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Understanding The Bible Jun 21 2022 A thoughtful, warm, and witty introduction Understanding the Bible is designed to help empower skeptics, seekers, nonbelievers, and those of a liberal and progressive outlook to reclaim the Bible from literalists. In making accessible some of the best contemporary historical, literary, political, and feminist readings of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, it encourages all who would find in the biblical heritage an ally and not an enemy in the quest for a more just and humane world. Brief and to the point, it can easily be used to stimulate group discussions and personal reading of the biblical texts themselves, and is an excellent introduction to the Judeo-Christian tradition for those of other faiths. Understanding the Bible includes four preliminary chapters on the why, who, which, and how of biblical understanding, followed by eight brief thematic chapters covering the core of the Hebrew Bible and six covering the Christian scriptures, plus chronologies, maps, and helpful suggestions for further reading.

Challenge of a Liberal Faith Oct 13 2021

Conflagration Mar 18 2022 A dramatic retelling of the story of the Transcendentalists, revealing them not as isolated authors but as a community of social activists who shaped progressive American values. Conflagration illuminates the connections between key members of the Transcendentalist circle—including James Freeman Clarke, Elizabeth Peabody, Caroline Healey Dall, Elizabeth Stanton, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Theodore Parker, and Margaret Fuller—who created a community dedicated to radical social activism. These authors and activists laid the groundwork for democratic and progressive religion in America. In the tumultuous decades before and immediately after the Civil War, the Transcendentalists changed nineteenth-century America, leading what Theodore Parker called “a Second American Revolution.” They instigated lasting change in American society, not only through their literary achievements but also through their activism: transcendentalists fought for the abolition of slavery, democratically governed churches, equal rights for women, and against the dehumanizing effects of brutal economic competition and growing social inequality. The Transcendentalists’ passion for social equality stemmed from their belief in spiritual friendship—transcending differences in social situation, gender, class, theology, and race. Together, their fight for justice changed the American sociopolitical landscape. They understood that none of us can ever fulfill our own moral and spiritual potential unless we care about the full spiritual and moral flourishing of others.

Universalists and Unitarians in America Jan 16 2022

Unitarian Christianity Jun 28 2020 Unitarian Christianity is an informative textbook containing everything about unitarianism. Unitarianism (from Latin unitas "unity" or "oneness") is a nontrinitarian Christian theological movement that believes that the God in Christianity is one singular person. Most other branches of Christianity define God as one being in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This Very Moment May 20 2022 An elegant primer, This Very Moment includes basic teachings of the Buddha, the historical development of Zen Buddhism, Zen meditation practices, koans and more. Ford also highlights the spiritual and political connections between Zen Buddhism and Unitarian Universalism, demonstrating the harmonious balance that can be struck between the two.

Standing Before Us Jul 22 2022 Letters, essays, stories, speeches and poems by women who were social reformers from 1776 to 1936.

An Introduction to the Unitarian and Universalist Traditions Nov 26 2022 How is a free faith expressed, organized and governed? How are diverse spiritualities and theologies made compatible? What might a religion based in reason and democracy offer today's world? This book will help the reader to understand the contemporary liberal religion of Unitarian Universalism in a historical and global context. Andrea Greenwood and Mark W. Harris challenge the view that the Unitarianism of New England is indigenous and the point from which the religion spread. Relationships between Polish radicals and the English Dissenters existed and the English radicals profoundly influenced the Unitarianism of the nascent United States. Greenwood and Harris also explore the US identity as Unitarian Universalist since a 1961 merger and its current relationship to international congregations, particularly in the context of twentieth-century expansion into Asia.

American Unitarianism and the Protestant Dilemma Sep 19 2019 This book examines American Unitarianism and its struggle to define religious authority during its nascence in the nineteenth century. This story is situated in the context of Protestant history, revealing how American Unitarianism is representative of the broader Protestant dilemma of establishing the Bible as the primary religious authority.

A House for Hope Aug 23 2022 For over a generation now, conservative religion has seemed to be dominant in America. But there are signs of a liberal religious renaissance. For it to flourish, laypeople need a sense of their theological heritage. A House for Hope lays out, in lively and engaging language, the theological house that religious liberalism has inherited—and suggests how this heritage will need to be spiritually and theologically transformed. With chapters that suggest liberal religious commitment is based on common hopes rather than adherence to religious creeds, ask why human beings gather in communities with spiritual goals in the first place, discuss the importance of social and cultural context, and seek a Spirit that moves within us and among us, A House for Hope will provide religious liberals not only a theological but also a spiritual foundation for the years ahead.

