

Notes to the Leader for Session S79 – April Fools

Session Preparation

The depth of this session will be enhanced if each member does the preparation in advance. Please distribute the preparation sheet at the end of the prior session and make sure absent members receive a copy. Have extra copies available at the gathering for people who have forgotten to bring their copies.

Cut up the sheet of extra jokes, so you can hand them out to anyone who forgets to bring their own joke to the session.

Preliminaries

Everyone should have a joke to share during the session. During the preliminaries, remind everyone that they were to bring a joke to share. If anyone did not come prepared with a joke, give them one of the jokes that has been included here.

Sensitivity of the Topic

Humor is often highly subjective: what one person finds fall-down funny, another might find offensive. This session includes a song parody that some might find offensive, and others might just not find funny. The same will be true for the jokes that people bring. If this becomes an issue, remind everyone that we are here in part to explore the place of humor, and to better understand the role of humor.

Discussion

The discussion period is meant to allow group members to go deeper, to share things they may have forgotten to share, and to exchange ideas. It is important that people not comment on others' sharing except in a very supportive way.

Timekeeping

Use this timetable as an aid to keep the gathering on track. It leaves 15 minutes available in case the sharing portion runs longer or a Life Ritual is planned. If it appears that portions of the session will run long, the group members can decide whether they want to stop, continue, or eliminate other portions.

Preliminaries for the Next Session

Make sure everyone gets a copy of the preparation sheet for the next session.

Additional Jokes

A young bride-to-be went into a fabric store and asked for fifty yards of chiffon for a nightgown. The surprised clerk asked why she needed so much material. She explained, "Well, my fiancé is a Unitarian Universalist. He would rather seek than find."

Two Unitarian Universalists were having a theological discussion. One said, "Unitarian Universalists are so badly educated when it comes to the Bible."

"We are not."

"Oh yeah? I'll bet you can't even recite the Lord's Prayer."

Each one slammed down five dollars, and the second one said,
"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take."

And the first one said, "You win."

A visitor to a Unitarian Universalist church was asked how she liked it. "Weirdest church I ever saw," she said. "The only time I heard the name Jesus Christ was when the janitor fell down the stairs."

Three children were sitting and talking about morality. The Catholic said, "We're good so that when we die, we can get into heaven."

The Baptist said, "Well, we're good so that when we die we won't go to hell."

The Unitarian Universalist child said and thought for a minute, and finally said, "Well, we don't believe in heaven or hell. I guess we're good for nothing!"

A Unitarian Universalist went to the race track. She saw a priest bless a horse, and noticed that that horse won the race. So when she saw the priest bless another horse, she bet on that one. That horse keeled over, barely out of the gate. She approached the priest, and complained that his blessings were clearly useless. As she walked away, the priest turned to his friend and said, "Poor woman obviously doesn't know the difference between a blessing and last rites."