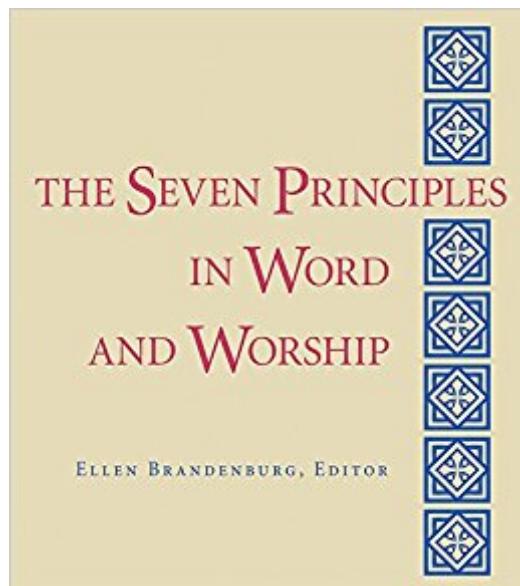


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# The Seven Principles In Word And Worship



## **Synopsis**

The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism continue to be plumbed for meaning, depth and inspiration. This elegant volume presents fresh perspectives from seven ministers who joined the ministry after the Principles took their current form. Here are essays, prayers, chalice lightings, litanies, meditations and worship readings on each Principle-helping us reflect on their significance and the ways they call us to ethical action and deeper spirituality.

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Good advice for anyone but an especially handy volume for any UU.

It helped me to understand the principles of the Unitarian Church. I have long been interested, but have stayed put in my own life-long membership in the Methodist Church. Now there are some things in the viewpoint of the International Methodist Conference with which I cannot agree. If this ever becomes the accepted "stand" of my local congregation, I shall most probably leave and join my friends in our congregation of UU. However, I am approaching 83 and getting "out & about" may become problematic. Also....there are MANY folks I love in my Methodist congregation and they will doubtless be with me in times of need.

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This is published by the Unitarian Universalist Association's Imprint, Skinner House. It is a short compendium of seven very short essays which are all written by young UU ministers--young enough to have been ordained after the UU statement of Seven guiding Principles was adopted in its current form in 1985. In the interest of full disclosure one of these essays is by my own minister, Rev. Paige Getty. Unitarian Universalism prides itself in being open to all faiths and creeds. It professes to be a non-creedal faith tradition; and some members would argue that the word 'faith' should not even apply. Yet UUism is more than just a social organization. And the adopted Seven Principles is an attempt to carve out a broad set of moral guidelines that could be called the organization's 'credo' (distinct from a creed in that members are meant only to be 'guided' by these principles, and are certainly not required to profess them themselves as is done with the creeds of many faith traditions). In addition to the essays, each of which explores the individual's personal take on one of the Principles, there are six short 'Prayers and Readings' appropriate to the theme. Since I bought the book and read it straight through, I've found myself returning to this book as a reference to both broaden and clarify my understanding of a particular Principle. I've also used the readings in some of the Adult Education classes I've attended that are organized by my congregation. In a nutshell, this is an excellent resource for people new to UUism, because it can serve as both a handbook and a jumping off point for the personal spiritual seeking that UUism so favors.

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