

SJ Valley Coalition of Reason

The **San Joaquin Valley Coalition of Reason** is made of three groups in California's central valley:



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Together, we provide a network for atheists, freethinkers, skeptics, and non-believers to find friends, discuss ideas, and help improve the communities we live in.

Each of our groups has no monthly dues, and no mandatory attendance.

We are looking for **like-minded people** who have left dogma and irrationality behind.

Each group has **monthly and special events**:

- Social and Business Meetings
- Bookclubs
- Freethought Movie Nights
- Guest Speakers, Lectures, and Presentations
- Volunteering Opportunities



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You're Not Alone

Our effort is primarily to **reach out to nontheists**, to secularists and others like us, to let them know they aren't alone. There is a community of reason that exists for them.

Our central goal is thus **to help like-minded people find local groups where they can meet others** who share the idea that human beings can be good without a belief in god.

Atheists are Your Neighbors

Our **secondary aim is awareness**: to inform the public that nontheistic people are a part of the community.

We are your friends and neighbors, family members and co-workers, volunteers, teachers, local heroes, and maybe even among you at church. **There are more of us than you might think.**

We're Good without God

We want people to discuss our idea that theology is unnecessary for morality. Many of us are volunteers right in the community.

We strive for education, equality, peace, and to improve the environment.

Positive Response

Wherever these media campaigns launch, people of like-mind have expressed their **gratitude and encouragement**. Such positive comments have usually been the vast majority of all those received.

Negative comments have been minimal. The usual sentiment by those who disagree is that they will pray for our souls. Personal threats are almost nonexistent.

A Friendly Message

Our message does not attack religion; it **promotes a community of non-believers**.

We aren't trying to convert anybody to atheism.

If people feel attacked, perhaps they are uncomfortable with the fact that atheists exist and are no longer staying silent.