House Rules Chairman Jim McGovern (D-MA) as a "collective delusion", saying, "We all must call it what it is: "a sick cult."

The vote to condemn passed 371-18.

Yay! ... Wait ... not unanimous? Eighteen U.S. Representatives voted in favor of QAnon?

Not exactly, and the "exactly" is even worse: Fifty-two Republicans either voted against the resolution, abstained, or voted Present.

WHY I DROPPED 'CONSERVATIVE' FROM MY TWITTER PROFILE

Jennifer Rubin

(Reprinted from *washingtonpost.com*, 9/17/2020)

My Twitter blurb used to describe me as a "conservative opinion writer". Now it reads: "NeverTrump, pro-democracy opinion writer". Why the change?

Let's be honest: There is no conservative movement or party today. There is a Republican Party thoroughly infused with racism and intellectually corrupted by right-wing nationalism. But there is no party that believes in less or small government (though expect the GOP to hypocritically resume singing that tune as soon as a Democrat steps into the Oval Office).

If you say you are a staunch defender of the rule of law, that you are devoted to ending systematic racism, that you are an advocate of legal immigration, that you believe in objective reality (including climate change science) and that you think illiberal regimes such as Russia are our greatest foreign threat, the party of Trump will lash out at you. They will accuse you of Trump derangement syndrome and dub you a "fake" conservative. ...

If adherents cannot defend their position without resorting to conspiracy theories, factual misrepresentation and racism, perhaps what they are adhering to is fundamentally flawed. The need to invent a scary, socialist-possessed Joe Biden to justify reelecting President Trump ... strongly suggests there is no morally defensible reason for reelecting a man who thinks our covid-19 deaths wouldn't look so bad if we just ignored blue states. (First, that's monstrous, and second, the states with spiking infection and death rates are red states.)

There is a healthy debate about whether Republicans were always racist frauds. My friend Stuart Stevens has a strong case to make that they were. Others claim Trump

took that marginal element in the GOP and made it dominant. While I continue to believe that decent, honorable conservatives such as George H.W. Bush, John McCain and, yes, Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah) were or are sincere patriots, I am forced to concede the racist, xenophobic and anti-intellectual element in the party was far more pronounced than I was willing to admit.

So if "conservative" has no meaning and if many of the 1980 positions (e.g., infinitely reducing taxes for the wealthy, hostility to the New Deal) are entirely unsuited to our current challenges, what ideology properly fits ex-Republicans unwilling to swallow the lies or descend into intellectual dishonesty?

The same set of beliefs that always animated me — America's international leadership, defense of human rights, constitutional governance, equal justice under the law, a vibrant but not unfettered free market, limited but energetic government and public virtue — could be considered "19th century liberalism" (quite a mouthful) or moderation (which I have frequently explained does not mean the squishy middle). The name is far less important than the outlook and the rejection of extremism, racism, authoritarianism, isolationism, xenophobia, cruelty, deceit and tribalism.

ASKING GREENWICH (CT) REPUBLICANS HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT TRUMP IS POINTLESS

David Rafferty

(Reprinted from *Greenwich Time*, 9/25/2020)

Democrats in Greenwich have it all wrong, fixating on learning how local Republican candidates voted or whether they support Donald Trump. Simply asking the question allows them to clutch their pearls and declare that Greenwich Republicans are nothing like those nasty "other" Republicans, and how dare you? So stop, we know the answer. No prominent local Republican has ever spoken out against Trump, and none of our current crop of incumbents and challengers is prepared to distance themselves from the president and the complete radicalization of the national Republican Party. Except for one notable Republican, for maybe 15 minutes.

Here are the words of ethical contortionist Leora Levy in a 2016 op-ed piece, speaking out against candidate Trump: "He is vulgar, ill-mannered ... His modus operandi is to try to intimidate people then call them names ..."

Levy's alleged contempt for candidate Trump softened after she shelled out \$25,000 for president-elect Trump's inauguration party and her moral compass disintegrated entirely when President Trump later asked, "Who wants to be an ambassador?" Polishing Trump's boots further, Levy represented Connecticut at the 2020 Republican convention saying, "I agree with his policies and the direction in which he is taking our country," and re-nominated him with praise for his "great leadership".

