



## NEW SERVICE LOCATION(S) IN 2011 !!

**NEXT MONTH, June 1st, 2011, the NTCOF's monthly first-Sunday services will be held back at the Sheraton Grand Hotel on the southeast corner of 114 and Esters. NO CHANGE in the time at 10:30 AM and, please, come early for coffee and conversation and join us afterwards at the Golden Corral on East Grapevine Mills Circle near Grapevine Mills Mall. We will continue to meet at the Sheraton Grand except for the September 4th service when we will be back - for that one month only - here at the Westin DFW Airport. (Same time, etc)**

## ON MOTHERING AND FATHERING

The "holy" book(s) with which most Americans are familiar haven't got very much to say on the subject of parenting besides recommending that children be beaten lest they be "spoiled" and that we should both "honor" and "hate" our parents. Fortunately, many others have supplied us with much food for thought on the subject, a small sampling of which follows:

"Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs, since the payment is pure love."  
- Mildred B. Vermont

"The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new."  
- Rajneesh

"If the whole world were put into one scale, and my mother in the other, the whole world would kick the beam."  
- Lord Langdale (Henry Bickersteth)

"Some mothers are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together."  
- Pearl S. Buck

"There are three stages of a man's life: He believes in Santa Claus, he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus."  
- (???)

"A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother."  
- (??)

"Sweater, n.: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly."  
- Ambrose Bierce

"My father considered a walk among the mountains as the equivalent of churchgoing."  
- Aldous Huxley

"Women's Liberation is just a lot of foolishness. It's the men who are discriminated against. They can't bear children. And no one's likely to do anything about that."  
- Golda Meir

"It kills you to see them grow up. But I guess it would kill you quicker if they didn't."  
- Barbara Kingsolver

"The real religion of the world comes from women much more than from men - from mothers most of all, who carry the key of our souls in their bosoms."  
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness."  
- Honoré de Balzac

"A king, realizing his incompetence, can either delegate or abdicate his duties. A father can do neither. If only sons could see the paradox, they would understand the dilemma."  
- Marlene Dietrich

"All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That's his."  
- Oscar Wilde

"My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, 'You're tearing up the grass.' 'We're not raising grass,' Dad would reply. 'We're raising boys.'"  
- Harmon Killebrew

"Thou art thy mother's glass, and she in thee calls back the lovely April of her prime."  
- William Shakespeare

"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."  
- George Herbert

"An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest."  
- Spanish Proverb

"The father who would taste the essence of his fatherhood must turn back from the plane of his experience, take with him the fruits of his journey and begin again beside his child, marching step by step over the same old road."  
- Angelo Patri

“A mother never quite leaves her children at home, even when she doesn’t take them along.”

– Margaret Culkin Banning

“When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.”

– Sophia Loren

“Sherman made the terrible discovery that men make about their fathers sooner or later... that the man before him was not an aging father but a boy, a boy much like himself, a boy who grew up and had a child of his own and, as best he could, out of a sense of duty and, perhaps love, adopted a role called Being a Father so that his child would have something mythical and infinitely important: a Protector, who would keep a lid on all the chaotic and catastrophic possibilities of life.”

– From Tom Wolfe’s *The Bonfire of the Vanities*

“If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands?” – Milton Berle

“Children are a great comfort in your old age – and they help you reach it faster, too.”

–Lionel Kauffman

“Mothers are fonder than fathers of their children because they are more certain they are their own.”

– Aristotle

“What are Raphael’s Madonnas but the shadow of a mother’s love, fixed in permanent outline forever?” – Thomas Wentworth Higginson

“My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.” – Mark Twain

“When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.” – Mark Twain

**All NTCOF events can be found through our website calendar (yes, website needs and will get an update!), or through our meetup page, from which you can RSVP, at: - [www.meetup.com/church-of-freethought](http://www.meetup.com/church-of-freethought) - JOIN THE NTCOF MEETUP GROUP to get email updates too!**

**Social Luncheon:** Today, immediately after our Service, join us for lunch and discussion at the Golden Corral Buffet and Grill in Grapevine, located just across from the Grapevine Mills Mall, at 2605 E. Grapevine Mills Circle, phone (972) 874-7900. To reach Golden Corral from the Sheraton, cross over the freeway and make a left onto John W. Carpenter Freeway (114) going west. Then take the first exit RIGHT onto International Parkway (121), then Grapevine Mills Parkway exit. Turn LEFT on Stars and Stripes Way, continuing on to E. Grapevine Mills Circle.

**Freethought Salon:** Get together to discuss today’s service topic or other conundrums of interest to Freethinkers. Second Sunday monthly, over breakfast, at the Hilton Vineyard in Grapevine this month; see the meetup site!

**Game Night:** The regular game night crew meets nearly every Friday night at the IHOP on 2310 Stemmons Trail (I-35), near Northwest Highway (Loop 12). Plan to arrive at about 7:30 PM, and stay late playing Risk, Rummikub, and other fun games!

**Secular Singles:** Freethinkers have met their life-partners with whom they have begun families through the Secular Singles group. Check the meetup site for the next date, time and location!

**“I have no religion ... He is a weak ruler who needs religion to uphold his government ... Superstition must go.”**  
- Ataturk (1881-1938)



The North Texas Church of Freethought  
The Fellowship of Unbelievers

**Presenter:** Tim Gorski  
**Music (usually) by:** “Faithless Companions”  
Jay Purrington, Ed McGuire,  
Cathy & Kevin Smith and Scott Williams  
**Welcome Coordinator:** Mark Barnick  
**Equipment Wrangler:** “Wild” Bill Holloway  
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**Minister:** Dr. Tim Gorski

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**COMING NEXT MONTH:  
“HEALTHY SKEPTICISM”  
Myth and Superstition about health  
and disease & more! JUNE 5, 2011 !!  
BACK AT THE SHERATON GRAND ON  
THE SE CORNER OF 114 AND ESTERS**

**YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS  
TO THE NTCOF ARE NEEDED,  
APPRECIATED,  
AND TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!!**