



## moral perspectives

### Rev. Charles Erickson

# Theists and humanists have a similar aim

Shrill attacks on humanists by theists distort the issues. Identifying an enemy stirs enthusiasm but we usually forget our real purpose in the process. Minority groups need to use confrontation, but now everyone gets so engrossed in disagreeing that we become incapable of engaging in shared exploration leading to change.

Humanists are denounced as the cause of social ills we all share in creating. Theists join God's expressed goal of saving the world. Humanists mean exactly the same thing by seeking to fulfill the potential in humanity. The difference is not in purpose but in the source of aim, a different way for action.

The struggle is and always has been between chaos and civilization, between violence and order. We admire remains of ancient cities where art, architecture and government show the practical influence of noble conceptions of truth and beauty. Other ancient societies lifted aspiration by depicting the civilizing beauty in worshipping this or that deity.

ART AND CATHEDRALS were humanizing tools

In medieval times, commerce, learning and art in the Renaissance were weapons against chaos. People in more lands and in more strata of life were getting involved as theists and humanists sought truth.

In America we have been liberated to be more humane by democracy opening doors for more participation in government and commerce. Theists and humanists created the freedom and shared responsibility we enjoy.

Flowers and picket fences on the frontier were weapons to increase sensitivity, compassion and hope. We continually are being transformed from savagery by admiring refinement in taste, behavior and practical or artistic products.

Modern nations have improved life. Dialogue across international boundaries has become essential. International codes, laws and treaties are crucial. There is a vision of sharing the planet without massive protective defense. Theists and humanists have participated in building hope the human race will survive. The diplomatic style is central in civilized behavior. Humanists are often better at it than theists.

People need liberation to aspire to excellence and peace, to justice and freedom. We need a universal answer to anyone's question of what is worth living for. Theists and humanists inspire people to give themselves in the struggle against chaos.

INCREASING VIOLENCE and terrorism hint that chaos is overtaking civilization. The tide of chaos is heightened by strident attacks on noble allies. Personal and social peace demand that we achieve abrasiveness and crudeness. Conscience needs codes and laws to promote cooperative exploration into the ways of peace and dignity. Even more, we need inner controls created by refined taste, higher aspiration and attitudes formed by admiring the good and beautiful and true.

Power in people is motivated both in the name of God and in the name of humanity. Stimulating energy flows in commitment to projects which enhance the finest qualities. Theists and humanists have a common aim — to liberate the imagination so we move beyond words and labels into the wonders and marvels of the poetry of life.

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**Croquet for charity**  
A look-alike for Phyllis Diller was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barlow in Bloomfield Hills last week for a croquet game to raise funds for the American Lung Association.

For Church Directory Information  
Please Call 644-1100 Ext. 200

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
American Baptist  
Birmingham  
Robert G. Addison  
Barbara Snyder  
MINISTERS  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
9:00 AM  
WORSHIP  
10:00 AM  
644-0550

**COVENANT BAPTIST**  
9:45 AM: CHURCH SCHOOL  
11:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP  
6:30 PM: EVENING SERVICE  
Rev. William F. Knutson, Pastor  
Rev. William F. Knutson, Pastor  
1500 W. Maple Road • W. Birmingham MI 48033  
• near West of Orchard Lake Rd. • 655-9191

**UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1385 S. Adams • Rochester  
375-0400  
WORSHIP: 9:00 & 11:15  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:15 - 10:45, 3rd, Adult Ed.  
11:15 - Thru Grade 8  
Nursery Provided

**NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
2987 West Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills  
478-8850  
Worship Services: 9:15 & 11 AM  
"AN OLD COLLEGE ARGUMENT, RECONSIDERED"  
Dr. William R. Ritter  
Rev. William E. Fayer, Assoc.  
Rev. Donald M. Dr. C.E.  
Mr. Melvin Rogers, Dr. Mays

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
1589 West Maple at Pleasant  
Ministers: James W. Wright • Douglas W. Vernon  
• Evans C. Bentley  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
9:30, 9:50 & 11 AM  
Nursery Care 8:30 AM  
Church School Classes  
Crib-Adult: 9:30 & 11 AM

**NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
14 Mile and Lahar Roads  
WORSHIP SERVICE:  
9:30 & 11:00 AM  
Pastor:  
M. L. Dunkelberger  
Peter Moore

**DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
21260 HAGGERTY RD.  
I-275 at 8 Mile Rd.  
FARMINGTON HILLS  
348-7600  
REV. JAMES D. CONNER  
PASTOR  
SUNDAY  
9:45 AM  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
11:00 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
"DISCOVERING TRUE WEALTH"  
6:30 PM  
PRAISE & WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAY  
7:00 PM  
PRAYER & SHARE  
NURSERY FACILITIES  
AVAILABLE

**Bloomfield Hills Christian Church**  
Roma's of Bloomfield  
2101 S. Telegraph  
Bloomfield Township  
WORSHIP: 9:30 AM  
PRAISE SERVICE:  
6 PM  
BIBLE STUDY:  
7 PM WEDNESDAY  
645-1202

**FAITH COVENANT CHURCH**  
Michael A. Halteen  
Associate Pastor  
Mary Miller-Vikander  
Minister to Youth  
David A. Rose  
35415 W. 14 Mile Road  
661-9191  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30  
MORNING WORSHIP 8:30, 10:45

**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
16360 Hubbard Road • Livonia, Michigan 48154  
421-8451  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: 9 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST: 9 AM  
WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST: 9:30 AM  
Nursery Care Available Sunday Morning  
The Rev. Kenneth G. Davis  
The Rev. Edward A. King

**Orchard United Methodist**  
30450 FARMINGTON ROAD  
Between 12th and 14 Mile Road  
626-3620  
MORNING WORSHIP  
9:30 AM & 11 AM  
CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY  
9:30 AM & 11 AM  
MINISTERS  
Robert L.S. Brown  
James F. Thomas

**St. Paul's Lutheran**  
Missouri Synod  
2000 Middlebelt at 5 Mile  
Farmington Hills 474-0875  
The Rev. Rapp E. Venge, Pastor  
SATURDAY WORSHIP: 8 PM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.E.  
BIBLE CLASSES: 10 AM  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
Grades K-8  
Wayne C. Berkesch, Principal  
474-2488

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
165 E. Square Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills  
12 blocks east of Woodward  
Church School - 9:30  
Worship - 10:45  
Nursery Provided  
Dr. David Turan, Pastor

**CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
3555 W. Big Beaver at Adams, TROY  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
9:30 AM  
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM  
Minister  
Robert H. Boyle  
644-0512

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
27500 Shawwassee  
(on Lahar Road)  
SUNDAY SCHEDULE:  
10 AM - Sunday School  
11 AM - Morning Worship  
6 PM - Evening Bible Study  
Call 477-1153 for more information.

**FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
On The Village Green  
WORSHIP SERVICE:  
9:00 and 11:15  
CHURCH SCHOOL:  
9:00 - Pre-School  
(child care provided)  
10:15 - Adult Classes  
11:15 - Children & Youth  
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:  
6:00 PM  
Dr. Samuel F. Stout

**Crisis energy**  
Did you ever face a crisis alone? That frightening moment when you wondered where you would find the strength to go on? It's a common feeling, but it doesn't have to be so. We weren't made to face crises alone. We need the strength and support that comes from knowing that God and others are standing with us. That's Crisis energy. That's love.

**FAITH FELLOWSHIP OF TROY**  
FAMILY WORSHIP: 10 AM  
ADULT TEACHING: 11 AM  
CHURCH SCHOOL: 11 AM  
Rev. Robert Jennings, Pastor  
Tel: 285-0515  
Meeting at:  
Boulevard Park Junior High  
1970 Boulevard, Troy  
Enter Northfield Parkway  
Off Wattles (17 Mile Rd.)

