

UNIVERSALIST QUOTATIONS

Here are a few Universalist quotations from the 18th to the 20th century, gathered by the New York State Convention of Universalists.

18th Century:

“The spirit of Love will be intensified to Dodly proportions when reciprocal love exists between the entire human race and each of its individual members. That love must be based upon mutual respect for the differences in color, language and worship, even as we appreciate and accept with gratitude the differences that tend to unite the male and female of all species. We do not find those differences obstacles to love.”

John Murray

19th Century:

“The Universalists believe that God is too good to damn [humanity], while the Unitarians believe that [humanity] us too good to be damned by God.”

Thomas Starr King

20th Century:

“If we want Universalism to continue to exert its historic influence as a constituent part of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we must become articulate about our belief and choose those actions which will demonstrate that we do not just talk about compassion and love and understanding, but that they are values which we incorporate into our inner frame of reference.”

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