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UPCOMING AT NYSEC:

WORLD HAPPINESS REPORT 2015



Please join us on **FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 7:00 PM**, in our Auditorium. Donations will be accepted at the door.

How can we foster happiness in our societies? What is the state of global happiness today? The World Happiness Report 2015 answers the questions. For the first time ever, the three coeditors of the World Happiness Report – Professors Jeffrey D. Sachs, Richard Layard, and John Helliwell – will do a public event to discuss the Report's findings and future directions.

The third World Happiness Report will build on the first two ground-breaking reports, first published in 2012. It delves even more deeply into what makes people happy, the state of happiness around the world today, and advice for policy makers. The Report has the most updated global rankings of happiest countries, and finds that the key components to a happy life are income, healthy life expectancy, freedom to make life choices, perceptions of corruption, social support, and generosity.

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Leader's Desk



DR. ANNE KLAEYSEN

Why Poetry?

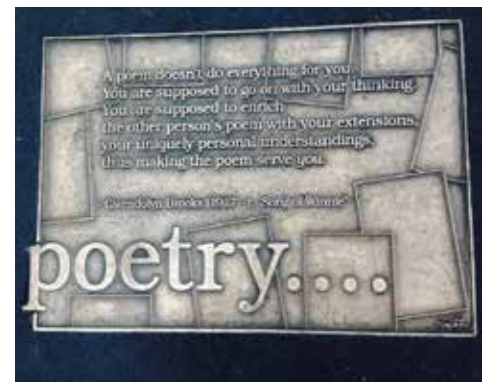
Because it is the breath of life given form in words, punctuation and spaces.

Because it reaches our deepest core and carries us to another place both familiar and foreign, connects us to human experience both universal and unique, so that we know ourselves better than we did before reading it.

And because when you least expect it – and need it most – it appears at your feet, embedded in a NYC sidewalk.

If you attend Sunday platform regularly, then you know that I often begin and end my talks with poetry. It is a form of prayer to me, sacred text for an ethical religion.

When I turn on my computer in the morning, a poem awaits me, courtesy of the Writer's Almanac (<http://writersalmanac.org>). I scan it first, taking in the form and shape of it; then read it aloud to decide whether to add it to my collection, now nearly 800 pages. What qualifies as a "keeper"? A poem that I'll want to read again and again, one that I can use in



Plaque on Library Way on 41st Street between Park and Fifth Avenues, Manhattan.

a Sunday platform or that may inspire a future platform address, a poem that I can use as a Humanist invocation at an interfaith or social justice event. The others I delete. . . Because while I love poetry, I don't love every poem.

April is National Poetry Month (<http://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/home>). I learned about this when my children were in elementary school. P.S. 321 was a haven for the arts, and in April everyone — students, faculty, administration, maintenance staff, and parents — carried a poem in her or his pocket. What's more, you could stop anyone ("Even Principal Heaney, Mom!), and ask to hear the poem read aloud.

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Ethical Enrichment and Events

Great Books Discussion Group

Larry Schiff

A stimulating conversation is in store for the April Great Books Dis-



cussion Group. Jean-Jacques Rousseau's *The Social Contract* (1762) and Karl Marx' *Alienated Labor* (1844) are the two reading selections for **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**, when we meet at **7:00 PM** in the Elliott Library, Room 507.

Imagine a writer considered so dangerous that not only were his works banned, but he himself was exiled from both France and Switzerland “because he and his work were deemed to threaten existing governments and religions”! That didn't daunt Rousseau, a key figure in the foment of the French Revolution, theorizing about the relationship between the individual, the society, and the government.

Less than a century later, Karl Marx theorized that the worker — having become a virtual cog in the mechanism of production in an industrial and socially-stratified society,

must inevitably suffer from alienation from his own basic human nature.

Once again, we'll dive into a text-based discussion that explores the presented ideas and hypotheses — hopefully with some glimpses of light in this, the 21st century.

The Great Books Discussion Group meets the first Wednesday of the month (unless that's a holiday) from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Elliott Library, 5th floor. We read excerpts that are in the Great Books texts — usually 40-70 pages — ideally twice, jotting down some questions for the group to handle.

