Rob Sherman — you've seen him on "Crossfire" and "Larry King Live." But did you know that he's been lighting a fire under Midwest theocracies? He'll be leading a panel of Atheist activists who have been successful separating state and church on a local level. They will share their techniques with you.

Frank Zindler is the voice of the most popular Dial-An-Atheist line in the country (to learn why it's so well-loved, dial 614-294-0300). But as the readers of the *American Atheist* know, he's also an expert on the Bible. He will lead a panel to examine the real origins of the book fundamentalists want everyone to obey.

- **Animal rights** — does religion impede the humane treatment of other animals? Ingrid Newkirk, co-founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, will answer that question.
- **Europe** isn't a haven for Atheists. Every country but one has blasphemy laws, and recently Muslims have murdered in England and Belgium to protest *The Satanic Verses.* Atheism is still alive there nonetheless, and one of the leaders of the French Atheist movement will address the convention.
- **Atheist Veterans** will have a special meeting during the convention weekend.
- **Jon Murray**, the president of American Atheists, has been to Congress twice this past year to try to protect the rights of Atheists. Hear him tell all about it at the Members' Dinner.
- **Question Bee:** "What do you say when a Christian asks. . . ." Directors and officers of Chapters of American Atheists across the nation will demonstrate what they would say in the Question Bee — a convention exclusive!
- **Taking it to court:** Two Atheist attorneys will lead a hands-on workshop to teach you how to protect your civil rights in the courts.

All work and no play makes Jack and Jill dull Atheists

The 1990 Convention of American Atheists will be useful, informative, and educational.

But it will also be fun.

There'll be parties at which you can share jokes and meet people from all fifty states of the Union. You'll get to hobnob with Atheist celebrities and your favorite American Atheist Press authors. But best of all, you'll be with hundreds of other people who think criticism of religion is a great party topic.

And anytime during the convention, you can pop over to a video screening room and watch some Atheist television. Cheer along as religionists get the worst in debates! Or browse (and buy) your way through the Book & Product Room - your once-a-year chance to see all the books, booklets, bumper stickers, jewelry, T-shirts, and other products offered by American Atheists and its Chapters.

We've emphasized the practicality of the lectures and workshops so that you won't think the convention is a bunch of people telling you stuff you already know — but the convention isn't just for diehard activists who are going to take on the pope. It's for any Atheist who wants to spend a relishable weekend with fascinating people.

Speaking of enjoying yourself. . .

The attractions within a two-hour drive of St. Petersburg would fill up a guidebook by themselves, but to name a few: Disney World, Busch Gardens, Epcot Center, the Salvador Dali Museum (it's moments away from the convention hotel), the Ringling Museum of Art, Cape Canaveral, Thomas Edison's winter home, Daytona Beach, Clearwater Beach, Fort DeSoto Park & Beach, the Sunken Gardens, the Everglades, and boardwalks and race tracks. And that's just the beginning of the list of attractions — there's something in Florida for every member of your family, young or old.

Nearby to the convention will be dozens of delightful shops and restaurants for you to visit — if you have enough time between all the convention activities.

The date

The 1990 Convention of American Atheists is on April 13, 14, and 15 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). This is one Friday the Thirteenth that will be lucky — for Atheists, that is.

The place

The convention will be held at: St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers, 333 1st Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

The accommodations

Florida hotels can be expensive, but the St. Petersburg Hilton will give American Atheist conventioneers a special low rate of $55 per night (plus tax) for a single or double room, for reservations made by March 11. These rates are good from April 11 through April 16 in case you want to combine the convention with a Florida vacation. When you reserve your room, remember to tell them you're attending the American Atheist convention to get these excellent rates.

By air

Delta Airlines is offering American Atheist conventioneers special discounts. To find out how economically you can fly to St. Petersburg, just call **Delta** and give the operator our convention code number: J0893. Their toll-free number is 1-800-421-6760.

By car

National Car Rental is also offering a special deal to American Atheist conventioneers. To find out more, call: 1-800-328-7949. Give the operator the code "Convention #6302955."

Registration

The convention registration fee is $60 per person until March 11, 1990. After that date, the fee goes up to $65 per person. (The fee is not refundable.)

Questions

If you have any queries, please call American Atheists at (512) 458-1244 or write: American Atheist Convention, P.O. Box 140195, Austin, TX 78714-0195.

Join all the other Atheists for a sun-filled, information-packed, friend-making Florida weekend

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