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Is there a conflict between support of separation of church and state and support of religion in the schools?

SANTA ANA, CA (May 12, 2006) –The Orange County Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State is pleased to announce Dr. Martin Young speaking on “Why people who support separation of church and state also promote religion in the schools” at our May meeting. The event will be on **May 20th at 2:00 p.m.** at the Irvine Ranch Water District, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine.

Martin Young got his Ph.D. in philosophy in 2000 from the University of California, Irvine. He currently teaches philosophy at two Southern California community colleges.

Dr. Young discusses the apparently conflicting positions that are held by people who support religion in the schools. Dr. Young will explain the cognitive and neurological bases of such self-deception and suggest ways in which these people can be helped to realize the logical contradiction of their beliefs.

He is convinced that the root cause of many of American society's worst problems, and worst failures, is a widespread lack of logical, fact-based thinking. He has grown to understand the thinking processes in a very deep way as a result of his work teaching critical thinking and philosophy. He will show that an effective way to make the world's problems more solvable is to teach real critical thinking at a grass-roots level to as many people as possible.

Founded in 1947, Americans United for Separation of Church and State (www.au.org) is a non-profit religious liberty watchdog organization dedicated to preserving the Constitutional rights of religious freedom.

There is no charge for meeting attendance and refreshments will be served. For additional information regarding the May 20th event and/or the AU-OC Chapter, please contact:

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