To learn about the Great Books Foundation and the discussion process, visit our website, <http://www.meetup.com/Manhattan-Great-Books-Discussion-Group/>. In the first paragraph of the box entitled, “What is our Great Books Reading Discussion Group and how do we work?” click on Great Books (it's in red). That links to the website page where you can order the Great Books Reading and Discussion First Series and Reader

SUNDAY PLATFORM MEETINGS

11:00 am

Ceremonial Hall, 4th Floor

APRIL 5

Elicit the Best: A Moral Commandment

Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

Dan Hanson Presides

APRIL 12

Individualism Gone Wild

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

Cheryl Gross Presides

APRIL 19

See a Problem, Solve A Problem: Socially Responsible Tourism in The 21st Century

Dan Hanson and

Monica Weiss Presides

APRIL 26

One-Act Play: The Grand Design by Susan Miller

Curt Collier, Leader

Patricia Bruder Debrovner Presides

NOT A MEMBER?

All the more reason to attend one of our Enrichment Activities. Contributions for nonmembers are usually only \$5.

Aid. (It's \$28.95.) In the information bar on the left side of the home page, click on "Our Calendar" to see the monthly readings scheduled for the year.

You will in essence be joining the thousands of readers who participate in the Great Books discussions across the nation, following a format that was developed by Professor Mortimer Adler and Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins at the University of Chicago in 1947, and which spread across the country in the decades to come, with an ever-enthusiastic following.

New and longer-term members often share with us what the discussions meant to them. Here are two of their comments:

"It was good to be back. What a wonderful group of passionate, interesting readers. I learn so much each month."

"Once I got used to the 'stick to the topic and the text,' I began to value those guidelines. No one was talking about a movie or

TV show that reminded them of a point one of the writers had made. No personal anecdotes. Just a really good, solid discussion of the readings that was remarkably stimulating. No wonder people keep coming back."

Do come on **APRIL 1**, and join us in a Great Discussion!

There is no charge for members, and for guests it is \$5 per session.

Ethics in Film

Chris Everett

Join us on **FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 7:00 PM**

(doors open at **6:30 PM**), in Ceremonial Hall to see *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956), directed by Don Siegel. I'll be leading our discussion after the movie.

In this classic (although low-budget) science-fiction thriller, emotionless aliens from outer space are using large seed pods to duplicate

human bodies and take them over. While rekindling an old romance, a small-town physician discovers the pods, and soon he and his girlfriend realize that the aliens have targeted them for takeover.

The suggested donation for this film is \$5, which includes snacks and beverages.

Wisdom and World Affairs

Join us on the first and fourth **TUESDAYS, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**, in Room 508,

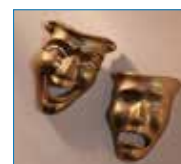
for a philosophical discussion moderated by Ken Gans.

We'll cover a wide variety of subjects: the fate of humanity, world affairs, and Humanism, among many others. Come, and share your opinions.

There is no fee for this.

Ethics And the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrowner
On **FRIDAY, APRIL 10**, at **7:00**



PM, Ethics and the Theater will present *The Price* by Arthur Miller. In the attic of a once-fashionable Manhattan town house crammed with once-fashionable furniture, two long-estranged brothers face one another. They have come together to decide how and for how much to sell the furniture, which belonged to their deceased father. But before they can settle on a price for these items, they must come to terms with the price each has paid for the choices and compromises he has made.

Susan Horowitz directs our cast, which includes Jerry Chamlin, Dan Hanson, Betsy Ungar, and Tom Weishaar; Bonnie Bean is our narrator.

Come at **6:30 PM** for a reception and after the reading participate in a discussion of the ethical issues of the play, led by Betsy Ungar in Ceremonial Hall.

The suggested donation is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

Ethical Death Café

Join us on **SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**, and on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM**, both in Ceremonial Hall. Our moderator is Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson, who holds a Doctorate in pastoral counseling and is the Bereavement Program Community Outreach Coordinator at Caring Hospice Services.

We'll gather in a relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea, and eat delicious cake. The objective is to increase awareness of death and to help people make the most of their (finite) lives. Topics include health care proxies, ethical wills, and green burial.

The suggested donation is \$5.

Adler Reading Seminar



Join us on **TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**, in Room 502, with Leader Dr. Joseph Chuman as our moderator.

