

**Are You a
Unitarian
Universalist?**

History of Universalism

- 140 or 150 - Belief in Universalism avowed in Sibylline Oracles
- **1770 - Universalists, as a distinct denomination, were known in England**
- **Between 1771 and 1780 - The first Universalist society in the United states was formed**
- **1785- The General Convention of Universalists of the United States was formed**
- 1793 - The first Universalist paper was published in England
- **1802 - The first Universalist paper in the United States was published at Boston, MA**
- 1819 - The first weekly paper was commenced

THE
SUFFRAGETTE
AND THE
SHOWMAN

Olympia Brown Universalist



THE GRANDEST THING HAS BEEN THE LIFTING UP OF THE GATES AND THE OPENING OF THE DOORS TO THE WOMEN OF AMERICA, GIVING LIBERTY TO TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION WOMEN, THUS OPENING TO THEM A NEW AND LARGER LIFE AND A HIGHER IDEAL.

Olympia Brown

Phineas Taylor Barnum Universalist



P.T. Barnum - Founder of Barnum

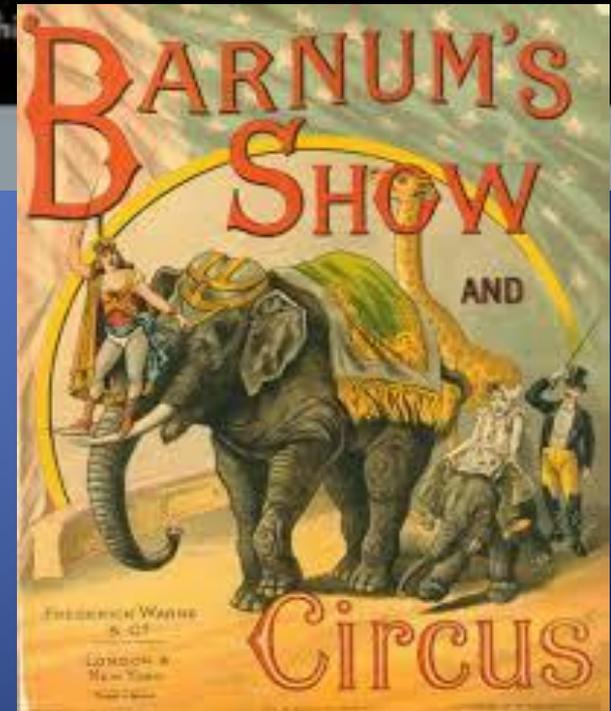
P.T. Barnum

"Without promotion something terrible happens, nothing!"

- Read by

Why I Am A Universalist

P. T. Barnum

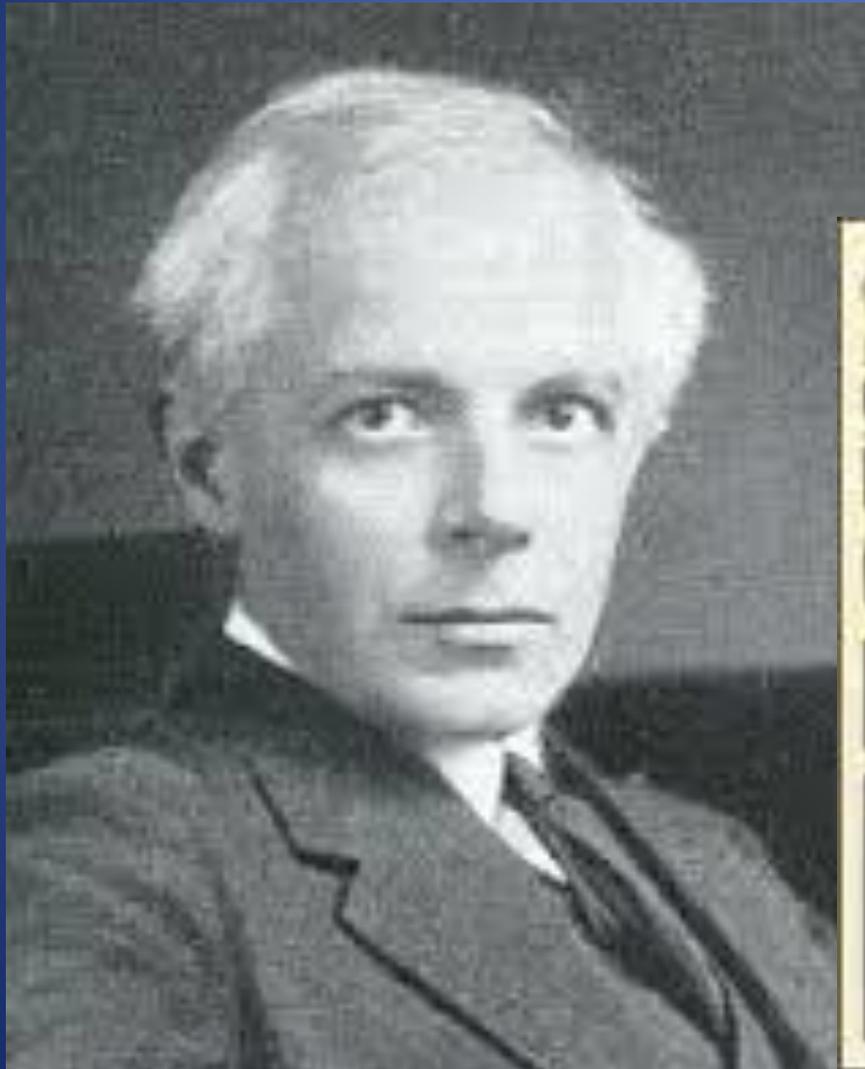


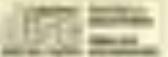
History of Unitarianism

- Unitarian congregations were established for the first time in history in Transylvania in the sixteenth century. (These churches continue to preach the Unitarian message in present-day Romania.)
- **1825 - The American Unitarian Association, organized**