**Brightmoor Tabernacle**  
26555 Franklin Rd. • Southfield MI  
(I-696 & Telegraph - Just West of Holiday Inn)  
Sunday School - 9:45 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM  
CHARISMATIC RALLY 6:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY: PRAYER & PRAISE  
LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH  
Service 7:30 PM  
Nursery is provided at all services  
"A Charismatic Church where people of many denominations worship together"  
Thomas E. Trask, Pastor

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
26275 Northwestern Highway near Lahar  
Southfield, MI PHONE: 356-1660  
United for the worship of God  
and service to Humanity  
Rev. Mark P. Jensen, Senior Minister  
Rev. David W. Howell, Minister of Christian Education  
Dr. Harry Langford, Dir. of Music  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM  
CHURCH SCHOOL 11 AM  
No Stairs Nursery

**CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK**  
Episcopal  
Lone Pine at Cranbrook  
8:00 AM  
HOLY COMMUNION  
9:15 & 11:15 A.M.  
Morning Prayer & Sermon  
(Holy Communion  
1st Sundays)  
Tuesday 10 am: Holy Communion  
Wed 7 am: Holy Communion

**SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Oakland at Grand River, Farm.  
Church School 9 AM  
Divine Worship: 10:15  
Lahar W. Taylor, Pastor  
Church Office: 474-6850  
Parsonage: 477-6478

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN**  
Mission: Synod  
12 Mile and Farmington Roads  
Behind Crowley's  
Worship 8:30 and 10:45  
SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS 9:30  
Pastor: Rev. T. Richard Marcis  
Church Phone: 553-3380

**FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
28301 Middlebelt Road • 1/4 mile N. of 12 Mile  
GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT  
Douglas B. Brown, Pastor  
Nursery provided at All Services  
C.B.A. Affiliated  
No Steps

**Christian Science Churches**  
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST  
BIRMINGHAM  
191 Chester at Willets  
SUNDAY SERVICES ..... 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... 10:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY ..... 8:00 PM  
READING ROOM  
355 East Maple • 644-7935  
Mon-Tue 9:30-10:30 Wed-Sat 9:30-10:30  
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST  
FRANKLIN LADLOW LANE  
Maple at Inkster  
SUNDAY SERVICES ..... 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... 10:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY ..... 8:15 PM  
READING ROOM  
4361 Orchard Lake Rd. • 851-7440  
Mon-Sat 9:30 - 11:30  
All are welcome at the above church services and Readings.  
Child care facilities provided Sunday & Wednesday

**LESSON-SERMON SUBJECTS FOR OCTOBER**  
Oct. 4 - Unreality  
Oct. 11 - Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?  
Oct. 18 - Doctrine of Atonement  
Oct. 25 - Probation After Death

**WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA**  
Farmington and Six Mile Roads  
422-1150  
Worship and Sunday School 8:30-10:00 & 11:30 a.m.  
"Are You A Grasshopper?"  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess  
7:00 PM  
"Dealing with Chains, Critics and Crises"  
Rev. L. Edward Davis  
Wednesday 7 PM: School of Christian Education  
(Activities for All Ages)  
Sunday Service Broadcast  
9:30 a.m. - WMUZ-FM 103.5  
Nursery Care Provided  
at all Services.

**CHURCHES all alike?**  
No, not really.  
Do you know what your Church believes about the Bible?  
The Evangelical  
Free Church believes:  
"The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life."  
Your local Evangelical Free Church is:  
GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH  
Meeting at:  
Birmingham Community House  
300 S. Buns, Birmingham  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30  
WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:45  
Pastor:  
RICK HARTSELL  
334-0155

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST**  
20100 Middlebelt at Livonia  
Pastor Gerald Fisher  
8:45 a.m. First Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. The Church School  
11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship  
474-3444  
5:30 p.m. Youth Meeting  
7 p.m. Sunday Evening Service  
7:00 p.m. West The Museum  
Nursery, child care & services

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
6755 Telegraph, Birmingham  
North of Maple  
9:15 AM Sunday Church School  
10:30 AM Sunday Worship  
Pastors:  
440-3207 • 440-6119

**Birk in the Hills PRESBYTERIAN**  
1340 W. Long Lake Rd.  
MINISTERS:  
James F. Anderson  
Robert L. Lindsey  
Worship service  
and Church School  
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

**HOPE LUTHERAN**  
39200 W. 12 Mile Road  
Farmington Hills  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 AM  
WORSHIP: 10:30 AM  
V.H. Mesenbring  
Pastor