We'll discuss the works of Felix Adler and other thinkers whose writings are seminal to Ethical Culture

and Humanist philosophy.

To register email Yalitza Garcia-Krawczyk at ygarcia@nysec.org, or phone her at 212-874-5210, ext. 117.

There is no fee for this program, but advance registration is required.

Readings in Deep Ecology

Join us on **MONDAY, APRIL 27, 7:15 PM – 8:45 PM**, in the Elliott Library, Room 507. Curt Collier, Leader, will moderate.

We'll explore selections from famous environmental authors. Chapters and selections from the works of Aldo Leopold, John Muir, Wangari Maathai, Michael Pollan, Rachel Carson, Richard Louv, Edward Abbey, and Jane Goodall, among others, will be offered. We will read the selections together and then discuss the important points the writers were striving to uphold. This is a great way to cover classic environmental literature.

There is no fee for this. ☺



More Reasons To Be A NYSEC Member

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ETHICAL NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR ETHICAL CULTURE

DO YOU WANT TO?

- CREATE a more COMPASSIONATE society
- ADVOCATE for SOCIAL JUSTICE
- SAVE the ENVIRONMENT
- Deepen UNDERSTANDING
- EXCHANGE Ideas
- CONTRIBUTE to community
- LEARN and GROW
- CELEBRATE joys
- HONOR Ethical Achievement
- Feel CONNECTED
- Find MEANING
- ASK the important questions
- BE part of the answer

DISCOVER ETHICAL CULTURE

Hi All,

Have you had an opportunity to see the new, updated slideshow on our lobby monitor? We hope you enjoy it and can help us spread the good word with ongoing photos of NYSEC activities that exemplify the actions on the slide above.

Please send your ideas, and photos in jpeg format, to sandisacks@gmail.com and bzucker@nysec.org. We hope to use them in either future slide shows or elsewhere!

I am also looking forward to receiving reasons you enjoy being a member of NYSEC, to be included in future columns. 🐦

OPINION — Letter to the Editor

I Got Sick in the Korean War

Thomas Kennedy

The year was 1953 and I was Cpl. Tom Kennedy. My address was Fox Co., 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

I have survived a major battle in which the Chinese People's Army tried to break through our lines on the way to Seoul. I suppose if they had succeeded, the war might have ended. Instead, a peace truce was signed. For my service in the war I received from the USMC the Purple Heart medal, the combat action ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) with two bronze stars, the Korean PUC medal, the United Nations service medal, and the good conduct medal. The battle was called "The Nevada Cities Battles" because of the three combat outposts Reno, Vegas, and Carson. The Marines suffered over 100 killed and perhaps 1,000 wounded. It was a major event of the Korean

War. If the Marines did not hold the ground, the USA might have used the atomic bomb again on Asian soil.

I mention the above to tell about the great injustice that was done to me and many other American soldiers by my government. I speak now of biological warfare done in SECRET on the battlefield of Korea. The germ warfare (wmd) has a name: the "Korean Hemorrhagic Fever." This epidemic occurred among US troops along the main line of contact with the Chinese Army north of the 38th parallel. There was no hemorrhagic fever in Korea until its use as a germ weapon. This was and still is a War Crime.

The USA — with great help from the Japanese scientists, the "war criminals" who were captured at the end of World War II — made use of the "bubonic plague" as a new weapon that would kill a lot of Koreans. Thereby, we wanted to win the war, which was an embarrass-

ment to the military who could not prevail on the battlefield according to the rules of war.

I was one of those American service members exposed to this secret crime against humanity. I came down with a very high fever, which caused me to be evacuated from my Marine combat unit by helicopter. I was taken to a Mash set up to keep alive the innocent American combat soldiers who were dying from this biological war experiment. I lay in my cot burning with a fever that the doctors had no real ability to cure. I was given gallons of water to drink every few hours to flush out the fever — that's all.

To know more about this horror, read *The United States and Biological Warfare: Secrets from the Early Cold War and Korea*, written by Stephen Endicott and Edward Hagerman, and published by the Indiana University Press. 🐉

Sunday Morning Platform Meetings 11:00 am

APR. 5

ELICIT THE BEST: A MORAL COMMANDMENT



Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader

Dan Hanson Presides

Ethical Culture emphasizes the importance of social relationships. Like the Xhosa of South Africa, we hold that “I am because we are” and, as one member recently added, “We are because I am,” recognizing ethical mutuality. Felix Adler’s purpose in founding Ethical Culture societies was to provide opportunities for people to move toward goodness: not with a formal creed, but with a common desire to find better ways of living together. His supreme ethical rule was this: “So act as to elicit the best in others, and thereby in thyself.” What does that mean? How are we to understand its practical fulfillment? I will engage participants in an exploration of these questions.

