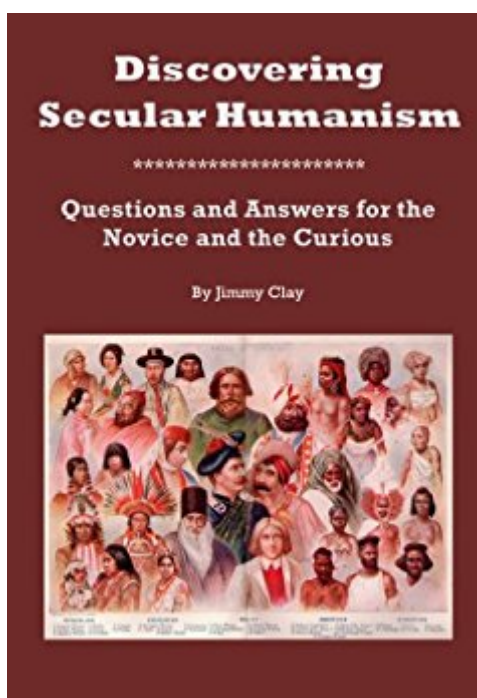


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Synopsis

Secular humanism, do you know what it is? Secular humanism is an ethical philosophy of reason, caring, and hope. It is a social philosophy of the here and now. It is a political philosophy for people and the society they live in. Secular humanism is the philosophical position of our modern world. *** Get out of your thinking rut and try something new! If you think you are a secular humanist or if you are just curious, this humanistic philosophy has the answers that can lead to a new understanding of how we live. Learn what secular humanism is: * What are the different types of humanisms and humanists? * What are the differences between atheism and agnosticism and why they are compatible? * What assumptions do secular humanism makes? * What makes secular humanism a highly ethical system? * Is ethics relative? Why? * Who comes first, the individual or the society? * What is knowledge? * Do we have free will? * Is secular humanism a religion? * And more... Don't just criticize, discover what secular humanism is.

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While in many ways I found this book to be a good introduction to secular humanism, I was annoyed

by a few things. Primarily it was the many tangents pursued. The author would put forth a concept and opine that it was not central to secular humanism (which I found informative and valuable) but then proceed down that tangent in a lengthy manner, often expounding on his own personal position on the superfluous concept. Of less concern to me (because it did little to detract from my understanding of the subject matter) were the numerous grammar problems. This included lots of poor sentence structure (that could be cured with proper use of punctuation) as well as verb tense errors and such. I can't tell how much of this might be due to poor OCR in scanning from a printed text or how much the author is to blame, but there was a clear need for an editor and proof reader. All that aside, I would recommend the book to those seeking an introduction to the subject. It solidified my long-held suspicion that I am fundamentally a secular humanist.

An interesting and worthwhile read, but did not resolve my questions about Secular Humanism...

There were some typos, but the book was still very readable. I didn't agree with the author on every topic, but he did raise some interesting questions.

Interesting reading!

Been a humanist most of my adult life. Humanism explains and exposes the Truth about the Supreme Forces or laws which form the very dynamic and symbiotic infrastructure which allows for the relationship of consciousness and/of the Universe. But there is a vacancy that must be addresses with humanistic clarity and honesty. Just because there is no god, that does not mean there is no spiritual aspect to this whole business of existence. No god does not imply no Esprit de Corps, or astral projection, or magic, or reincarnation. I agree with C. Sagan who warns us that "extraordinary claims demand extraordinary evidence." UFOs do not exist, until the individual experiences one, and from then on there is no doubt. Skepticism only exists until proof or experiences provide the Truth. There needs to be an allowance for the spiritual, non-material experiences which alter the Universe of the observer or participants. There is a human spirit that can be humanistically explored and scientifically explained. A spirit connecting it to all life on this planet; and all life in the Universe. Westerners have travelled to Pluto and beyond, but Easterners have journeyed as far, and much further within. We would be foolish to abandon spiritual investigations just because we no longer accept a god as our overlord and protector (sic).

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