Bela Bartok – Unitarian Composer

1881 - 1945



Great Performances 

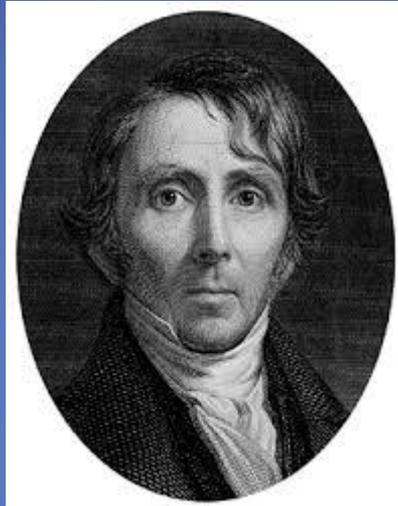
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“...a superb performance... a superb recording... a superb presentation... a superb...”

BARTOK
CONCERTO
FOR ORCHESTRA

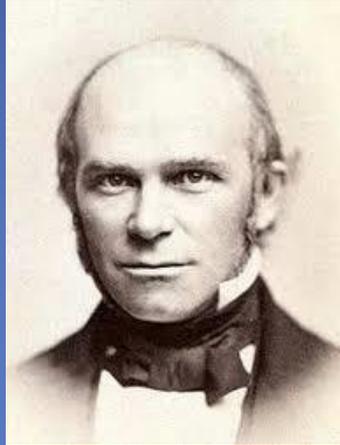
 **BOULEZ**
NEW YORK
PHILHARMONIC

William Ellery Channing (1780 – 1842)



“Great minds are to make others great. Their superiority is to be used, not to break the multitude to intellectual vassalage, not to establish over them a spiritual tyranny, but to rouse them from lethargy, and to aid them to judge for themselves.”

Theodore Parker (1810 –1860)

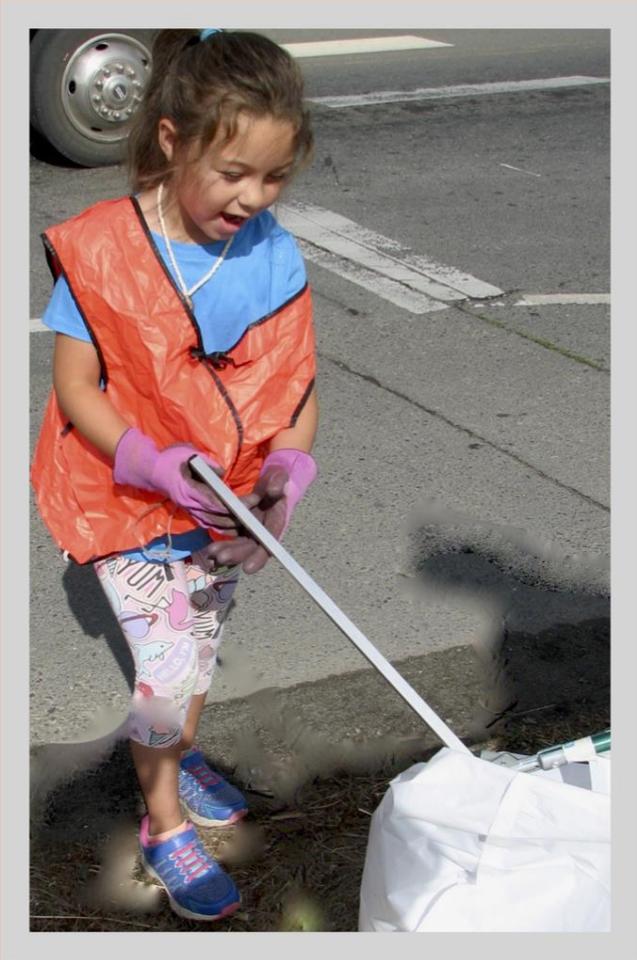


- Theodore Parker was an American Transcendentalist and reforming minister of the Unitarian church. A reformer and abolitionist, his words and popular quotations would later inspire speeches by Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr.
- “The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.”

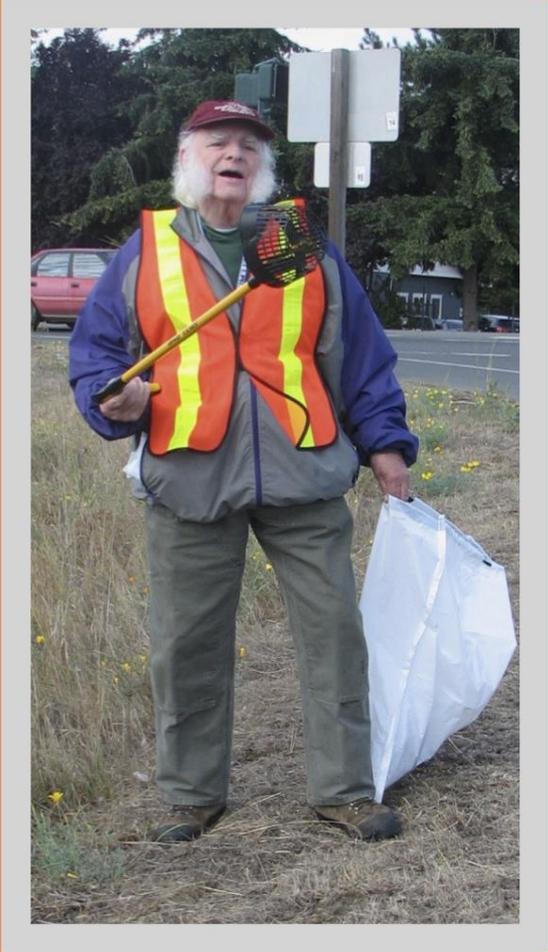
Unitarian Universalist Association

In America, the Universalist Church of America was founded around 1785, and the American Unitarian Association in 1825. After consolidating in 1961, these faiths became the new religion of Unitarian Universalism through the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

YOUNG AND OLD pitched in August 10 when OUUF patrolled its “patch” along U.S. Highway 101 east and west of Carlsborg Road.



