

Mission Statement

The Fellowship of Reason® is an open, benevolent, and vital rational moral community in which we celebrate our lives, our freedoms, and our philosophy of reason. We study ethics.

The Sun Is Shining, A Koan

My sunglasses protect me from the bright midday sun. My ball cap shadows my head, and eyes, too. The breeze is coming at an angle from the water and is in my face. The cooling effect of the sea wind nicely balances the burning sun. My shoulders, though naked, are shielded from burning by liberal smears of sun block. I walk at a pleasant pace down the wide, white, mostly deserted beach.

I know the beach goes on for eleven miles in this direction before the ocean cuts into the bay behind the island. I won't be walking that far today.

I try to remember my context. I sense that my life contains many people, some of whom I love. I can't remember them just now. I feel as if great strivings are a part of my history and my future. The details are out of mental reach. It's no problem. The breeze gusts up just a little and my chest is pelted with blowing sand and moistened by the foam from a breaking wave.

I turn and look out to sea. There's a sail! It's a long way out and I can't tell what kind of boat. He's coasting on a broad reach. I've done that. As far out as he is he won't be able to see me at all.

I remember sailing with the wind and waves, not so far from shore that I feel insecure. The boat lifts at the helm as the regular ocean swell overtakes, passes under, and moves beyond the hull. A gentle push on my way down wind.

I jump at the sound of a beach jogger, suddenly, from behind. She's gone by now.

I like to jog, but not on the beach. It's hard to run on sand. Besides my feet are bare.

I walk on the verge of the breaking waves. They are foaming. The water is cool. I forgot to put sun block on the top of my feet. They are getting burned. Oh, well. What good is a trip to the beach if you don't get sunburn somewhere?

I remember going to a friend's house in Florida as a teenager. I didn't know about sunburn. We spent all day in an open boat fishing. I wore no shirt. That night I couldn't sleep from the pain and chills from the worst burn in my life.

All right! There're the babes! They're staying in that hotel on the beach. I look without being seen from behind my sunglasses.

May Birthdays

Frank—May 2

Stephen—May 9

Dan—May 21

Carla—May 29

June Birthdays

Matthew—June 17

Chris Snider—June 22

Allison—June 29

Celebration, June 1, 2003

Welcome—**Dan**
Celebration of Freedom—**Chris Snider**
Celebration of Visitors—
Celebration of Each Other—
Celebratory Announcements—
Celebration of Literature—**Vera**
Celebration of Heroes—**Ellen**
Celebration of Personal Mission—
Celebration of Art—
Celebration of Talent—**Randy**
Oratory—**Dan**
Announcements—
Closing Quotation—

Philosophy Tapes

Philosophy tapes are played to a small private audience in the living room of a volunteer on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. The next playing is at Sally's house on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. Free.

Invisible College

Dr. Glenn Magee is lecturing every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at Vera's Intellectual Salon. Price: \$60 per month. Call Vera at 404-577-7968 for more information. Only two months left (June and July) to hear Dr. Magee lecture. He is moving to New York.

The Philosophy Café

Attend Steve Stoke's Philosophy Café at Border's in Buckhead on the second Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. and at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Duluth on the third Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m.

FOR's Pub Night

Members and friends of FOR, Inc. meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month at Manuel's Tavern at 8 p.m. for adult beverages and adult conversation. FOR's next pub night is Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at 8 p.m.

FOR's Annual Fundraising

Our annual fundraising yard sale takes place on Saturday, June 21, 2003, at 7 a.m. at Chris Snider's house. Please donate your stuff. FOR, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and donations to it are tax deductible.

FOR's Potluck dinner

Our next monthly potluck is Saturday, June 21, 2003, at 7 p.m. at Chris Snider's house. Please remember to bring something good to eat or drink.

FOR's Film Night

Members and friends of FOR, Inc. enjoy a monthly movie night at John's studio using his extraordinary equipment. FOR's next movie night is Saturday, June 22, 2003. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. Doors will be locked for safety! Movie starts at 7:15 p.m. Free.

A Philosophy Café

Attend Steve Lewis's philosophy café at Border's in Duluth on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Celebration Schedule

- **Sunday, June 1, 2003**
- Sunday, July 6, 2003
- Sunday, August 3, 2003
- Sunday, September 7, 2003
- Sunday, October 5, 2003
- Sunday, November 2, 2003
- Sunday, December 7, 2003
- Sunday, January 4, 2004
- Sunday, February 1, 2004
- Sunday, March 7, 2004
- Sunday, April 4, 2004
- Sunday, May 2, 2004
- Sunday, June 6, 2004

Membership Information:

FOR, Inc. has 45 members.

- Regular membership: \$35 per year if paid prior to October 31, 2003
- Contributing membership: \$70 per year if paid prior to October 31, 2003
- Lifetime membership: \$700 if paid prior to October 31, 2003

Contact information:

Visit us on the web at www.fellowshipofreason.com

To talk to somebody about FOR call Vera at 404-577-7968 or Martin at 770-471-9800 or Dan at 770-831-3010.

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3. Subscribe to our monthly newsletter
4. Perform at Celebration
5. Recruit a person of like-mind and values
6. Volunteer your home for a potluck or other activity
7. Become a regular member
8. Become a contributing member
9. Become a lifetime member
10. Donate cash, property, time, or expertise (FOR, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation and donations are tax deductible.)
11. Locate and help us apply for a public or private grant
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Thanks, Dan, from FOR, Inc.!
