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### ***Climate Change and What It Has To Do With Separation of Church & State?***

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm**

Community Room, Irvine Ranch Water District<sup>1</sup>  
15500 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks), Irvine, CA 92618



Kathleen Treseder is a professor in the UCI School of Biological Sciences and holds the Ayala Chair of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Dr. Treseder received her Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1999. She is widely published and her interests are Microbial biogeochemistry, ecosystem ecology, and global change. She has received a number of fellowships and excellence in teaching awards. She was also named as one of 33 young women likely to influence their respective fields in the 21st century. In July of this year she was profiled in an Orange County Register

story that said “Treseder, an ecology professor who specializes in global warming, is a leader in an emerging area of study, one that looks at the role played by soil and its related components — including mushrooms and other fungi — when it comes to keeping carbon out of the atmosphere.”

And what does this have to do with the separation of church and state? Consider that in Idaho the House Education Committee voted to strip out sections from the standards that referred to the impact of fossil fuels on the environment. The leader in Senate wanted to remove passages referring to climate change and human impact on the environment from the proposed standards. Boise science teacher told The New York Times (February 7, 2018) that the committee's decision "disregards science and the scientists who are out there doing the work," and NCSE's Glenn Branch added that he regarded the committee's vote as "a continuation of the assault" on the inclusion of climate change in Idaho's science standards. It's worth remembering that just two years ago Idaho Republicans wanted Bibles in schools for the teaching of astronomy, biology, and geology.

No charge and plenty of free parking. Join us starting at 1:15 pm for snacks and socializing.

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