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Ted Sorenson (with JFK) Unitarian John F. Kennedy's Right Hand Man



Flaming Chalice

The Flaming Chalice, originally developed by the Unitarian Service Committee was adopted as the symbol of the UUA



UUA's Current
Flaming Chalice

OOUF's
Flaming Chalice





Dianne Whitaker
lights our Chalice.



UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALISM
IS A
CULT



According to Stephen Colbert...

On November 01, 2012

In response to Unitarians being listed as a cult on the late Billy Graham's website, Colbert replies..

“Oh yes, the dangerous cult of Unitarianism. Their rules are so loose, their three sacred texts are the Old Testament, New Testament, and Free to Be You and Me.”

The Colbert Report



Thursday November 1, 2012

Colbert Report: Tip/Wag - Constant Documentation & Billy Graham

Swedish inventors design a clip-on camera that clicks every 30 seconds, and Reverend Billy Graham disenculturates Mormonism after meeting with Mitt Romney.

Cult Definition

From the Christian Research Institute at
www.equip.org

- A cult is ... a religious or semi-religious sect **whose members are controlled almost entirely by a single individual or by an organization.**

**Vivian Mulligan
on UUs & cults:
‘That is SO not
Us!’**

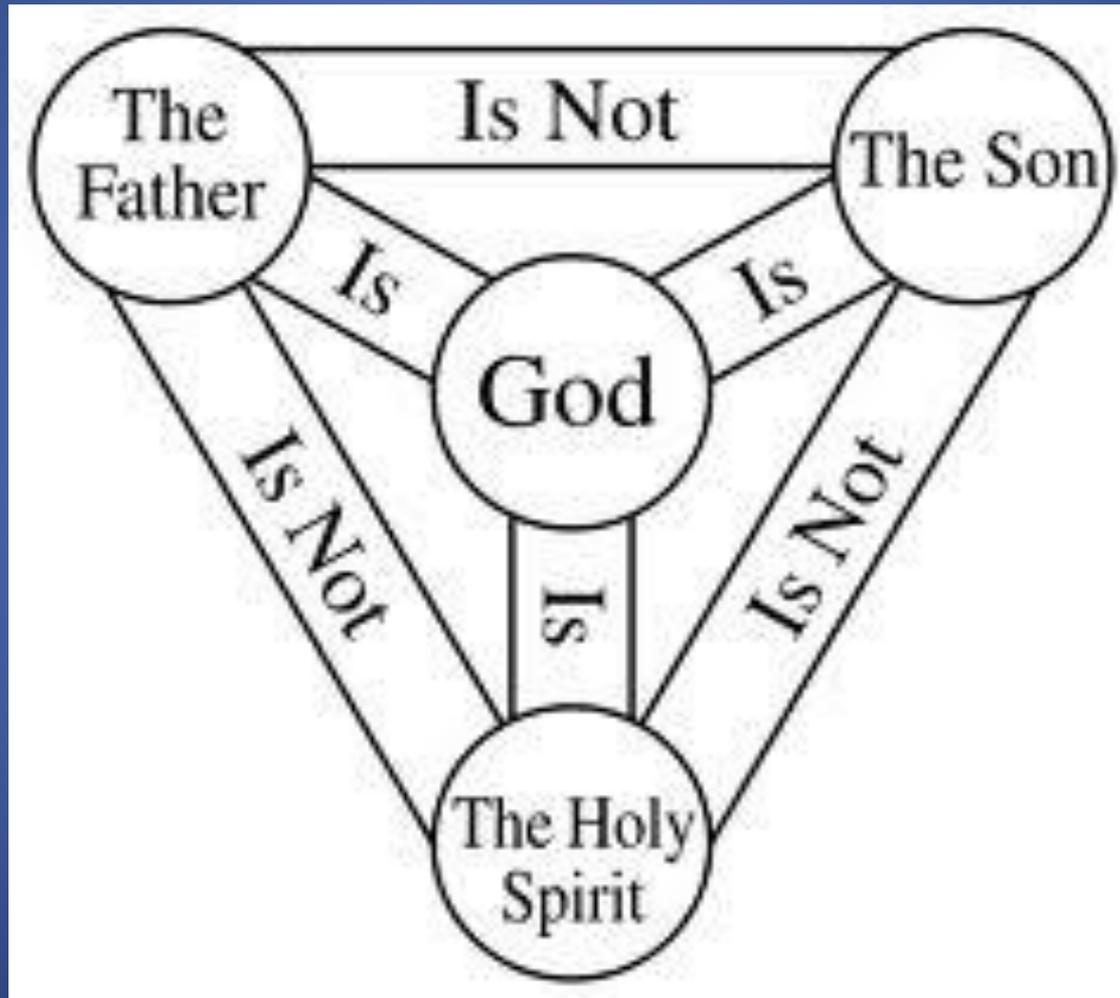


Power from the Bottom Up

- The UUA, the Pacific Western Region and the Pacific Northwest District provide services and resources
- The Pacific Western Region is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)
- The Pacific Northwest District is a member of the Pacific Western Region
- OUUF is a member of the Pacific Northwest District
- **OUUF (84 members as of 01/23/2024) is its own boss! We do not owe allegiance to any hierarchy.**

UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALISTS
REJECT **SOME**
TRADITIONAL
BELIEFS

The Holy Trinity



Original Sin

Original sin is the Christian doctrine of humanity's state of sin resulting from the fall of man, stemming from Adam's rebellion in Eden.



