

Secular AZ news



Bible Classes Under Secular Spotlight in Camp Verde

Secular AZ's legal director Dianne Post was recently published in the Valley Verde Independent, posing the question: **"Why is the Camp Verde School Board heading on biblical collision course?"**

Ms. Post's op-ed responds to the Camp Verde School Board's 4-0 vote last December to potentially implement a curriculum developed by the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools (NCBCPS).

NCBCPS is a conservative nonprofit that promotes a curriculum to public schools that advocates a literal interpretation of the Christian bible as historical fact. Dianne's editorial points out that this curriculum is often

riddled with factual errors and has been known to cite conspiracy theories and urban legends in support of its dogmatic agenda.

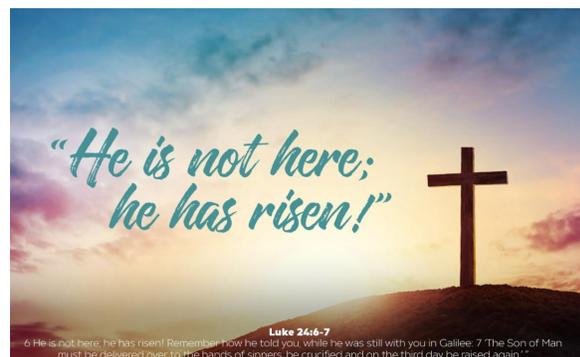
Secular AZ requested to be on the legal team required by statute to review the course for compliance with the 1st Amendment, but received no response. Read more on our site [here](#).

Governor Ducey wishes you a happy (religious) Easter

Seemingly looking to help stave off boredom faced by Secular AZ's constituents under quarantine, Governor Ducey was hard at work skirting the line between separation of church and state over Easter/Passover weekend:

- A [proclamation](#) signed by the Governor on Good Friday declared April 10th a statewide "Day of Prayer and Reflection"
- Over last weekend, Ducey used his Governor's social media accounts to make several overtly religious Easter posts, including [quotes](#) from the New Testament, [graphics](#) about Christ's [resurrection](#), and the hashtag "#HeHasRisen." (By contrast, he only made one [post about Passover](#), which was entirely non-religious.)

As a reminder, **we are also continuing to circulate [petition](#) urging the governor not to exempt religious institutions from his pandemic lockdown orders.** Please make sure to share with your friends if you have not done so yet.



Announcements



New Virtual Speaker Series

Secular AZ is excited to announce our new [Speaker Series](#), offering virtual presentations through Zoom for members of Secular AZ. (Not a member yet? [Become one today!](#))

Upcoming presentations:

- **Sunday, April 19, 10am:** [HSGP Sunday Speaker Series](#) featuring Will Humble, Arizona Public Health Association: *COVID-19 Response Overview: What You Need to Know*
- **Saturday, April 25, 2pm:** Tory Roberg, Secular AZ Director of Government Affairs: *2020 Legislative Update*



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