The same convention where instead of establishing a platform of inspiring ideas and uplifting values to carry

PUBLIC POLICY IS NOT BIBLE STUDY

Jonathan Engel

On September 29 the news site Raw Story published an opinion piece from the TomDispatch-Commentary site called “How Christian Nationalism in the US Legislates Evil and Punishes the Poor”, by Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis. In the article, Rev. Theoharis, a liberal theologian, covers much ground that has been covered before. She notes quite correctly that through American history Christians have used selective quotes from the Bible to justify horrors ranging from slavery to Covid denialism. She takes issue with right-wing Bible interpretation, and she frames the issue thusly: “An epic battle for the Bible is now underway in a country that has been largely ceded to white evangelical Christian Nationalists” who promote “a heretical theology that claimed people suffer from poverty largely because they’re estranged from God and lack a deep enough faith in Jesus. ... As a biblical scholar and student of the history of social movements, I know well how religious texts actually tell us to care for the poor and dispossessed.”

And so we get into the weeds of what the Bible really *says*, and what the Bible really *means*, and, truth be told, I really don’t *care*. Why should Christians in this country have the power to define what is moral and what isn’t? It’s not like they’ve done such a great job here morality-wise so far. True, it is tempting to point out how “un-Jesus” so many American Christians are, but why should it matter? The things Trump and his followers say, think and do are immoral. Racism is immoral. Misogyny is immoral. Ripping young children from their parents’ arms and throwing them into cages is immoral. Putting extra money into the pockets of billionaires while millions go hungry and homeless is immoral. No one needs to pick over the words of a guy who lived (or maybe not) thousands of years ago to know this.

I am happy to make common cause with Dr. Theoharis on the important issues of the day. And if she comes to her progressive beliefs through her interpretation of her holy book, that’s her business and her business alone. But theological arguments have no place in the public square of civic discourse, where reason and rationality must rule.

We should not entwine public policy debates with religious debates. Let them have their inter-Christian disagreements, that’s fine with me. But such discussions are, or at least should be, irrelevant to how as a nation we address our many significant challenges. This is true for a number of reasons. For one, and I know many of you will be shocked to hear this, there are millions of non-Christians living in this country. Why should the actions their government takes be based on the interpretation of someone else’s millennia-old holy book? Which, by the way, was written by men whose socio-political views were, measured by the modern standards we currently live by, seriously unevolved, to say the least. They could not conceive of today’s pluralistic society. So hold whatever religious beliefs you want, but to convince a multi-faceted society that your public policy prescriptions are right for the majority of people in this country, you’re going to have to put forth arguments

America forward, Levy and the Trumpenvolk neutered the GOP once and for all, declaring that henceforth, Republicans now blindly support whatever dear leader Trump says. Accordingly, unless a Republican candidate says otherwise, we have to assume they are 100 percent with Donald Trump.

This made me recall an incident this summer, which received little national attention. An American named Tahir Naseem was ordered to stand trial in Pakistan on ginned-up charges of blasphemy. But upon entering the courtroom he was gunned down by Faisal Kahn, a zealot who said Muhammad told him to kill the infidel. The police actively helped get the armed Kahn into the courtroom, and later they took selfies with him. Many national politicians bless Kahn as a hero and state media calls it “justice.” The Taliban publicly supports Kahn. In a country teetering between democracy and fundamentalism, a terrorist with the support of radical extremists executed an American, and those in power either cheered it on or looked the other way. Sound familiar?

Substitute Kenosha’s murdering teenager Kyle Rittenhouse or the federal agents who executed a Portland protester for Faisal Kahn, and something becomes abundantly clear. Trumpism is our Taliban. Like the original Taliban, our president and his party want to turn back the clock to a time when only select people had rights, and then only the rights they approve of. They expect blind obedience, encourage violence, and use the rhetoric of fear and hatred to radicalize those who feel marginalized. The traditional guardrails of law and order are corrupted and state sponsored media works overtime to normalize their “by any means necessary” behavior. And disagreeing with, or protesting against, the leader or his supporters vilifies you as an infidel to be eradicated.

At a time when death and despair stalks all Americans, whether from Russian bounties, COVID lies, Western wildfires, domestic terrorism, judicial hypocrisy, or perverted governmental “retribution”, the president and Republicans prove every day that they believe only in an America for some, not for all. They are anti-American. They are the American Taliban.

Meanwhile here in Greenwich, a town filled with Levy-esque, hand-wringing conservative contortionists, our Republican candidates peddle their party-line magic beans approach to governance that shows no independent or unique thinking. They tout their discredited and failed fiscal philosophies while reflexively painting Connecticut in absurdly dystopian terms because scaring the electorate is the first chapter in the playbook. One wants more nuclear power plants while another promotes quack medicine. And none of them seem to understand what “accountability” means when it comes to policing.