Predestination

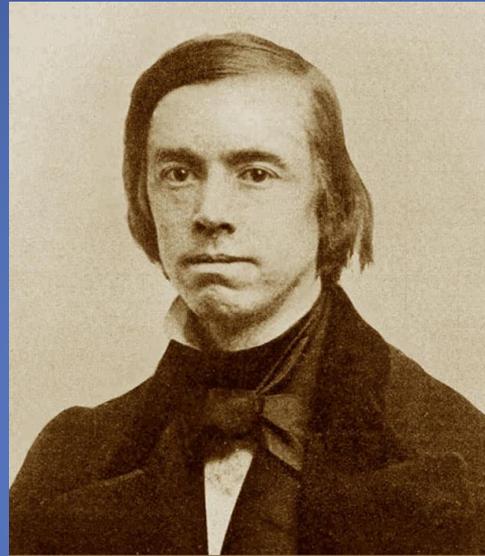
As a doctrine in Christian theology - the divine foreordaining of all that will happen, especially with regard to the salvation of some and not others. It has been particularly associated with the teachings of St. Augustine of Hippo and of Calvin.

UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALISTS
HAVE NO
BELIEFS OF
THEIR OWN

Historically

- * Unitarians believed in the oneness of God.
- * Universalists believed in universal salvation.

Thomas Starr King



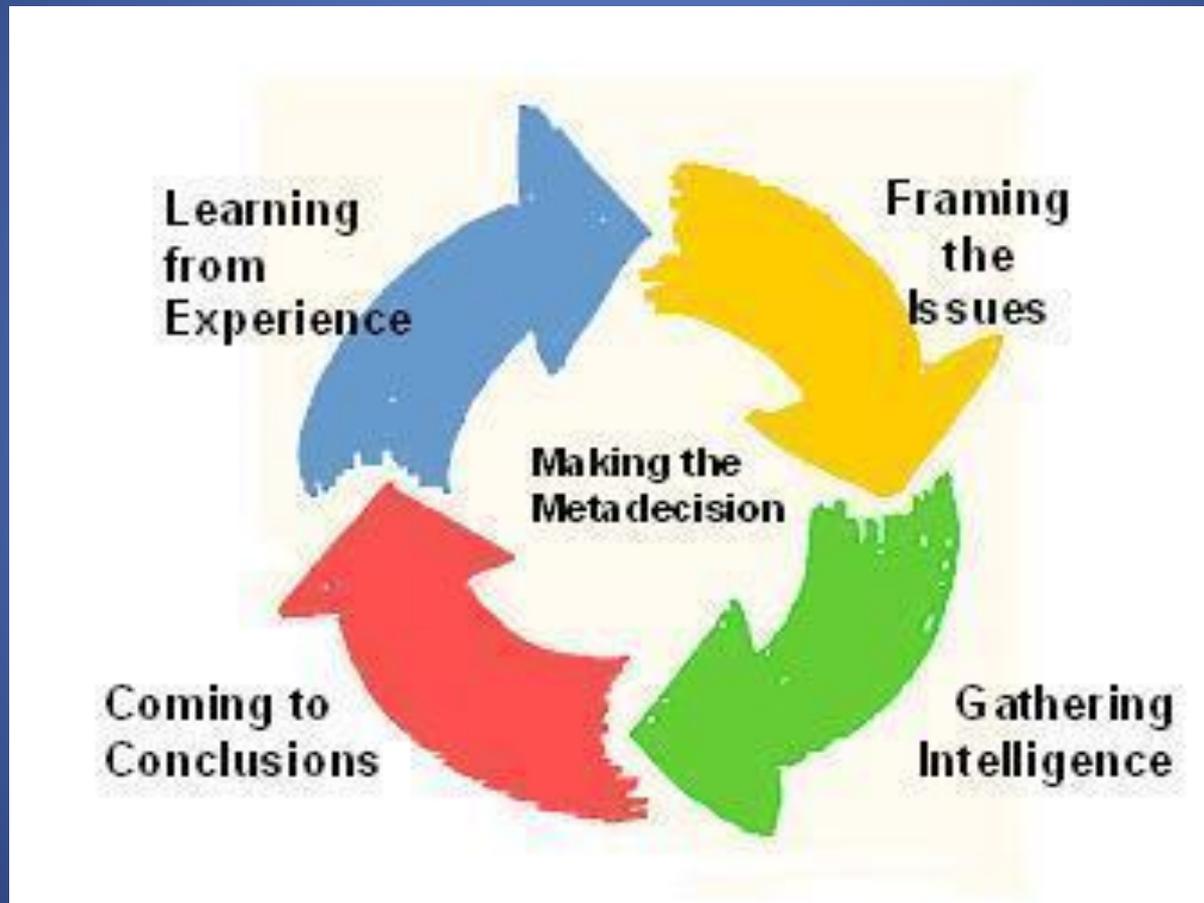
Thomas Starr King

Thomas Starr King was both a Unitarian minister and a Universalist minister. He is credited with the observation that **Universalists thought God is too good to damn them forever and that Unitarians thought they were too good to be damned forever.**

