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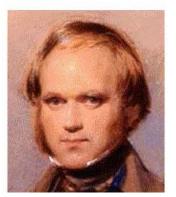
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## February is a Busy Month for Humanist Icons.

Thomas Paine (February 9), perhaps the most colorful person in American history, was born in England and immigrated to the American colonies in 1774 where he wrote Common Sense, a widely read pamphlet that argued for independence from England. In defense of the early French revolution, he later wrote *The Rights of Man* on the strength of which he was elected to the French National Convention. While in France he wrote The Age of Reason, an assault on organized "revealed" religion.

Abraham Lincoln (February 12) is considered by many worldwide to be the greatest American president. He was critical of the institution of slavery, and his election as the 16th president of the United States, running on the newly formed Republican Party, led to the secession of the south and to the civil war. His Emancipation Proclamation freed all slaves in the seceding states and state action or the 13th Amendment extended this freedom to all states.

Charles Darwin (February 12) has been described as one of the most influential figures in human history. In 1859 he published On the Origin of Species, presenting compelling evidence for his theory of evolution through random variation and natural selection. By the 1870s, the scientific community and a majority of the educated public accepted evolution as a fact. In 1871 he published The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex. His theories are fundamental to the field of biology.

**Susan B.** (February 15) was an activist and social reformer all her life. She was born into a Quaker family committed to social equality. She gathered anti-slavery petitions at the age of 17. With Elizabeth Cady Stanton she founded the New York Women's State Temperance Society and the American Equal Rights Association which campaigned for equal rights for both women and African Americans, and published a women's rights newspaper The Revolution. She was convicted of voting in her own state but refused to pay the fine and no further action was taken. She and Stanton had congress presented with an amendment giving women the right to vote in 1878. Susan continued to campaign and speak throughout the U.S.A. for the amendment up until her death in 1906. While proud of the strides made for women did not get so see the passage of the 19th Amendment. (or the Equal Rights Amendment!)









# **EVENTS**

## February 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Thursday

Friday

Saturday





More Secular Saints of February

Galileo: The revolutionary who helped shape modern astronomy. Washington First in War. First in Peace, First in the Hearts of His Countrymen. W.E.B. Du Bois: A sociologist, civil rights leader and author Edison: He brought us Electricity, the power of the Lightning

Lamarr: She invented a technology used in all GPS (Guided Propulsion Systems)



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11:00 AM Sunday Forum Matt Courtney

12.30 Buffet Lunch

9 11:00 AM Sunday Forum The Impeachment and Trial of Donald Trump

12 30 Buffet Lunch

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17 7:PM

Board

Meeting

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7:30 PM

Academic Video

For location call

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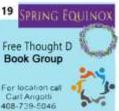
Leland Chan



Five Years on Ice - Antarctica Ray Sundby

Icecream Special Darwin & Election Lunch 12 7:00 PM Free Thought Discussion **Book Group** For location call Carl Angotti 408-739-5046





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11:00 AM Sunday Forum Election for Board of the VOTE Humanist Community



27 7:00 PM Academic Video

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Polls Open February 23 to March 3