



Humanism 101:

what non-theists DO
believe



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Agenda



- Breakout
- Terminology
- Group Discussion
- Q & A
- Resources

Breakout



- What do you know about humanism?
- What do you think of when you hear the word atheist?
- What are the most important ideals or ethics in your tradition or your life?

Terminology



Agnostic: the truth value of certain claims—especially claims about the existence or non-existence of any deity, but also other religious and metaphysical claims—is unknown or unknowable

Atheist: Atheism is the lack of belief in a deity, which implies that nothing exists but natural phenomena. This definition means that there are no forces, phenomena, or entities which exist outside of or apart from physical nature, or which transcend nature, or are “super” natural, nor can there be. Humankind is on its own.

Humanism: A progressive philosophy of life that, without theism and other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity.

Terminology



Naturalist: the philosophical viewpoint that the natural universe and its natural laws and forces (as opposed to supernatural ones) operate in the universe, and that nothing exists beyond the natural universe.

Secular: being separate from religion, or not being exclusively allied to any particular religion.

Unitarian Universalism: A liberal religion that embraces theological diversity and welcome different beliefs that affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person

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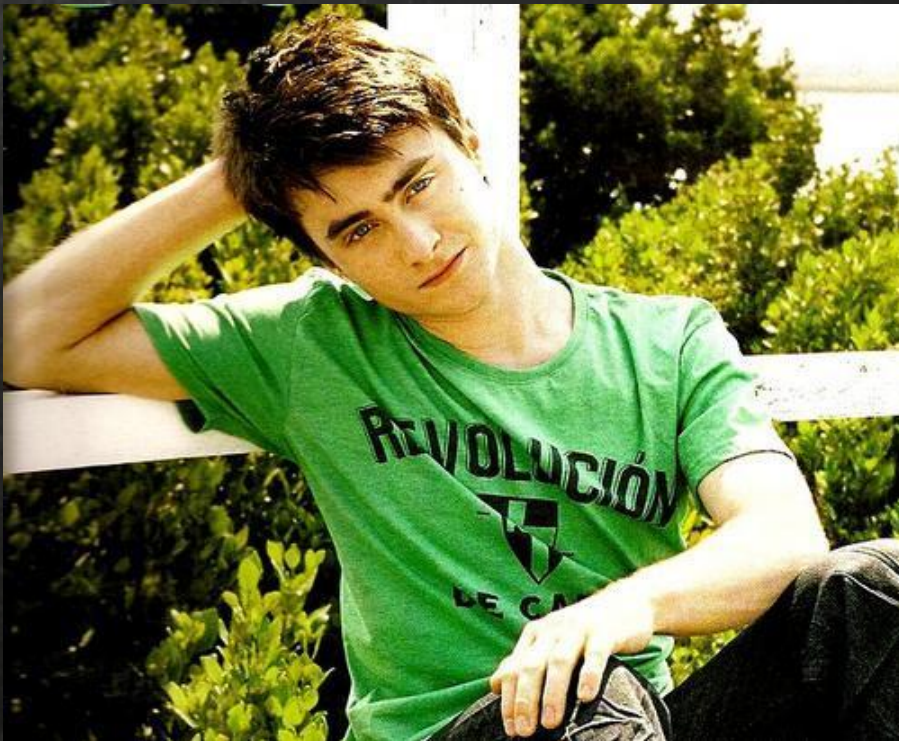


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Famous Non-Believers



Daniel Radcliffe



Ani DiFranco



Group Discussion



- Why did you choose this session?
- What is something new or surprising that you learned today?
- Where do you see humanism or non-theists intersecting with your tradition?

Resources



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- First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis
 - www.firstunitarian.org
- Humanists of Minnesota - www.humanistsofmn.org
- CASH (Campus Atheists, Skeptics, and Humanists)
 - www.cashumn.org
- More Resources:
 - humanism101.humanistnotes.com