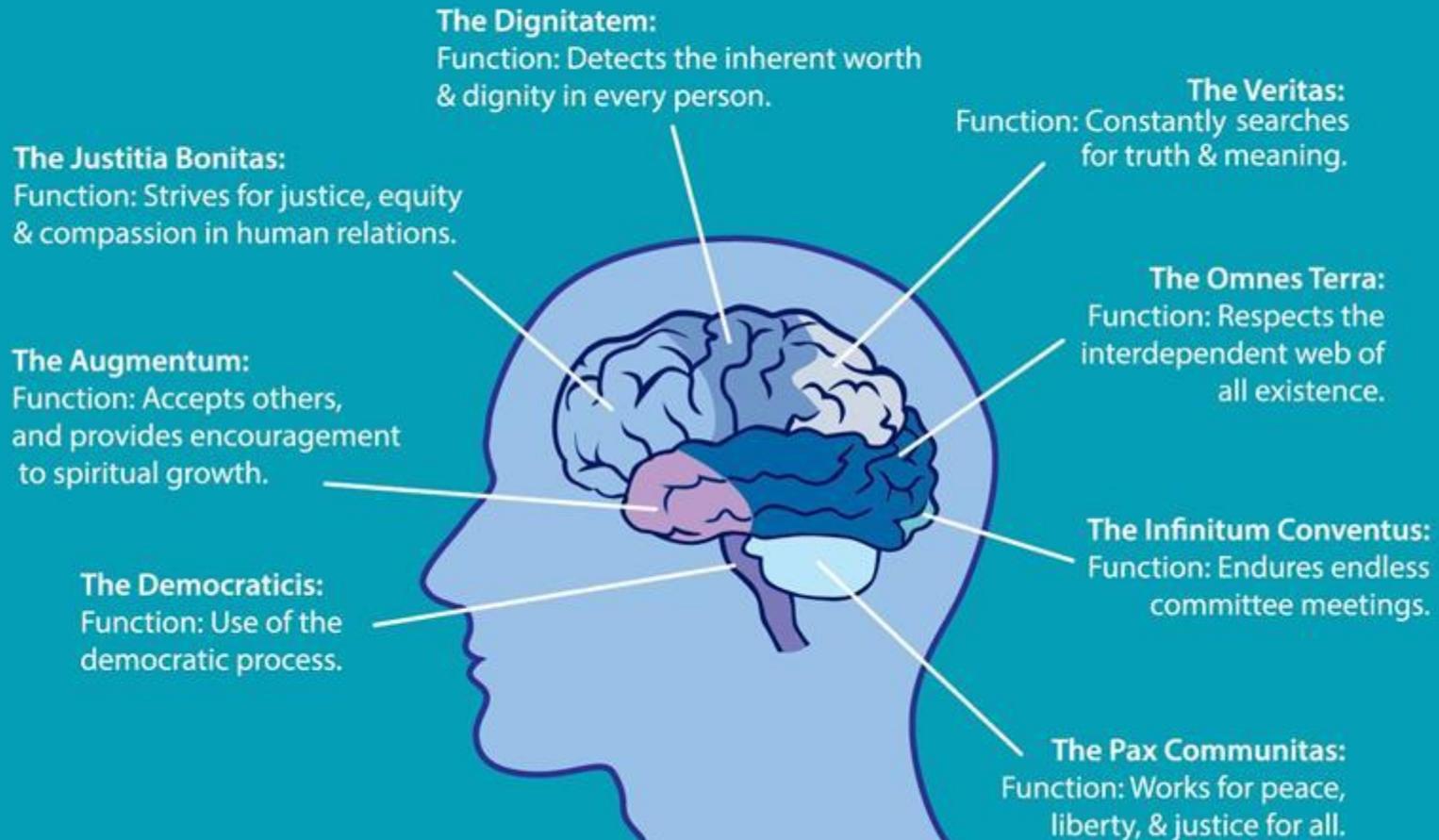
Most UU's

- Are liberal
- Believe in Climate Change & Global Warming
- Are active in Social Justice causes
- Support stricter gun control
- Believe children belong with their parents
- Support LBGT rights
- Support #BlackLivesMatter
- Support the Me Too Movement
- Believe in Women's Right to Choose
- Believe in the Scientific Method

Scientific Process



The Unitarian Universalist Brain



Unitarian Universalism

NURTURE Your Spirit. Help HEAL Our World.

The Seven Principles

- Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.
- **As Rev. Barbara Wells ten Hove explains, “The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.”**

