

The Comox Valley

Humanists encourage and facilitate the discussion, understanding, and application of a secular worldview that relies on the use of human reason to understand our world and to adapt to the challenges of the future. We support evidence-based education as an essential tool to foster a democratic, tolerant, compassionate and sustainable society free of hate and irrational beliefs.

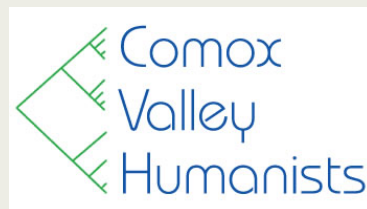


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Some Well-known Humanists

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Niels Bohr
Jacob Bronowski
Helen Caldicott
Noam Chomsky
Arthur C Clarke
Richard Dawkins
Daniel Dennet
Umberto Eco
Albert Einstein
Buckminster Fuller
John Kenneth Galbraith
Christopher Hitchens
Aldous Huxley
Henry Morgentaler
Linus Pauling
Salman Rushdie
Bertrand Russell
Carl Sagan
Andrei Sakharov
B.F. Skinner

For an introductory look at
Humanism visit

wikipedia.org/wiki/Humanism



What is Humanism?

Humanism is a secular worldview based on the conviction that humans are responsible for their own behaviour and can lead fulfilling lives in which decision making is guided by reason, knowledge, honesty, fairness, and love.

Humanism is based on a number of principles, summarized here:

- Knowledge of the world is derived by observation, experimentation, and rational analysis.
- Humans are an integral part of nature, the result of unguided evolutionary change.
- Ethical values are derived from human need and interest as tested by experience.
- Life's fulfillment emerges from individual participation in the service of humane ideals.
- Humans are social by nature and find meaning in relationships.
- Working to benefit society maximizes individual happiness.

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"A wise man proportions his belief to the evidence."

David Hume