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A Documentary History of Unitarian Universalism, Volume One Jan 24 2020 A panel of top scholars presents the first comprehensive collection of primary sources from Unitarian Universalist history. This critical resource covers the long histories of Unitarianism, Universalism, and Unitarian Universalism in the United States and around the world, and offers a wealth of sources from the first fifty-five years of the Unitarian Universalist Association. From Arius and Origen to Peter Morales and Rebecca Parker, this two-volume anthology features leaders, thinkers, and ordinary participants in the ever-changing tradition of liberal religion. Each volume contains more than a hundred distinct selections, with scholarly introductions by leading experts in Unitarian Universalist history. The selections include sermons, theologies, denominational statements, hymns, autobiographies, and manifestos, with special attention to class, cultural, gender, and sexual diversity. Primary sources are the building blocks of history, and A Documentary History of Unitarian Universalism presents the sources we need for understanding this denomination's past and for shaping its future.

Baldwin for Our Times Dec 03 2020 A collection of James Baldwin's writings that speaks urgently to our current era of racial injustice, with an introduction by prominent Baldwin scholar Rich Blint In his unforgettable, incandescent essays and poetry, James Baldwin diagnosed the racial injustices of the twentieth century and illuminated the struggles and triumphs of African Americans. Now, in our current age of persistent racial injustice and the renewed spirit of activism represented by the Black Lives Matter movement, Baldwin's insights are more urgent than ever. Baldwin for Our Times features incisive essay selections from Notes of a Native Son and searing poetry from Jimmy's Blues—writing to turn to for wisdom and strength as we seek to understand and confront the injustices of our times.

Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide Feb 17 2022 This one-of-a-kind picture book is a colorful introduction to Unitarian Universalism for children ages 7 to 9. Simple language and appealing illustrations offer children accessible answers to commonly asked questions such as: Who are we? What do we believe? How do we worship? Who leads us? Do we read the Bible? What is our religious symbol? Do we pray? What is Sunday school? How do we celebrate?

Unitarian Universalism Is a Really Long Name Sep 24 2022 Introduces the Unitarian Universalist religion, describing the beliefs upon which it was founded, how its members worship, and how they serve their community.

Christ for Unitarian Universalists Dec 15 2021 McLennan addresses the concept of Jesus as historical figure and as the presents Christ. In doing so he explores the reality and meaning of the Christmas and Easter stories, the Trinity, Christ's divinity, miracles, salvation, religious pluralism and exclusivism, and more.

Pagan and Earth-Centered Voices in Unitarian Universalism May 08 2021 These 23 essays by some of the most prominent leaders in Unitarian Universalist Paganism bring Pagan and Earth-centered theology to life for a new generation. Featuring the writings of both clergy and laypeople, this vibrant collection demonstrates the many expressions of nature-based spirituality and the ways they feed the souls of so many. The essayists describe a broad array of practices, including Wiccan traditions, Neo-Pagan rituals and celebrations, worship of the divine feminine, and nature-based beliefs and practices that bring us into harmony and balance with our natural environment. Contributors also describe the development of nature-based theology within Unitarian Universalism—including the organization of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, the addition of the sixth Source to the UUA bylaws recognizing Earth-centered spirituality, and the integration of Pagan practices into congregational life.

100 Questions that Non-members Ask about Unitarian Universalism Jun 09 2021

This Day in Unitarian Universalist History Dec 23 2019

The Unitarian Controversy, 1819-1823 Aug 19 2019 Originally published in 1987. The dispute between Leonard Woods, an American theologian and well known Calvinist, and Henry Ware, a preacher and theologian influential in the formation of Unitarianism, went on for four years and is reprinted here in its entirety. Although the combatants were concerned over whether God's nature was one or three, other issues were more important for them, and these issues are discussed at length in their correspondence. This title will be of interest to students of history and religious studies.

Scripture Unbound Apr 26 2020 "A look into scripture from multiple religious traditions, this book questions common assumptions about scripture and aims to help readers open up to new ways of thinking about it and engaging with it, while remaining committed to the Unitarian Universalist affirmation of the free and responsible quest for meaning"--

Welcome Nov 02 2020

Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide Aug 11 2021 The most complete introduction to Unitarian Universalism available, covering ministry, worship, religious education, social justice, community, and history. Extensively revised, the sixth edition prepares readers with resources and information for this crucial moment in Unitarian Universalism. It also gives voice to many individual Unitarian Universalists—people of all ages, coming from many backgrounds, and holding many beliefs—as they share their personal and deeply heartfelt testimonies. Contributors include Rosemary Bray McNatt, Erika Hewitt, Cheryl Walker, Jessica York, Elizabeth Nguyen, Aisha Hauser, Dan McKanan, and more. Foreword by lifelong Unitarian Universalist Melissa Harris-Perry, writer, professor, political commentator, and editor-at-large at Elle.com.

The Souls of Animals Apr 07 2021 Why do elephants bury their dead? What makes birds sing and cranes dance? Do animals appreciate art? Do they know the difference between right and wrong? Do they experience awe and wonder? In this revised second edition of his celebrated book, Reverend Gary Kowalski combines heartwarming stories with solid science to show that other creatures are not insensitive objects devoid of feeling and intellect but thinking, sentient beings with an inward, spiritual life.