**We, the member congregations of the Unitarian
Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote**

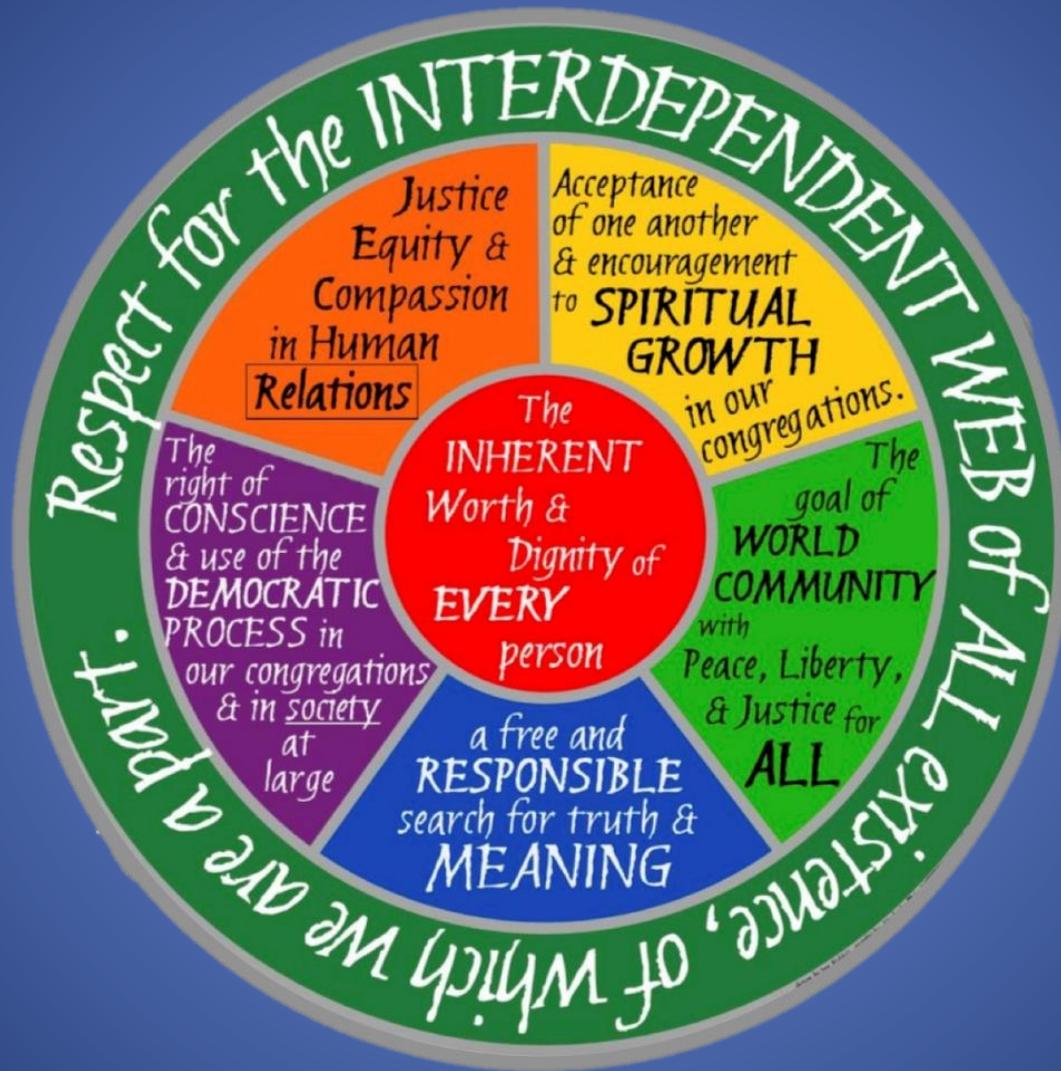
- **The inherent worth and dignity of every person;**
- **Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;**
- **Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;**
- **A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;**
- **The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;**
- **The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;**
- **Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.**

The Sources of Unitarian Universalism

- Adopted by the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1984
- Amended in 1985
- The “Six Sources” are formally part of the Unitarian Universalist Association’s Statement of Principles

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- * **Direct experience** of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- * **Words and deeds** of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion and the transforming power of love;
- * **Wisdom from the world's religions** which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- * **Jewish and Christian teachings** which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- * **Humanist teachings** which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- * **Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions** which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. (Added in 1985)



UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALISTS
DO SOMETIMES
MAKE CHANGES

