



## A Call to Reflection

The Humanist Manifesto III, *Humanism and Its Aspirations*, begins with this paragraph: "Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity."

This Humanist Community has no creed to accept. No pledge of loyalty. But we do have shared values worth recalling. These values bind us together and guide how we live our lives.

The Manifesto states that humanism – inspired by compassion, and guided by reason and experience – encourages us to live life well and fully. It has evolved through the ages and continues to develop through the efforts of people who recognize that values and ideals are subject to change as our knowledge and understandings advance. The Manifesto is part of an ongoing effort to manifest in clear and positive terms the conceptual boundaries of humanism, not what we must believe but a consensus of what we do believe.

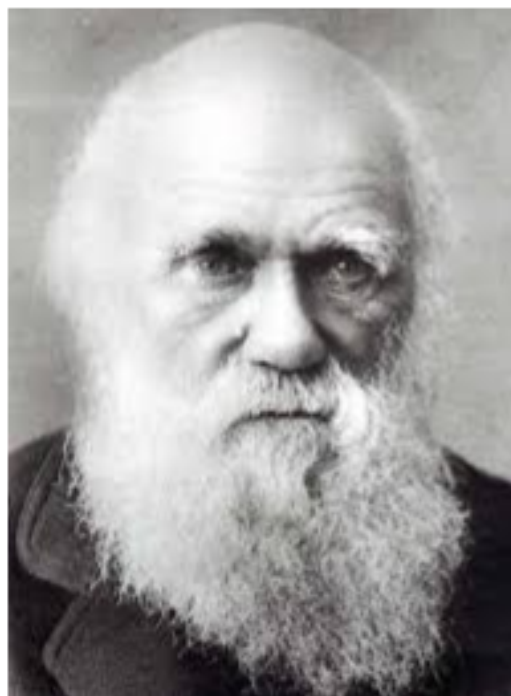
In closing it says:

"We work to uphold the equal enjoyment of human rights and civil liberties in an open, secular society and maintain that it is a civic duty to participate in the democratic process and a planetary duty to protect nature's integrity, diversity, and beauty in a secure, sustainable manner.

"We aspire to this vision with the conviction that humanity can progress toward its highest ideals. The responsibility for our lives and the kind of world in which we live is ours and ours alone."

If you haven't read the complete Manifesto recently, pick up a copy the next time you are in Humanist House or find it at [www.humanists.org](http://www.humanists.org). Your life will be better for it.

Paul Gilbert



**"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."**

- Charles Darwin, 1809

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# EVENTS HUMANIST COMMUNITY IN SILICON VALLEY February 2018

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1  
8:00 PM  
Academic Video

2  
8:00 PM  
Academic Video

3  
1:00 PM  
Fun Group  
*L'Inferno di Dante*,  
Santa Clara University

4  
11:00 AM  
Sunday Forum  
*Immigrant Voices from New York City through Art*  
Masuma Ahmed  
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch

5  
7:00 PM  
Philosophy Group  
*Time Travel*  
8:00 PM  
Academic Video

6  
7:30 PM  
LifeRing

7  
7:30 PM  
Free Thought Discussion

8  
7:00 PM  
Philosophy Group  
*Time Travel*  
8:00 PM  
Academic Video

9  
7:00 PM  
Skeptic Movie Night  
*Spotlight*

10  
2:30 PM  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg Women's Group

11  
11:00 AM  
Sunday Forum  
*Aesthetic Atheism*  
Professor Thomas Leddy  
Board Member Election  
12:30 PM Darwin's Feast  
1:30 PM Social Action Meeting

12  
*Happy Birthday Charlie!*  
7:00 PM  
Video Game Development

13  
7:00 PM  
Climate Lobby Meeting  
6:30 PM New CCL member orientation  
7:30 PM - LifeRing

14  
7:30 PM  
Free Thought Discussion

15  
8:00 PM  
Academic Video

16  
7:30 PM  
Game Night  
*Let's Get Trivial!*  
with Sunday Assembly and Atheist Community of SJ

17  
7:30 PM  
Free Thought Discussion

18  
11:00 AM  
Sunday Forum  
*Six Degrees of Bertrand Russell*  
Peter Stone  
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch

19  
7:00 PM  
HCSV Board Meeting  
members welcome

20  
7:30 PM  
LifeRing

21  
7:30 PM  
Free Thought Discussion

22  
8:00 PM  
Academic Video

23  
7:00 PM  
Video Game Development  
Study/Hackathon

24  
7:30 PM  
LifeRing

25  
11:00 AM  
Sunday Forum  
*Camp Quest - Fun, Friends, Freethought*  
Peter Worden  
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch

26  
7:00 PM  
Video Game Development  
Study/Hackathon

27  
7:30 PM  
LifeRing

28  
7:30 PM  
Free Thought Discussion



Details about these and other events can be found on Meetup.com. Your RSVP is appreciated for planning purposes.

[www.meetup.com/humanistcommunity](http://www.meetup.com/humanistcommunity)