

# The Eight Principles of Unitarian Universalists

[1st Principle](#): The inherent worth and dignity of every person...

[2nd Principle](#): Justice, equity and compassion in human relations...

[3rd Principle](#): Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations...

[4th Principle](#): A free and responsible search for truth and meaning...

[5th Principle](#): The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large...

[6th Principle](#): The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all...

[7th Principle](#): Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part...

[8th Principle](#): Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions...

## The Six Sources

“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. These are the six sources our congregations affirm and promote:

- 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 people 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; and
- 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.”

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*<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/8-principles-action>*