

On May 3 of this year I gave a lecture at a meeting of the Freedom from Religion Foundation in Raleigh NC. The lecture is about what it is like to be an agnostic who writes about religion. That's an irony that I am constantly aware of and most of the lecture is about my experience as a non-religious person who is an expert in something he doesn't believe in.

I also used the lecture to stress that being "free from religion" is not the same thing as "attacking religion." I absolutely agree with the founding principle of the FFRF that no religion (of any kind, Christian or otherwise) should be imposed on us by the state. But I do not at **all** think that this is the same thing as being opposed to religion. I am personally not opposed to religion or people who practice it (although I **am** quite definitely opposed to fundamentalist kinds of religion — whether Christian, Muslim, Jewish, or whatever). And I think organized agnostic/atheist/secular/humanist attacks on religion per se are wrong-headed and (just as important) counter-productive. In any event, I get into all that in my lecture, found here. (I hope you like the statue I was given for the Emperor Has No Clothes Award !):

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