

## **The Church of the Holey Donut**

**A Satirical Look at Secular Humanism** (by Jim Hughes)

The Church of the Holey Donut was founded in Seattle in the year 4 MS (Microsoft). Our meetings are held on Sunday mornings at 10:00am at most Tim Horton's or Country Style outlets. Our premier assemblies are held in Starbucks at Chapters outlets, and usually meet around 11:00am. Please join us at one of these venues for stimulating discussions based on post-modernist morality. The following information will help you understand our fraternity:

**Our Creed** – We believe that the universe popped into existence from a quantum wrinkle in the space-time continuum that is eternal. We are part of the natural *Gia* that unfolded in the eon-long 'goo-to-you' process that is guided by chance acting on matter. We hold that humankind is one step in the process of animal evolution and that all actions are controlled by our genes. We are convinced that there are no external moral standards and that all people have an inalienable right freely to do as they please, except for the unborn, which are not people but only blobs of tissue. Therefore womyn have an absolute right to determine their reproductive status and dispose of their unwanted uterine contents. We are tolerant of all faiths and lifestyles (except that of the radical, rightwing, war-mongering, self-righteous, and bigoted Christians) and encourage total acceptance of the gay lifestyle that we assert is the genetic disposition of 10% of our fellow travellers on this ball of rock and water flying through space. These beliefs must be accepted on faith even though there is no factual evidence to support them.

**Our Prayer** – We offer up in our meetings a daily prayer that is modelled on the following memorable phrases:

1. 'You can't legislate morality.'
2. 'You deserve it, so go for it.'
3. 'If it feels right do it.'
4. 'Pro-choice!'
5. 'Live and let live.'
6. 'God is dead.'
7. 'Keep the government out of the bedroom.'
8. 'History is more or less bunk.'  
(Especially that of DWMs)

**Our Priests** – Some of our historically recognized priests include: Charles Darwin, Sigmund Freud, John Dewey, and Aldous Huxley. Our recent priests, some of whom have been recently recycled for their phosphorous, include: Stephen Hawking, Carl Sagan, E. O. Wilson, Stephen Jay Gould, Richard Dawkins and Bill Clinton. They lead us in the way of true enlightenment.

**Our Holey Texts** – A few of our most sacred writings include *The Republic*, *The Origin of Species*, and *The Interpretation of Dreams*. We recommend recent commentaries based on these writings such as: *The Ascent of Man*, *A Brief History of Time*, *The Panda's Thumb* and *Cosmos*.

**Our Songs** – John Lennon's *Imagine* is our most important song. His memory and words are a great encouragement for us all. Other songs that we cherish include: *I did it My Way* sung by Sinatra, and *Que sera* sung by Doris Day.

**Our Holey Sacraments** – We have two Sacraments that sustain us in our faith and life. They are the Sacraments of:

- *Initiation* – This Sacrament is the right of passage. It can take various forms including smoking marijuana without inhaling, or having a Botox injection or hair transplant.
- *Inspiration* – Our Sacrament of inspiration consists of inhaling the aroma of an Ethiopian Yergacheffe, followed by slowly sipping an Arabian Mocha Java or Brazil Ipanema Bourbon. You will want to let the double dose of caffeine caress your spirit with the buzz.

**Our Festivals** – Our premier festival is Earth Day on which we gather at sunrise. This year there will be a reading of *The 77 Theses*, and we will call upon all to wave the Earth Flag starting at 7:34am Eastern Standard Time, on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005. We also celebrate Gay Pride Day. Come watch the parade and hang loose and join in the fun and frolic with all our GLBT friends.

**The Seven Deadly Sins** – We encourage clean living and the avoidance of all bad habits. To live a holey life, avoid the seven deadly sins, which are:

1. Smoking cigarettes
2. Being overweight and flat-chested or having flabby abs
3. Driving a Kia or Hyundai instead of a BMW or Volvo
4. Wearing furs, especially those from baby seals
5. Shopping at Wal-Mart
6. Failing to utilize all your RRSP deduction in a Mutual Fund
7. Voting Conservative if Canadian or Republican if American (if you voted Republican, you are in the 51% of the population that is stupid).

**Membership** – To be a fully accredited member of Church of the Holey Donut you must be able to hold two contradictory ideas in your mind at the same time and believe them both to be true. This is what it means to be scientific and rational. To earn a place of honour you must bring in two new converts to join our cause. They must come from the radical, rightwing breeding population, since our non-reproducing households cannot sustain our movement. And, finally, you must never let it be said that Secular Humanism is a religion.