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# Welcome: A Unitarian Universalist Primer



## Synopsis

Features common Unitarian Universalist prayers and readings, including the seven Principles and six Sources, chalice lightings, quotations from UUs of yesterday and today, and a glossary. Plus introductions to UU history, religious education and social justice. Praise for *Welcome: A Unitarian Universalist Primer*: "A thoughtful and spirit-filled introduction to our liberating and nourishing faith." Rob M. Hardies, senior minister, All Souls Church, Unitarian, Washington, DC • "This Primer is precisely what a newcomer needs: a brief, lucid history; commonly used readings and prayers; and inspirational quotations that indicate something of our theological diversity and devotion to justice." Marilyn Sewell, senior minister, First Unitarian Church, Portland, Oregon

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## Customer Reviews

This is an small intro to UU, literally pocket sized, which is nice. There are 75 pages. About 25 pages are quotes from UUs. About 25 pages are things they project onto the wall at Sunday services. There is a 9 page section on how UU came about. The remaining 15-20 pages are divided into small sections telling about different aspects of UU. I am happy with my \$5 purchase/no shipping of this portable, easy to read, intro to UU. It is my first UU book.

I've recently rediscovered my faith, and this book is a wonderful way to dive back in. I feel that this has been my faith since the day I was born. I also feel if more people knew about our faith, the numbers of the UU faithful would be much larger.

This is a quick overview of the UU religion. I was looking for a deeper discussion, but if I was completely new to the faith, it would have found it more helpful. Most of the information in it was available to me in the handouts available I received at the first service I attended.

As a new UU, I was given this book at a Path to Membership class (with food and discussion). The small size of this booklet kept me from being overwhelmed (and free is good too). Though the title lists one author, it is really a collection of the words and thoughts of many UU ministers and thinkers and writers. The first three pages lay the foundation for the book, affirming what UU members believe. As a humanist (and atheist), I was excited to read that new members will be "encouraged to develop their own personal theologies." They believe in the toleration of religious ideas, so...my beliefs are MY choice. I will be encouraged to SEARCH for the truth, though I must remember that this truth (idea, ideal or philosophy) is always second to the lives of those I am surrounded by (no hating or meanness). All of my mental explorations and conclusions are open to criticism, to discussion and evaluation by those I worship with. What a great way to begin my introduction to UU thought. The core of the book focuses on the main elements of UU worship and religious exploration: the seven principles that guide everything, the six sources we rely upon, the covenant between members, the chalice lighting during worship, worship readings and songs, religious education for the young and old, social justice within our community, and the history of UU. The thoughts of 29 ministers and poets occupies the end the book's journey (excellent stuff here). A glossary is provided defining key terms. This booklet is a concise and thought-provoking collection of UU's main ideas and practices. Simple. Direct. From the mouths of those who know it best.

Very important points are discussed in a straight forward manner, regarding UU beliefs and structure. I think it is a wonderful edition for a new-comer's bookshelf. I highly recommend it to everyone interested in this all-encompassing faith. Michael B. Smith.

Gives a quick overview of the church and its teachings. Quick read and worth checking out if you are interested in learning about the Unitarian Universalist.

A nice short introduction to Unitarian Universalism with principles, readings, and history to give a basic understanding of this religion that is based on love, service, and inclusiveness and where you do not have "to check your brain in at the door." This 77 page book is far from comprehensive but will give the reader enough knowledge to understand this religion and possibly even encourage some to find out more. I made many notes and references to various pages in the book to come back to later.

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