

# Explorations

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 4: COMPARING ATHEISM AND AGNOSTICISM

10 AM-12 PM: Dan Kennedy and Reinhold Schlieper. Moderator Bonnie Bostrom.  
What are the similarities and differences between atheism and agnosticism?  
Some argue that there are essentially no differences, while others have argued strongly in favor of fundamental differences. The format will be within the context of a "friendly debate" and a Q & A period allowing for audience participation.

### WEDNESDAYS: WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP?

A FOUR SESSION EXPLORATION OF THE HISTORICAL JESUS

What did the man Jesus really say and do?

Is there any validity to his sayings and example for us today?

- April 1**      **Session one:** The world at the time Jesus lived, or was he "the world's most famous man who never lived"? Problems of research related to Jesus.
- April 8:**      **Session two:** We will explore his teachings to see if they are valid no matter who said them. Is there a validity that is not dependent on authorship?
- April 22:**     **Session three** The healing acts of Jesus; the power of touch and being fully present as vehicles of healing. We will even experience the power of healing touch.
- April 29:**     **Session four:** Jesus' revolutionary nature: What kind of place is the Kingdom of God? Or is it a state of mind? Are there principles and/or practices that are useful today?

Facilitator: Byron Spice, who has been seeking the Historical Jesus for several decades.  
Cost: \$15.00 to cover cost of book and other materials. Checks, payable to Byron Spice, will be collected the first class.

Participants will study the Lost Q gospel which is viewed as the most reliable and earliest Christian writing. Participants may be inspired to write their own personal "gospel" or story about Jesus.