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven Feb 05 2021 Cakes for the Queen of Heaven explores the relationship between women's religious history and the personal issues that arise in women living in this patriarchal society. Women struggle with issues of body image, troubled mother-daughter relationships, sexual freedom and access to power. We need to know that there was a time when the female body was sacred; that there once was a long-lasting religion in which the chief divine actors were a mother and her daughter; that in very ancient times women had significant power in their societies; that although patriarchal societies have oppressed women for centuries, there have always been strong and talented women. Our female history has been erased and trivialized for too long. In this book we meet ancient goddesses and their stories from around the world, real women in ancient Sumer, in Greece, in Judaism and in Christianity. In Cakes for the Queen of Heaven the past is before us, the women are there, and they help us change our lives.

Sources of Our Faith Nov 21 2019

Unitarian Universalism Jan 04 2021

A Chosen Faith Dec 27 2022 Presents the doctrines and beliefs of the Unitarian Universalism

Historical Dictionary of Unitarian Universalism Oct 01 2020 The book provides a complete overview of Unitarian and Universalist history all over the world. While the emphasis is on North America, many listings provide an adequate background for the development of the Unitarian faith in Europe as far back as the 16th century. Other parts of the world are included as well with biographical, theological and geographical listings. Most of the book consists of alphabetical listings of all major leaders of the movements, many famous person associated with the movement, important events and histories of institutions.

Tending the Flame Jul 10 2021

Our Chosen Faith Oct 25 2022

Gender, Power and the Unitarians in England, 1760-1860 Mar 06 2021 This new study explores the role the Unitarians played in female emancipation. Many leading figures of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries were Unitarian, or were heavily influenced by Unitarian ideas, including: Mary Wollstonecraft, Elizabeth Gaskell, George Eliot, and Florence Nightingale. Ruth Watts examines how far they were successful in challenging the ideas and social conventions affecting women. In the process she reveals the complex relationship between religion, gender, class and education and her study will be essential reading for those studying the origins of the feminist movement, nineteenth-century gender history, religious history or the history of education.

The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide Mar 26 2020 This book answers the questions most frequently asked about Unitarian Universalism. Covering ministry, worship, religious education, social justice, theology, and history, these essays from leaders in the faith provide one of the most complete introductions to Unitarian Universalism available.--Adapted from back cover.

Centering Aug 31 2020 In October 2015, a group of distinguished UU religious professionals of color gathered together in Chicago to embark on a radical project. The conference was sponsored by the UUMA's Committee on Antiracism, Anti-oppression, and Multiculturalism. It started with the premise that discussions of race in Unitarian Universalism have too often presupposed a White audience and prioritized the needs, education, and emotions of the White majority. The goal was to reframe Unitarian Universalist anti-oppression work by putting the voices, experiences and learnings of people of color at the center of the conversation. The resulting book, Centering, captures the papers that were presented and the rich dialogue from the conference to share personal stories and address the challenges that religious leaders of color face in exercising power, agency, and authority in a culturally White denomination. Centering explores how racial identity is made both visible and invisible in Unitarian Universalist ministries.

Worship that Works Feb 23 2020 Just ten years after it was first published, *Worship That Works* is already a classic text of the Unitarian Universalist liturgical arts. Following a road trip in which they visited congregations of various sizes and traditions, the authors offer essential theory and best practices for lay worship leaders, ministers, and student ministers alike. Significantly updated, this second edition includes revisions and new chapters on multicultural worship, multigenerational worship, and new models of services for contemporary practices.

Freethinking Mystics with Hands May 28 2020 Owen-Towle's inspiring essays balance Unitarian Universalism's rational, mystical and activist sentiments. An excellent introduction to Unitarian Universalism for newcomers as well as a valuable resource for personal reflection, family sharing and Sunday worship.

American Unitarian Churches Oct 21 2019 The Unitarian religious tradition was a product of the same eighteenth-century democratic ideals that fueled the American Revolution and informed the founding of the United States. Its liberal humanistic principles influenced institutions such as Harvard University and philosophical movements like Transcendentalism. Yet, its role in the history of American architecture is little known and studied. In *American Unitarian Churches*, Ann Marie Borys argues that the progressive values and identity of the Unitarian religion are intimately intertwined with ideals of American democracy and visibly expressed in the architecture of its churches. Over time, church architecture has continued to evolve in response to developments within the faith, and many contemporary projects are built to serve religious, practical, and civic functions simultaneously. Focusing primarily on churches of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, including Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple and Louis Kahn's First Unitarian Church, Borys explores building histories, biographies of leaders, and broader sociohistorical contexts. As this essential study makes clear, to examine Unitarianism through its churches is to see American architecture anew, and to find an authentic architectural expression of American democratic identity.

Our Unitarian Heritage, an Introduction to the History of the Unitarian Movement Sep 12 2021

The Complete Guide to Small Group Ministry Jul 30 2020

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