

What Do Unitarian Universalists Believe about the Bible?

UUs regard the Bible as one of many important religious texts but don't consider it the exclusive source of truth, nor are we Biblical literalists. Although UUs have a deep respect for the Bible and esteem some of its content as great literature, it isn't the central sacred text in our religion because we also revere the sacred literature of many religions other than the Judeo-Christian. As Robert Fulghum has written, "A religion is not contained in a single book; there's something religious in almost any book."

In most of our congregations, the Bible is read and studied as any other sacred text might be, from time to time, and not routinely. It is one text among many. We believe that we should read the Bible as we read other literary material — with reason and a critical eye.

We hold that revelation is not sealed (and therefore not definitively reportable), but is ongoing. UUs aspire to truth as wide as our investigations and imaginations will allow. We seek to find the truth anywhere, universally, and not in a single book.