

Emerson Cafe

A feast for the Mind and Spirit



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Easton 7401 Ocean Gateway, Easton
We are located on Route 50 (Ocean Gateway) in Easton, across from the Easton
High School athletic fields. 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Mystery of Science

Wednesday March 7, 2012 Murray Gell-Mann on beauty and truth in physics
Armed with a sense of humor and laypeople's terms, Nobel winner Murray Gell-Mann drops
some knowledge on TEDsters about particle physics, asking questions like, Are elegant equations
more likely to be right than inelegant ones?
http://www.ted.com/talks/murray_gell_mann_on_beauty_and_truth_in_physics.html

Wednesday March 14, 2012 Richard Dawkins on our "queer" universe
Biologist Richard Dawkins makes a case for "thinking the improbable" by looking at how the
human frame of reference limits our understanding of the universe.
http://www.ted.com/talks/richard_dawkins_on_our_queer_universe.html

Wednesday March 21, 2012 Juan Enriquez on genomics and our future
Scientific discoveries, futurist Juan Enriquez notes, demand a shift in code, and our ability to
thrive depends on our mastery of that code. Here, he applies this notion to the field of genomics.
http://www.ted.com/talks/juan_enriquez_on_genomics_and_our_future.html

Wednesday March 28, 2012 A Beautiful Mind

The true story of prominent mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. is the subject of this
biographical drama from director Ron Howard. Russell Crowe stars as the brilliant but arrogant
and conceited professor Nash. The prof seems guaranteed a rosy future in the early '50s after he
marries beautiful student Alicia (Jennifer Connelly) and makes a remarkable advancement in the
foundations of "game theory," which carries him to the brink of international acclaim. Soon after,
John is visited by Agent William Parcher (Ed Harris), from the CIA, who wants to recruit him for
code-breaking activities. But evidence suggests that Nash's perceptions of reality are cloudy at
best; he is struggling to maintain his tenuous hold on sanity, and Alicia suspects a diagnosis of
paranoid schizophrenia. Battling decades of illness with the loyal Alicia by his side, Nash is
ultimately able to gain some control over his mental state, and eventually goes on to triumphantly
win the Nobel Prize. Based loosely on the book of the same name by Sylvia Nasar, *A Beautiful
Mind* (2001) co-stars Paul Bettany, Adam Goldberg, Anthony Rapp, Christopher Plummer, and
Judd Hirsch. ~ Karl Williams, Rovi