

## NOTABLE UNITARIANS, UNIVERSALISTS, AND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

A number of notable people have considered themselves Unitarians, Universalists, and following the merger of these two denominations in 1961, Unitarian Universalists. Additionally, there are persons who, because of their writings or reputation, are considered to have held Unitarian or Universalist beliefs. Individuals who held unitarian (non-trinitarian) beliefs but were not affiliated with Unitarian organizations are often referred to as "small u" unitarians. The same principle can be applied to those who believed in universal salvation but were not members of Universalist organizations.

The Unitarians and the Universalists were groups that existed long before the creation of Unitarian Universalism. Early Unitarians did not hold Universalist beliefs and early Universalists didn't hold Unitarian beliefs. But beginning in the 19th century the theologies of these two groups started becoming similar.

Additionally, their eventual merger as the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) did not eliminate divergent Unitarian and Universalist congregations, especially outside the U.S. Even within the U.S. some congregations still keep only one of the two names. However, with only a few exceptions, all belong to the UUA.

The following list of notable UUs is by no means a complete list. A more complete list can be found on Wikipedia. And even THEY say their list can't possibly be complete!

- \*Abigail Adams (1744-1818) first "Second Lady" and second "First Lady" of the U.S.
- \*John Adams (1735-1826) 2nd President of the United States
- \*John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) 6th President of the United States and co-founder of All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, D.C.
- \*Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888) author
- \*Arthur J. Altmeyer (1891-1972) father of Social Security
- \*Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) born Quaker, became Unitarian

- \*Naomi King (1970- ) Unitarian minister, daughter of author Stephen King
- \*Herman Melville (1819-1891) author best known for "Moby Dick"
- \*Christopher Moore - founder of the Chicago Children's Choir
- \*Paul Newman (1925-2008) need he be described???
- \*Mary White Ovington (1865-1951) founder of the NAACP
- \*Joseph Priestley (1733-1804) Unitarian minister, discovered oxygen
- \*Christopher Reeve (1952-2004) actor
- \*Paul Revere (1735-1818) industrialist and patriot
- \*May Sarton (1912-1995) poet
- \*Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) Nobel Peace Laureate in 1953
- \*Pete Seeger (1919-2014) folk singer and songwriter
- \*Rod Serling (1924-1975) creator of "The Twilight Zone"
- \*Adlai Stevenson (1900-1965) Illinois governor and Democratic presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956
- \*William Howard Taft (1857-1930) 27th President of the United States
- \*Daniel Webster (1782-1852) as in "the dictionary"!
- \*Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947) philosopher
- \*Joanne Woodward (1930- ) actress and wife of Paul Newman
- \*Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) architect, Unity Temple in Oak Park, Illinois and First Unitarian Society in Madison, Wisconsin
- \*John Sigismund Zapolya (1540-1570) King of Hungary, then Prince of Transylvania