So no, asking our local Republican candidates how they feel about Trump is pointless. The question really is: since the actions and policies of your party and leadership are designed to benefit only some, while using fear, hatred and ignorance to incite violence to divide and diminish the country, why should we believe you are any better?

based on something more substantial than your personal interpretation of your own religious texts.

DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION

To the Editor of the New York Post:

Article VI of the U.S. Constitution prohibits religious tests for any public office, including the federal courts. Yet Amy Coney Barrett, who has been nominated by Trump to replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg and who will almost certainly be confirmed by the Senate, would become the fifth conservative Roman Catholic on the current Supreme Court, all appointed by Republican presidents.

Conservative Catholics probably represent no more than 10 percent of the nation's population, yet will now comprise a solid majority on the court, with another conservative Trump appointee, Neal Gorsuch, who now calls himself a Protestant, having been raised Catholic. Antonin Scalia, whom Brett Kavanaugh replaced, was another conservative Catholic appointed by a Republican. It is clear that these justices were nominated and confirmed in the knowledge that they most likely will never defy the teachings of their Church and will vote to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, oppose gay marriage and separation of church and state, and to approve taxpayer support for religious schools in the form of vouchers and tax credits, along with taxpayer support for repairs and renovations to church properties, while defending the right of religious institutions receiving public funds to discriminate in hiring based on "religious freedom". Any critics of these right wing Catholics have been, and will continue to be, accused of anti-Catholicism.

In addition to the Supreme Court, Trump has been appointing large numbers of conservative Christians (Catholic and Protestant, including Amy Coney Barrett earlier) to the lower federal courts ever since he took office. Jews, Muslims, Atheists, Unitarians, Hindus, Buddhists, et al, need not apply.

This is clearly being done in direct violation of the "No Religious Test" clause of the Constitution, and no one is making any waves over it!

– Dennis Middlebrooks, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(An abbreviation of the above ran in the 9/27 N.Y. Post.)

READERS RESPOND

To the Editor: The article in PIQUE on "Religious Remixers", ("Who are Religious Remixers?", PIQUE, 9/29), especially the final paragraphs, perfectly describes Unitarian Universalism. "They are people whose approach to spirituality, whose approach to their religious life, is informed by this sense of individualism. ... they're making their own religion in some sense." We UU's are encouraged to "make our own religion", and each of us believes something different. Although most of the folks in my congregation say they are humanists, some believe in heaven and some in reincarnation. I am a humanist in every sense of the word, and so am in agreement with secular humanism. But many want to have their cake and eat it, too: Yes God, no god.

– Helen Bennett, Rockledge, FL

IT AIN'T "A FEW BAD APPLES"

Michael Stone

(From "Report: White Supremacists And Militias Have Infiltrated U.S. Police Forces" at patheos.com, 8/27/2020)

The KKK Did Not Disband, They Unionized: A new report demonstrates what many have suspected, white supremacists and militias have infiltrated police forces across the country.

The Guardian reports:

White supremacist groups have infiltrated US law enforcement agencies in every region of the country over the last two decades, according to a new report about the ties between police and far-right vigilante groups.

... (The report) concludes that US law enforcement officials have been tied to racist militant activities in more than a dozen states since 2000, and hundreds of police officers have been caught posting racist and bigoted social media content.

The new report, "Hidden in Plain Sight: Racism, White Supremacy, and Far-Right Militancy in Law Enforcement," is written by Michael German, a former FBI special agent who has written extensively on the connection between US law enforcement and right-wing domestic terrorist threats.

The summary of the new report notes that the government's response to known connections of law enforcement officers to violent racist and militant groups has been strikingly insufficient.

The report also notes the long history connecting white supremacy and law enforcement in the United States:

White supremacy was central to the founding of the United States, sanctified in law and practice. It was the driving ideology behind the European colonization of North America, the subjugation of Native Americans, and the enslavement of kidnapped Africans and their descendants. Policing in the early American colonies was often less about crime control than maintaining the racial social order, ensuring a stable labor force, and protecting the property interests of the white privileged class. Slave patrols were among the first public policing organizations formed in the American colonies.

Put simply, white supremacy was the law these earliest public officials were sworn to enforce.

Last week *Progressive Secular Humanist* reported that while police in Portland, Oregon used tear gas on a peaceful "wall of moms", they took no action when right-wing, Trump-loving, armed and violent Proud Boys staged a riot and attacked counterprotesters.