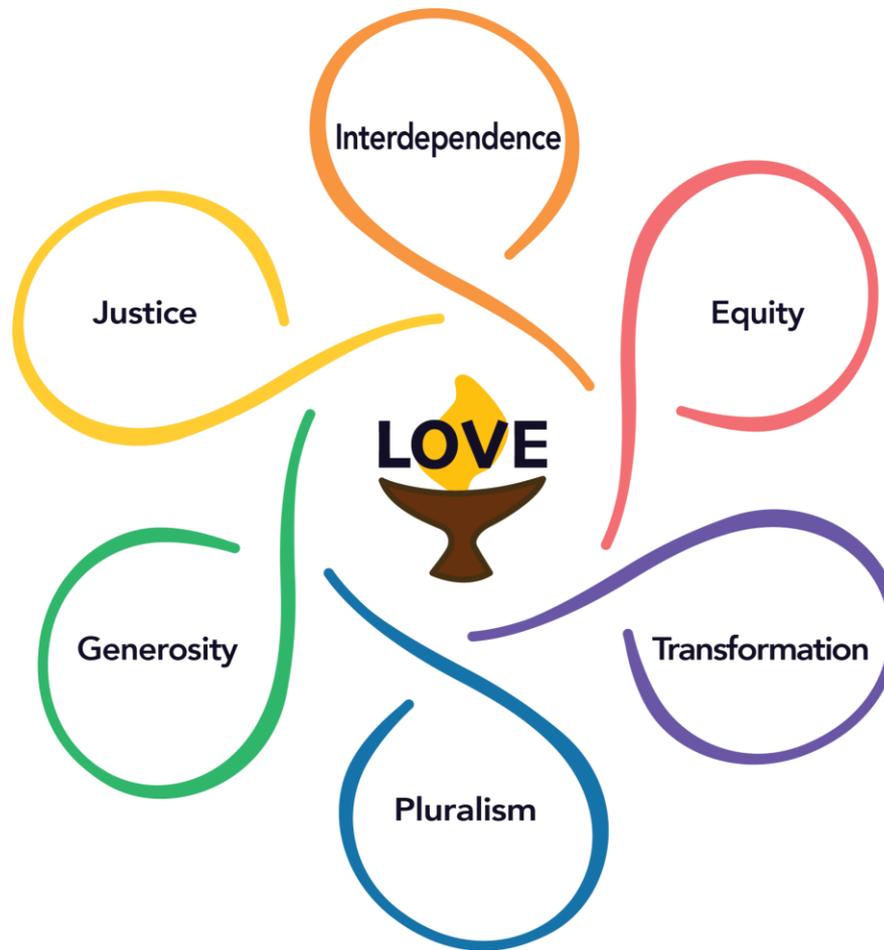
Proposed Changes to Article II

The UUA Board created an Article II Study Commission in 2020. This year's Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly will include a final vote on proposed changes to Article II, the section of the UUA bylaws that includes its Principles, Purposes, and Sources.

To learn more about the Article II Study Commission and its proposed changes, visit the UUA Article II Revision resource page on the OUUF website. It's under Unitarian Universalism and it includes two responses by Rev. Bruce Bode.

Emily Beals will be OUUF's representative at General Assembly, so you can let her know how you feel about the proposed changes.

Shared UU Values Flower



8th Principle Project

The 8th Principle Project is a grass roots movement. The new 8th Principle is approved at the local level. It is defined in the Commission's Statement as "We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse and multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

The song verse OUUF children sing about the 8th Principle says more succinctly:

"We lift up those who are unheard"

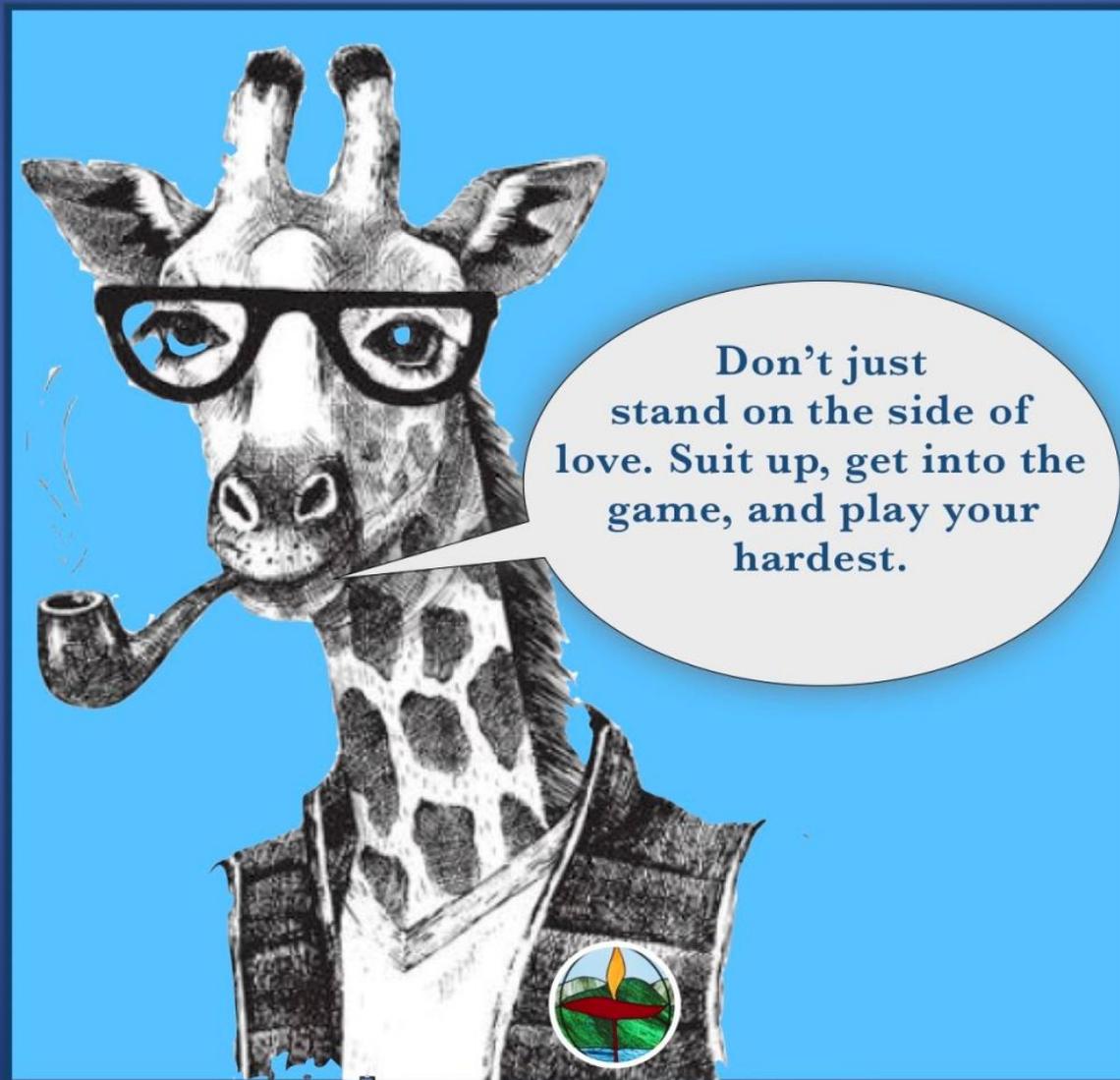
Answering the Call of Love

Hymn # 1014



The Rev. Jason Shelton

Title of Standing on the Side of Love Changed to Answering the Call of Love



**Unitarian
Universalists
Who Are We?**

- **We Are Unitarian Universalists.** from <http://www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are>
- We have radical roots and a history as self-motivated spiritual people: we think for ourselves and recognize that life experience influences our beliefs more than anything.