The shared charity is Encampment for Citizenship.

APR. 12

INDIVIDUALISM GONE WILD



Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader

Cheryl Gross Presides

Let's talk values. What do the anti-vaccination campaign, outbursts of racist verbal assaults, the Republican move to turn Medicare into vouchers, and the top one percent owning 40 percent of American wealth have in common? Though each is a product of many underlying dynamics, what threads through them all is hyper-individualism. Since the ascent of Ronald Reagan, the individual ethos which famously has defined the American character has crowded out and virtually deafened a counter-narrative in American society, namely that we are one, that we are all in this together, and that we need to support each other as members of a common society. This communitarian ethic has greatly diminished and has been replaced by a crude libertarianism. It is a shift in values that we must restore if America is going to persevere as a viable society, or no less, a great one.

The shared charity is Bergen Sanctuary Committee.

APR. 19

SEE A PROBLEM, SOLVE A PROBLEM: SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE TOURISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY



Dan Hanson and Monica Weiss Presides

Dan and Monica will share stories and photos from their recent trip to Southeast Asia

with an organization that promotes education, jobs, and sustainable development.

The shared charity is Journeys Within Our Community.

APR. 26

ONE ACT PLAY: *THE GRAND DESIGN* BY SUSAN MILLER

Curt Collier, Leader

Patricia Bruder Debrovner Presides



What is the one thing you would say to an alien from another planet to summarize the human experience? What does it mean to be human? Using quirky characters, themselves facing the challenges of loving and mortality, this short one-act play explores the complications of life and the deeper meaning that pervades it all. It will be followed by an audience discussion. Starring Andra Miller and Curt Collier.

The shared charity is Groundwork USA.

THIS MONTH'S SHARED CHARITIES

ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP - The Encampment for Citizenship (EFC) is a nonprofit organization that conducts residential summer programs for young people of widely diverse backgrounds and nations. It provides youth with a compelling experience in democratic living, with emphasis on critical thinking and social action. Through this transformative experience, young people become more informed and sensitive about the key issues of our time and committed to active citizenship and involvement in their community as justice seekers.

BERGEN SANCTUARY - The Bergen County Sanctuary Committee is a coalition of religious congregations, human rights organizations, and affiliated groups and individuals who have joined together to provide humanitarian support and advocacy for political asylum seekers.

JOURNEYS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY - JWOC develops projects in Southeast Asia that reduce poverty levels, increase educational and economic opportunities, and empower recipients and supporters, inspiring ongoing social change.

GROUNDWORK USA - The mission of the Groundwork USA network is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement, and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses, and organizations to promote environmental, economic, and social well-being.

Early Sunday Mornings 9:45 am (Except as noted)

(Rooms are subject to change)

APRIL 5

MINDFULNESS

Led by Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen.

Join us for exploration and practice of mindfulness through meditation

Room 408.

APRIL 5 & 19

CHORUS PRACTICE

Led by David Gracia and Pat Debrovner. 10:00 am. Ceremonial Hall.

APRIL 12 & 26

CHORUS PRACTICE

Led by David Gracia and Pat Debrovner. 10:30 am. Ceremonial Hall.

APRIL 12

COLLOQUY: CHOICES

Phyllis Kreuttner presides. Room 508. Ceremonial Hall.

APRIL 19

POETRY READING

Come read a poem or two with us.

Cheryl Gross presides. 9:30 am. Ceremonial Hall.

Sunday Afternoons 1:30 pm (Except as noted)

(Rooms are subject to change)

APRIL 5

SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

2:00 pm. Ceremonial Hall.

APRIL 12

ETHICS IN THE NEWS

Abe Markman presides. 12:45 pm, sixth floor school cafeteria.

At lunch join us at the Ethics-in-the-News table and share your take on today's burning issues.

