

# IN THE BOX/ OUT OF THE BOX

*“The Age of Unreason” by Robert Hunziker*

## *The Christian Right vs. Deism*

What would your outlier say?

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### Goal:

Read and annotate the attached liberal article that was published in the Weekend Edition Counterpunch (August 31-September 2, 2012) and think carefully about your outlier. You are to prepare a formal statement, in the voice and character of your outlier, responding directly to the findings of the article. Be specific and detailed in your response.



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### Questions to consider:

Select and complete 2

1. How would your philosopher feel about the quote “A profound sense of loss permeates capitalistic democracy in the United States because the country’s politics are reverting back in time to when an intolerant religious minority set the tone for all of society.” What does the article state to support this? Would your philosopher agree? What aspect of his doctrine would support or disprove this statement?
2. What would your philosopher say about the quote, “The Christian Right believes that they have a godly duty to turn secular humanism into policy that is ruled by the word of God, and they believe the Christian Founding Fathers, who framed the republic by drafting the Constitution, intended for godly rule to supersede secularism.” Would your philosopher agree? What aspect of his doctrine would support or disprove this statement?
3. In the voice of your philosopher, refute or support the statement, “As far as the founding fathers were concerned, God created the universe; he left humankind alone to manage

it.” How would your philosopher respond to the “extremist right wing’s” take on the above statement?

4. Using your philosopher’s voice, explain how, according to the article, the Christian right is using its power to manipulate the present campaign. What would your philosopher say about it? Be sure you use his words and perspective to prepare a response.
5. Any other distinctive point or reference in the article that you feel that your philosopher would feel passionately about. Respond specifically by using both your individual philosopher’s belief as well as the specific quote in the article that he would take issue with.

Let the games begin!