- **We Are Unitarian Universalists.** from <http://www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are>
- We need not think alike to love alike.
We are people of many beliefs and backgrounds: people with a religious background, people with none, people who believe in a God, people who don't, and people who let the mystery be.

- **We Are Unitarian Universalists.** from <http://www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are>
- We are Unitarian Universalist and Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Humanist, Jewish, Muslim, Pagan, Atheist, Theist, Agnostic, and more.

- **We Are Unitarian Universalists.** from <http://www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are>
- On the forefront of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer inclusion for more than 40 years, we are people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

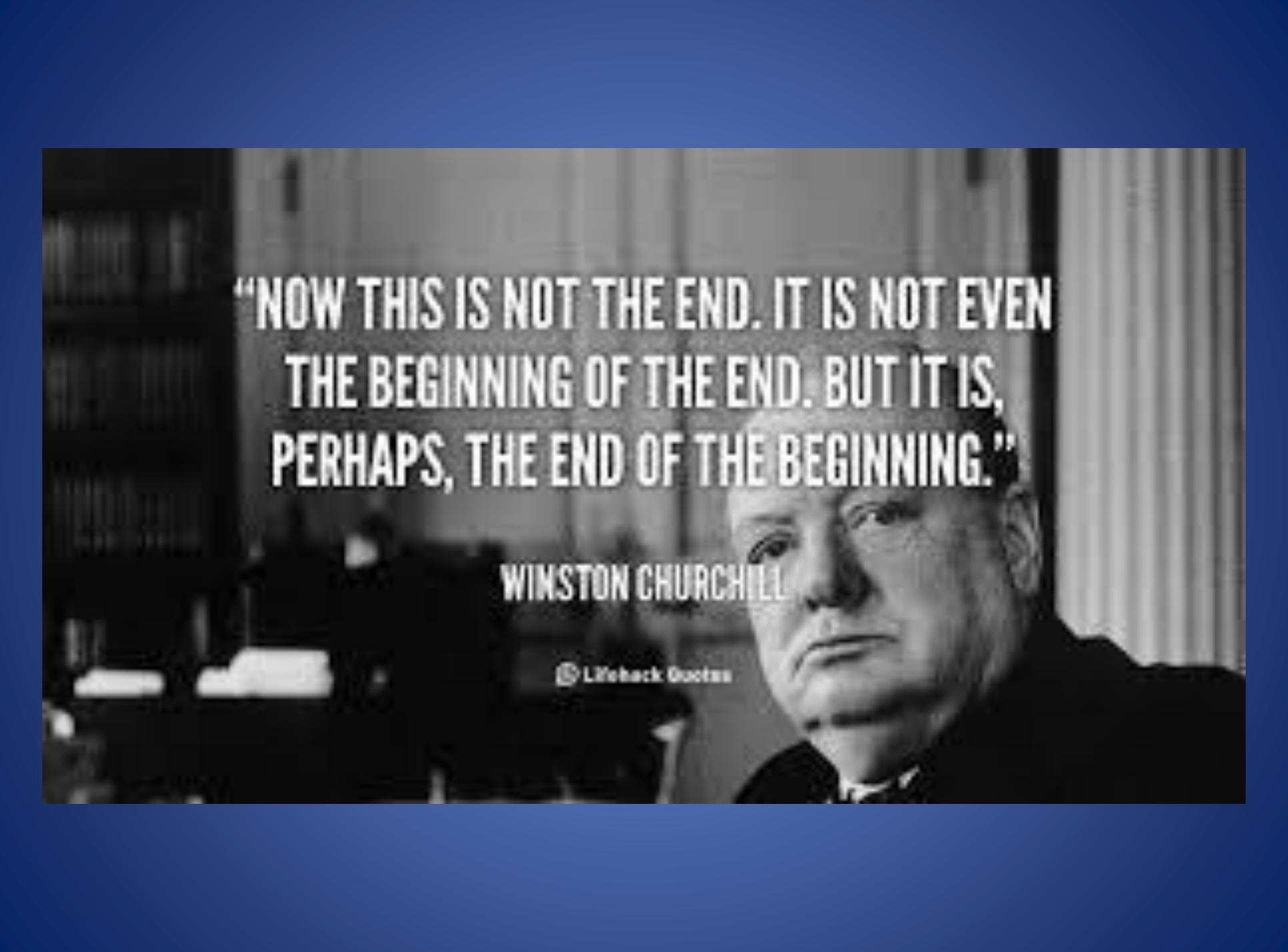
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We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers. We are diverse in faith, ethnicity, history and spirituality, but aligned in our desire to make a difference for the good. We have a track record of answering the call of love, justice, and peace.

- **We Are Unitarian Universalists.** from <http://www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are>
- We welcome you: your whole self, with all your truths and your doubts, your worries and your hopes. Join us on this extraordinary adventure of faith.

The image features a background of concentric circles in various shades of green and yellow, creating a hypnotic effect. The text "That's all Folks!" is written in a white, elegant cursive font across the center of the circles. The quote marks are also in white and follow the curve of the text.

“That's all Folks!”

A black and white portrait of Winston Churchill, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a desk with papers and a lamp.

**"NOW THIS IS NOT THE END. IT IS NOT EVEN
THE BEGINNING OF THE END. BUT IT IS,
PERHAPS, THE END OF THE BEGINNING."**

WINSTON CHURCHILL

 Lifehack Quotes