APRIL 12

ETHICAL DEATH CAFÉ

Rev. Dr. Barbara Simpson presides. Ceremonial Hall.

A gathering in a relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea, and eat delicious cake.

APRIL 19

LIFE WITH HEALTH: "ABOUT YOUR BODY — PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OSTEOPATHY"

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Deidre Finn, who has been called “the body whisperer,” will tell you about the interplay of anatomy and physiology in your body’s health. She’s more than just a standard physical therapist. She even does craniosacral therapy. She is knowledgeable, wise and will answer your questions about any physical problems (backaches, injuries, bursitis, digestive issues, etc.) you have with clarity and wisdom. This session will begin with a short interview with Deidre by Andra Miller, and conclude with your questions and Deidre’s answers. Ceremonial Hall.

APRIL 26

PHOTOGRAPHY ARTS CLUB

Members’ Gallery Program – Tom Weishaar, David and Valerie Leiman, Elizabeth Jacobs, Patrick Hilaire, and Lucile Kleiman. Adler Study, Room 514. Every photo has a story, come and hear them all.

APRIL 26

SUSTAINABLE LIVING SUPPORT CIRCLE

Leader Curt Collier presides. Ceremonial Hall.

We’ll discuss lifestyle choices, our impact on the planet, and ways we can make a meaningful difference. Participants will be asked to keep a log of their choices and to share openly with others in a supportive atmosphere. This course is open for those wanting to make a real commitment to eco-living.

Lunch Discussions Thursdays, 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
Elliott Library, Room 507

Bring your lunch and join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen and Society members. This month’s topic is: **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**. Folders with relevant articles will be available from Margaret Determann in the Membership Office. You can now access all of the Leader Lunch readings on our website at <http://www.nysec.org/leader-lunch>. Come and join the discussion.

APRIL 2

“WHAT ISIS REALLY WANTS” by Graeme Wood, *The Atlantic*, March 2015.

APRIL 9

“WHO IS THE POPE?” by Eamon Duffy, *NY Review of Books*, 2/19/15.

APRIL 16

“THE LAST TRIAL” by Elizabeth Kolbert, *The New Yorker*, 2/16/15.

APRIL 23

“HONG KONG’S UMBRELLA REVOLUTION ISN’T OVER YET” by Lauren Hilger, *The NY Times*, 2/18/15.

APRIL 30

“THE VOICE OF THE SHAMAN” by Glenn H. Shephard Jr., *The NY Review of Books*, 11/6/14.

Our Ethical Family



The following members are celebrating birthdays in April:

- VALERIE LEIMAN..... 4/1
- MARY HOUTS.....4/2
- LAW'NENCE MILLER.....4/2
- PEARL KATZ.....4/4
- CHRISTOPHER BERNHARDT,4/5
- DIANE DEBROVNER.....4/6
- MARILYN BAKER.....4/11
- DWAIN DePAUL.....4/13
- PATRICIA DEBROVNER...4/14
- PATRICIA MALKIN.....4/14
- NANCY McGEORGE
LOVELADY.....4/17
- EMILY NEWMAN.....4/18
- LOREN FOX4/19
- ABE MARKMAN.....4/24
- MEG CHAPMAN.....4/25
- PHYLLIS ROSENFELD.....4/27
- SY AMKRAUT.....4/29

ETHICAL CARES

The Caring Committee will help you should you fall ill or be incapacitated, whether you're home, in the hospital, in rehab, or in a nursing home. All you need do is call the committee chairperson, **STEPHANIE ROSENBLATT**, at 212-586-0017, and she'll make the arrangements.



MARGARET DETERMANN,
Assistant to the Leaders for
Membership Development

Welcome to two new members of our ethical family, **MATTHEW BENSON** and **MUKESH (MIKE) CHOPRA**. Matt recently finished a Master's program in Fundraising at Columbia and is at present a self-employed entrepreneur. His exposure to NYSEC began many years ago, as his father was an acquaintance of Khoren Arisian. Matt was drawn to the New York Society because of his pursuit of intellectual stimulation and his desire for a sense of community in his life. He plans on becoming more involved with the Ethical Action Committee.

