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Record Numbers to Gather in Support of Rationality Next Spring

The Reason Rally will take place in Washington, DC on March 24, 2012

Washington, DC—August 23, 2011—Millions of Americans—roughly 16 percent—consider themselves nonreligious, according to the American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS). Whether members of this group refer to themselves as atheists, agnostics, secular humanists, or any of the other descriptive terms used to indicate rejection of belief in God, secularism is on the rise.

The Reason Rally, a nationwide celebration sponsored by the top secular organizations in the United States, will be held March 24, 2012, in Washington, DC. With the intent to unify, energize, and embolden secular people nationwide, **The Reason Rally** is a FREE event that will combat negative stereotypes about nonreligious Americans. Slated to be the largest secular event in world history, the rally will be filled with music, comedy, and addresses by leaders of the secular movement.

This event will give secular Americans an opportunity to unite under a banner of reason and community at a level of impact that has never been seen before.

A growing list of diverse speakers includes:

Richard Dawkins, ethologist, evolutionary biologist, and author, [*The God Delusion*](#)

James Randi, magician, author, lecturer, and amateur archaeologist/astronomer

PZ Myers, biologist, associate professor at the University of Minnesota, and [blogger](#)

Ronald A. Lindsay, president and CEO, [Center for Inquiry](#)

Todd Stiefel, secular humanist, atheist, activist; vice president, [Secular Coalition for America](#)

Greta Christina, author and writer for [AlterNet](#)

Fred Edwards, president, [United Coalition of Reason](#)

Sean Faircloth, executive director, [Secular Coalition for America](#)

David Silverman, president, [American Atheists, Inc.](#)

Roy Speckhardt, executive director, [American Humanist Association](#)

Jamila Bey, freelance journalist

Hemant Mehta, author, [*I Sold My Soul on eBay*](#)

Stay up to date with event details, including additional speakers, [here](#). Follow **The Reason Rally** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and [The Reason Rally blog](#); for more information, please contact Publicity Director Michelle Blackley at 716-636-4869 Ext. 218 or mblackley@centerforinquiry.net.

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