And last June *Progressive Secular Humanist* reported that Oregon police were caught on video collaborating with armed white extremists, warning them to move inside to avoid being arrested before the police began acting against demonstrators protesting the police killing of George Floyd.

For those keeping score, Trump paid \$750 in taxes and \$130,000 to a porn star, which means that if the I.R.S. wants to get money from Trump, you guys know what you got to do. – Trevor Noah

**IT'S 2031:
KEN BURNS MAKES A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT
THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION**

Sarah Hutto

(Excerpted from "What Critics Are Saying About the Ken Burns Documentary on the Trump Administration" on newyorker.com, 1/3/2018)

NEW YORK, May 26, 2031: In his latest documentary, Ken Burns exhaustively walks us through what felt like the longest Presidency in recent national history. In seven discs, totaling fifteen hours, we get to experience, once again, the journey from the Trump Administration's controversial beginnings to its embarrassing final moments.

Here's what critics and viewers are saying:

"Experiencing the Trump Presidency firsthand was traumatizing enough. I'm not sure why anyone would want to watch this. I actually had to get up and take Tums four times during the first two discs, and then I turned it off. Burns is a great documentarian, but I don't understand why he thought this should be made." – *The Village Voice*

"If you've been fortunate enough to have stricken the Presidency from memory, this documentary will be great for reminding you of the importance of voting. But you'll have to borrow your copy from someone else, because I already threw mine in the garbage. No – don't bother looking in the bin. I took it out to the curb and waited to see it get loaded into the truck this morning. I'm safe now. I'm finally safe. The DVDs are far away from me." – *The Atlantic*

"I voted for Trump, so my adult kids got me this as a birthday present, thinking I'd enjoy it. It made me sad." – *Tom Barkley, Nebraska*

"I kept being, like, 'Oh, my God. Why isn't anybody stopping him?' But then I'd remember it's about actual events that really happened and go take some pills to calm down." – *Ariana Rosetti, California*

"I liked it when he got caught in the end." – *Joey, age six, Maryland*

"Great buildup. You just know it's not going to end well. I loved that they included that incident with all the Twinkies. It was exactly how I imagined it looking. Just complete and utter chaos." – *Jeff Sanderson, Connecticut*

"I like to play this DVD in my bar because my customers end up drinking a lot more." – *Curtis Ledger, Texas*

"Really, really disturbing. But, if this is the closest I'll get to actually witnessing the moment he was dragged out from under the Resolute Desk by the Feds, then it's well worth it." – *Sharla Linqvist, Michigan*

"Someone I know is now divorced because he got this documentary as a gag gift for his spouse." – *Anonymous*

"I found this unrealistic. No developed country would ever allow this sort of thing to happen." – *Miss Teen U.S.A.*

There is a rumor going around that I have found God. I think this is unlikely because I have enough difficulty finding my keys, and there is empirical evidence that they exist. – *(Sir) Terry Pratchett, novelist*

CELEBRATE FREETHOUGHT DAY OCTOBER 12

John Rafferty

On October 12, 1692, Governor William Phips of the Massachusetts Bay colony declared that "spectral evidence" would no longer be admissible in court, thus ending the Salem Witch Trials.

After 19 people had been hanged (and one pressed to death) for acts of "witchcraft", based on evidence from "specters", "angels" and "devils", and 52 more awaited trial, Phips stopped the proceedings "because I saw many innocent persons might otherwise perish". From October 12 on, evidence admitted in court in Massachusetts had to be observable to the ordinary senses.

As the Freedom From Religion Foundation website (www.ffrf.org) points out, there are many holidays honoring saints and superstition, but this is the only one commemorating reason and celebrating freethought.

So raise a glass to William Phips on October 12, and think freely all day long.

