



# **“Losing My Religion: How I Lost My Faith Reporting on Religion in America — and Found Unexpected Peace”**

**Americans United for Separation of Church and State  
Orange County Chapter - General Meeting**

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**

**Irvine Ranch Water District<sup>1</sup> 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks) in Irvine**



Our next speaker will be William Lobdell, an award-winning journalist, author, blogger, speaker, college lecturer and media consultant.

He worked for 18 years with the Los Angeles Times and its sister newspapers. Lobdell covered the religion beat for The Times for eight years, first as a columnist and then as a beat reporter. He earned several national awards for his work before becoming a metro editor for the paper in 2006. He left the paper in 2008.

He also has been a visiting faculty member for 12 years at the University of California, Irvine, where he teaches “Religion and the Media” and

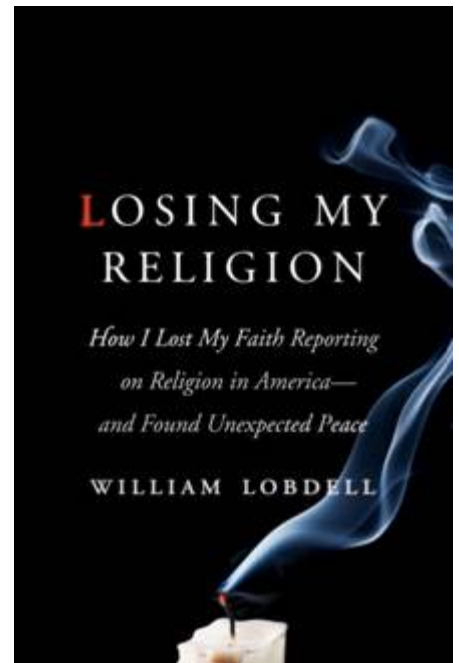
“The Internet, Blogs and Politics.”

His memoir — **“Losing My Religion: How I Lost My Faith Reporting on Religion in America — and Found Unexpected Peace”** — has just been published.

*“At first, experiencing doubts about my faith, I acted like one of those frightened beachgoers who swim madly against the current, trying to get back to what I thought was the safety of Christianity. But the current of truth had me and wasn’t going to let me go. When I decided to stop fighting it, I felt relief — even serenity. I decided to ride it out — past the surf line — and see where it would take me.”*

Meet the author and hear his story of covering religion in Southern California and how his experiences led him into a new understanding of God, religion, and faith.

**“Losing My Religion”** will be available for purchase and personally signed by the author.



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