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Talk on Thomas Jefferson's Jesus at the New Braunfels Public Library

New Braunfels, TX – Mark Andrew Holowchak, PhD., will speak about Jefferson's changing views on Jesus on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the New Braunfels Public Library, 700 E. Common Street.

“Thomas Jefferson began to take a genuine interest in Jesus and his teachings years prior to assumption of his presidency in 1801. Before that his interest in the Bible was analytical,” states Holowchak.

“The Bible was deemed to be a book uniquely suited only to sharpen one's critical skills. Yet sometime in the 1780s, because of interaction with personages such as Richard Price and Joseph Priestley, Jefferson has a *volte-face* (about face). The Bible becomes an absorbing, engaging book, if only because of a newly acquired keen interest in the teachings and life of Jesus,” continued Holowchak. “This presentation will explore why Jefferson's opinion on the Bible and Jesus changed.”

Dr. Holowchak has served as Assistant Professor at several colleges teaching a wide range of courses including courses on Political Philosophy, Social Philosophy and American Philosophers. He has Master's degrees in Philosophy and History of Science, Philosophy and Psychology. He also has Doctorates in Philosophy and the History of Science. He has over a dozen published books and a wealth of scholarly articles ranging in topics from Thomas Jefferson's philosophical ideals to Freud and sports fans.

This discussion is open to the public, no registration is necessary and it is made possible with the support of The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library.

For more information about the program, contact the library at 830-221-4300.

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