If there are any lessons to be learned from history, it is that we should be skeptical of all points of view, including those of the skeptics. No one is infallible, and no one can claim a monopoly on truth or virtue. It would be contradictory for skepticism to seek to translate itself into a new faith. One must view with caution the promises of any new secular priest who might emerge promising a brave new world – if only his path to clarity and truth is followed. Perhaps the best we can hope for is to temper the intemperate and to tame the temptation that lurks within. – *Paul Kurtz*

**Update: REMEMBER THAT "POLYAMOROUS
TRANSGENDER MISSISSIPPIAN LESBIAN
ANARCHIST ATHEIST" CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE FROM 9/22 PIQUE?
SHE WON.**

(Excerpted from ThisIsTrue.com, 9/25/2020)

I shouldn't have won this freaking primary," says Aria DiMezzo of Keene, N.H., who is running for Cheshire County Sheriff as a Republican. "I should have gotten crushed." Instead, she won with 4,211 votes. The issue: DiMezzo is a self-described "anarchist She-Male" whose platform is, "F*** the Police" (literally, using three little gold sheriff's stars), and she's the founder of the Reformed Satanic Church, even though she says she doesn't believe in either God or Satan. She is 6 feet tall, carries a gun, has bright red hair, and advocates dropping laws without actual victims, such as those against drugs or sex work. Except maybe for the gun, she's not exactly the sort of person Republicans would normally vote for, but that's exactly her point:

"Between 75 and 80 percent of the primary voters – the ones alleged to be more politically aware than the average voter – were completely and totally ignorant of who they were voting for," she said. "What is the percentage with the average voter? 90 percent? 95 percent? These people are deciding who gets to rule you."

SHSNY CALENDAR: OCTOBER 2020 – JANUARY 2021

FICTION BOOK CLUB ONLINE

The SHSNY Fiction Book Club meets online via Zoom for the duration of our enforced isolation.

To be included and notified of each meeting's link and password, email your address to Sharon Krutzel at sharonkrutzel@rcn.com

TUESDAY, OCT 13, 7:00 pm **AMERICAN DIRT** Jeanine Cummins

Stephen King calls it "extraordinary", and this *NYTimes* best-selling story of a comfortable, middle-class Mexican family caught up in the flight to *el Norte* and away from drug violence has been called "the international story of our times". *Hardcover, Kindle.*

TUESDAY, NOV 10, 7:00 pm **THE THIRST** Jo Nesbo

Harry Hole is one of crime fiction's greatest cops ever, but after promising the woman he loves he's through, something about the killer who targets his victims on Tinder pulls Harry back to the chase in this eleventh novel in the series. *Paperback, Kindle.*

TUESDAY, DEC 8, 7:00 pm **THE VANISHING HALF** Brit Bennett

From the bestselling author of *The Mothers*, a stunning new novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

TUESDAY, JAN 12, 7:00 pm **THE LYING LIFE OF ADULTS** Elena Ferrante Start reading.

HUMANIST BOOK CLUB ONLINE

We continue online for the duration of our social distancing. Harry French will send the linking codes for the Zoom meetings. Send your address to: htfrench46@gmail.com
Meanwhile, do the reading ...

THURS, NOV 5, 7:00 pm **HOW INNOVATION WORKS: And Why It Flourishes in Freedom** Matt Ridley

Author of *The Rational Optimist*, Ridley chronicles the history of innovation – the reason we experience both dramatic improvements in our living standards and unsettling changes in our society – and how we need to change our thinking on the subject.

THURS, DEC 3, 7:00 pm **THE HOOLIGAN'S RETURN: A Memoir** Norman Manea

At the center of this internationally acclaimed memoir/novel is the author himself, always an outcast, on a lifelong journey through Nazism and communism to exile in America.

THURS, JAN 7, 7:00 pm To Be Announced

HUMANIST HAPPY HOUR ONLINE

SUNDAY, OCT 4, 5:00 pm

Pour something, grab a snack, and join 15 or more humanists and rationalists for lively conversation in our SHSNY Happy Hour!

Zoom in at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9806344432?pwd=c0NrNUoweDVGWHo2ditvYmJlVjVGdz09>
Meeting ID: 980 634 4432
Passcode: SHSNy
Join by Skype for Business
<https://us02web.zoom.us/skype/9806344432>

MONDAY MOVIES

MONDAY, OCT 12, 8:00 pm *We'll discuss Bong Joon Ho's* **PARASITE**

Here's the 2019 South Korean black comedy thriller – about class, caste, and a poor family at war with the rich – that won four Oscars, including Best Picture? Rent it on Amazon (\$3.99), watch, and then Zoom in Oct 12, 8:00, at:
<https://zoom.us/j/93936555482?pwd=c1B0U2NrSW5lQzFYVfK2L1RoT3Nndz09>

Meeting ID: 939 3655 5482
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MORAL MISFITS IS UP

Check out the first Rich Sander and John Rafferty (and guests) discussions. Go to YouTube and to Moral Misfits, then click on "Bait & Switch" and "Me Stupid? No, You Stupid".

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