

July 09, 2017

Sunday

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Breakfast

Session Description: Whole fresh fruit, assorted freshly baked muffins, assorted yogurts, bulk cereal (Cheerios, Raisin Bran and Corn Flakes), white and whole wheat toast, milk (whole, 1%, soy), coffee, orange and apple juice.

Location: Great Hall 3 & 4

Speaker:

Tracks: Meal

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

9/11 — A Posteriori

Session Description: This paper is under consideration for presentation at the next meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Society. It is a philosophical approach to 9/11 via sensory experience.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Donald Stahl

Tracks: Speaker

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Becoming a Cultural Genius

Session Description: The world in which we live is getting smaller. As we come together, Mensans can be on the cutting edge of bringing people together, rather than tearing each other apart. The key to this can be cultural awareness. If we can find common ground using our intelligence and our ability to make connections, we can bring the togetherness this world desperately lacks. Learn and discuss how to use religion, shared values, food, family and other cultural factors to find that common ground. You have a lot in common with others all over the world. We have to find out how to talk to one another but, more importantly, how to really listen. I think there are tried and true methods we all can work on to get to the things that bring us together. You will be the hit of every party and an agent for positive change.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 2

Speaker: Srikant Mantravadi

Tracks: Speaker

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Chasing the Enterprise: How Star Trek's Vision of a Humanistic Future Can Be Achieved

Session Description: Gene Roddenberry's vision of an ideal humanistic future was played out in Star Trek, and that vision is still endearing 50 years later. But while some find that vision unrealistic and unachievable, the fact is that there are hints of humankind's future potential in our Paleolithic past.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Scott Robinson

Tracks: Speaker

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Beale's Cipher: Code or Humanitarian Oproject?

Session Description: Beale's Cipher was a cipher describing treasures brought back from the west by Thomas Jefferson Beale in the early 1800s. It is famous in cryptographic circles as an example of a book cipher, consisting of three pages with numbers. The second page was deciphered, after great effort, with the Declaration of Independence. But, was it really a description of an early expedition to the west, or a scam?

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 1

Speaker: Charles McCollum

Tracks: Speaker

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Developing the Moon with a Lunar Space Elevator

Session Description: A Lunar Space Elevator [LSE] can be built today from existing commercial polymers manufactured, launched and deployed for less than \$2B. A prototype weighing 48 tons with 100-kg payload can be launched by three Falcon-Heavy's, and will pay for itself in 50 sample return cycles. It reduces the cost of soft landing on the moon at least threefold and sample return at least ninefold. Many benefits would arise. A near side LSE can mine valuable resources and ship to market in cislunar space, low Earth orbit and Earth's surface. A far-side LSE can support a super sensitive radio astronomy facility.

Location: Atlantic Ballroom 3

Speaker: Charles Radley M.Sc., AFAIAA

Tracks: Speaker

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Hiss & Kiss

Session Description: Come close out the 2017 Annual Gathering! Did we do something that sucked? Did you really enjoy something specific this year? We really want to know both the good and the bad so we know what to do more or less of next year.

Location: Regency Ballroom 3

Speaker: Heather Poirier, LaRae Bakerink

Tracks: Speaker

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

M-LDS SIG Meet-and-Greet

Session Description: Worship service conducted by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. One Sunday each month, in connection with optional fasting and prayer on behalf of the needy, LDS members sing hymns, partake of the sacrament (bread and water) if appropriate and are invited to share their testimonies of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as the Spirit moves. All are welcome. Reverence requested.

Location: Room 216

Speaker: Jessica Mathews

Tracks: SIG

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Red Brains, Blue Brains: The Neuroscience of Donald Trump

Session Description: The neuroscience of sociopolitical choice was the subject of my previous presentation (2016); this talk will focus on the specific cognitive features that made Donald Trump an attractive presidential choice to millions, with attention to his own unique style of reasoning and decision-making.

Location: Regency Ballroom 1

Speaker: Scott Robinson

Tracks: Speaker

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10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

The Scientific Search for Life in the Universe

Session Description: This lecture explores the current state of the scientific search for extraterrestrial life. It includes background so the audience will understand why and how serious scientists attack this important topic. I will discuss life on Earth, the search for radio waves from extraterrestrial civilizations and the problem of UFOs. All topics are discussed in a scientific context including the latest information and observations.

Location: Regency Ballroom 2

Speaker: James R. Webb

Tracks: Speaker