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We meet at the Westside Unitarian Universalist Church located at 901 Page Street in Ft Worth

Our annual holiday dinner will be held at 6:30 PM on the 13th of December at our meeting place (see above) wine will be served – cost per person \$8.00.

Should you wish to invite friends or family members to our dinner, please feel free to do so. The price is the same for members or non members Contact Dick Trice at paandmatrice@sbcglobal.net or 817-446-3840

And now a bit of levity - The following is from *The Post-Rapture Post* www.postrapturepost.com/

"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch." (Mk. 13:35-37)

The time of the rapture is at hand. The signs described in the Bible that foreshadow the return of Jesus Christ are becoming all too clear. Not all who live during coming Great Tribulation will be spirited away to be with God. The Bible tells us that only those who repent of their sins and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ may enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Do you know someone who is in danger of being "left behind" because of a sinful life? Imagine if you could write a letter to a friend or loved one after the Great Day of Reckoning. Maybe a message to your family telling them to trust in God, and that everything will be okay. Perhaps you would leave instructions to care for your pets after your departure. It could be that your message is the light that opens a sinner's eyes to the Glory of God and allows them entrance to Heaven during the trials before the Second Coming. This is where the *Post-Rapture Post* comes in.

Just write your letter and it will be hand-delivered immediately following the exodus of the pure from the Earth. But you must be thinking to yourself, "How can the letters be delivered after the Rapture?" The answer is simple. The creators of this site are Atheists. That's right, we don't believe in God. How else would we be able to deliver your correspondence after the Rapture?

The Bible says that, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36). Do you want to take the chance that your loved ones will have to suffer through your ascension into Heaven without knowing how you really feel in your heart? Sign up for the Post-Rapture Post today to guarantee that, while you are gone, you will remain in the thoughts of those left behind.

The Post-Rapture Post website was conceived in 2005 by two Atheist computer scientists looking to help those who believe that the end of the world is near. You may be wondering why we created a website offering services based upon an event that we believe will never happen. The answer is that, while we don't personally believe, we feel that others may need our services in the event that the impossible happens. Also we need money to support our sinful lifestyles. To better help you to understand our mission, we have included a FAQ (If your question is not on our list feel free to send us an email).

Would you like to give feedback to the owners of this site? We are looking forward to hearing from you! Just enter your name and comment below, we read our user feedback daily. Who knows, we might use your comment on our testimonials page!

Now for the FAQ's

Why Should We Trust You to Deliver Our Messages?

Although we are not religious, we believe that a man's word is his bond. We consider ourselves to have an obligation to each and every customer, to deliver their mail in a timely and respectful manner. During the Great Tribulation, during which sinners left on Earth will have one last chance to accept Jesus as the Lord and Savior, our very souls will depend on our following through with the deliveries. Surely God would not accept a betrayer into his Home.

How Do We Know that You Will Not Ascend To Heaven with Us?

The Bible says that only those that repent of their sins and accept Jesus as the True Son of God will be saved. We do neither. Some of our personal sins include: drunkenness, heresy, sacrilege/blasphemy, gluttony, lasciviousness, and sloth. There is no way we are going to disappear into Heaven any time soon.

What Packages are Available for Purchase?

Just check out our order page. It contains the latest information on messages to loved ones. Also be sure to visit our new section for pre-made cards, and buy a t-shirt to support our mission!

Can I Write a Letter to [insert name here]?

You can write a letter to anyone you choose! After the Rapture the world will be a different place, with millions of people disappearing overnight. Friends, relatives, and celebrities are all popular choices. It may not be worth it to write to George W. Bush or his administration, as it is clear that he will be one of the first to go to Heaven when Jesus comes to tend to his flock.

What If The Recipient Ascends Into Heaven Before Delivery?

There will be no need to have your message delivered. All Post-Rapture Post orders are final, no refunds will be given.

Aren't You Afraid of God's Wrath?

We don't believe in God, remember? In the event that the Rapture actually occurs, we will go to Plan B: "Lifetime of Sin Followed by Deathbed Repentance."

The despised hero By Keith Taylor from the San Diego Union-Tribune

October 27, 2006

When Phil Paulson died Wednesday, San Diego lost one of her greatest heroes. It also lost her most despised citizen. Paulson was a man who didn't believe in God. Neither did more others than will admit to it. Paulson admitted it and stood up for all of us whether we came out of the closet with our secret or not.

We atheists aren't popular in this country. The constitutions of seven states – Arkansas, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Tennessee – prohibit us from holding any statewide office. Of course it's unconstitutional, but it's there, perhaps as a reminder of our place in the hearts of our countrymen.

Not that we are unaware of what they think of it. The Boy Scouts took a case to the California Supreme Court to ban us. The president of the United States is the Scouts' honorary commander. Ask yourself if he would accept that honor if they excluded Episcopalians? Or Jews? Or Presbyterians? Or anybody who simply had one less god than most of the rest of us?

Paulson was aware of all that in 1989 when he filed suit against the city of San Diego to remove the cross from atop Mount Soledad on property owned by the city. He won, but the case was appealed time and again, and Paulson prevailed every time. Now it is probably headed for the U.S. Supreme Court, again.

Through it all Paulson has been assailed from all sides. He was the favorite whipping boy of radio talk-show hosts. Various media stated "atheist Phil Paulson" so many times that he claimed "atheist" was his first name. But he joked they should have at least given him a capital "A." His humor helped him through a lot of malicious slander.

Of course Paulson had lots of practice at facing down dogma. When he was a child, he asked one question too many in his Lutheran catechism class. "If God created us, who created God?" That's been a question of philosophers and theologians for centuries, but this time it came from a child! The pastor of his parish dragged him from the classroom by the ear. He then called his mom who further punished him and made him pray on his knees every night for forgiveness and enlightenment for two weeks.

He volunteered to take his brother's place in the draft during the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, he served for some 16 months, taking part in some of the bloodiest battles of the war.

Despite being in almost constant danger, he refused to admit to a belief in what he considered irrational. A chaplain told him to go to church. He refused. The chaplain went to the battalion commander, and soon Paulson's sergeant ordered him to go to church.

Freedom of religion didn't include freedom from religion in Company C, 1st Battalion of the 173 Airborne Brigade. But it does to a group based in Wisconsin, Paulson's home state. Two weeks ago, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, at its annual convention in San Francisco, gave Paulson its first "Atheist in a Foxhole" award. He attended although he was barely able to travel.

Paulson was dying. He and I started work on his autobiography last summer. We barely got going when he called with terrible news. A cancer he thought he had whipped a year earlier had returned. The doctor at the Veterans Affairs hospital gave him four months, maybe a little more.

He opted for a little more so we could get his story down on paper. He commenced the chemotherapy that might kill the cancer cells along with much of his huge body.

He persevered with the book with the same dedication he had shown when fighting off an entire city. Still, it was a losing battle. Many days he just wasn't up to talking. On others he had things to do that people with a long time to live can put off.

We didn't get much of his life down on paper, but I will keep working on it. The world, believers and nonbelievers alike, should get to know and appreciate an American who stood up for what he felt was right.

I think I'll call the book "Atheist Phil Paulson: An American Hero. It will be appropriate whether you believe in Paulson or not.

\$7.00 was contributed to Westaid at our last meeting.

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