Mike is a financial planner at New York Life, where he specializes in estate planning. He learned of NYSEC from Barbara Simpson, after attending the Ethical Death Café. He is excited about being part of NYSEC, due in large part to the energy and enthusiasm

he encountered while interacting with members at the café and at Sunday meetings. Mike's interests and hobbies include parachuting and mountaineering.

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Taking advantage of the amended travel restrictions between the US and Cuba, two adventure-seeking members, Elinore Kaplan and Andra Miller, booked and enjoyed a cruise around Cuba in early March. Their "People-to-People" tour stopped in the cities of Havana, Trinidad, and Cienfuegos, but didn't stop, as planned, in Maria del Largo because 10-foot swells would not allow for disembarking. Elinore described it as "... an exciting trip, given that with current Cuba-US negotiations, we felt as though we were seeing a country on the cusp of change. Counterbalancing the crumbling buildings was the apparent resilient spirit of the people and the ubiquitous Latin music that permeated the cities and

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countryside. And,” she added, “It didn’t take much to persuade Andra to try Salsa.” *Bienvianda a casa, ladies!*

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If you haven’t already done so, make sure to check out the fifth floor reception area and Room 408, the Moira Whittington Lounge. The new furniture has arrived and the repainting is almost complete. Both spaces

are looking fresh and lovely thanks to the hard work of Liz Singer, Elinore Kaplan, and Susan Needles.

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Member David Leiman would like all to know that the surgery he needed on his left eye in February was successful. Unfortunately, Valerie Leiman fell on ice, suffered a fractured left arm, and will need surgery to repair it; that is scheduled for

some time in March.

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Spring is here! Take advantage of this welcome change of season by walking. According to studies done by the American Heart Association, the benefits of regular walking include strengthening your bones, lifting your mood, and improving your balance and coordination. So put on your walking shoes and go! 🌀

Leader's Desk *(continued from page 2)*

—After many Sundays together, I have converted a few of you. Here’s an invitation: Stop by my office, Room 502, and on the inside knob of the door you will find a bag hanging, with a sign above it that reads:

Reach in and take out a handful of poems.
Tuck them into your pockets, stuff them in your purses and briefcases,
put them in different rooms of your home,
hide them in cupboards and drawers,
forget about them.

Then —
one day when you least expect it —
find one.

Read it out loud,
let the words roll around in

your mouth and savor them. Carry the poem around with you all day, share it with a friend, fall asleep and dream about it.

Wake up and live better than you ever imagined possible. 🌀

SAVE THE DATE

OUR 2015 WEEKEND RETREAT

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25 -

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

(See page 15)

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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the Institute for Science and Human Value
Presents
Perspectives on Death and Dying Symposium

Dying Without Deity

April 10 & 11, 2015

This promises to be an eye-opening symposium with topics that have not been explored in one place, at one time, anywhere before. Walk in to learn and walk out of Columbia University informed and armed with solutions to deal with many of the end-of-life issues that our communities face. Here are just a few of the topics and speaker:

- “Do People Have the “Right to Die?”” – Ana Lita
- “Stay” and the Secular Argument Against Suicide” – Jennifer Michael Hecht
- “Body Not Soul: Encouraging Organ and Body Donation After Death” – Jamila Bey
- “How Religious Hospital Policies Could Affect your End-Of-Life Choices” – Lois Uttley

Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen is participating with a presentation on “A Different Kind of Immortality.”

Felix Adler, founder of Ethical Culture, wrote, “The dead are not dead if we have loved them truly.

In our own lives we can give them a kind of immortality. Let us arise and take up the work they have left unfinished.” I use this quotation whenever I officiate at a nontheistic memorial and invite family

and friends to recall something about the person who has died that they can imagine incorporating into their own lives, some way in which they can take up the work that loved one has left unfinished. It addresses an experience of both mourning and celebrating our finite lives. Awareness of our mortality and accepting that there is no life after death frees us to be more fully ourselves: appreciating life with all its joys and sorrow, recognizing that we are part of the natural world, realizing our potential and responsibilities as human beings, and choosing to engage in ethical relationships.

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Great Books: <i>Alienated Labor</i> , by Jean-Jacques Rousseau and <i>The Social Contract</i> by Karl Marx — April 1 Ethics in Film: <i>Invasion of the Body Snatchers</i> (1956), by Don Siegel — April 3 Ethics and the Theater: <i>The Price</i> , by Arthur Miller — April 10						
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