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**John Buehrens, Forrest Church : A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism:

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not mention the life and teachings of Jesus which are important. Unitarian Universalists do have Christian roots. Rev John Buehrens points out that "The living tradition we share draws from diverse sources." UU's have a rich tradition going back to the reformation, questioning the belief in the Trinity. Michael Servetus was burned at the stake as a heretic for challenging this belief. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. So you want to be a UU? This is the book for you. By Meghan The book you are pointed to when you are thinking of joining a Unitarian Universalist church. I had it on hard copy and wanted a kindle version. I'm so glad that it's on kindle now. It's the perfect introduction and something you'll go back to years later. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Reference book on Unitarianism By cvnativeinpa A wonderful book on Unitarian Universalism. I bought it to do a research paper on religion, New Thought, and it was complete, easy to understand and above all, inspirational.

For those contemplating religious choices, Unitarian Universalism offers an appealing alternative to religious denominations that stress theological creeds over individual conviction and belief. In this new edition of the classic introductory text on Unitarian Universalism, which includes a revealing, entertaining foreword by best-selling author Robert Fulghum (*All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It*), a new preface by UU moderator Denise Davidoff, and two new chapters by the authors, John Buehrens and Forrest Church explore the many sources of the living tradition of their chosen faith.

.com *A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism*, by John A. Buehrens and Forrest Church, is hard to describe. The book is a history of the denomination, with lively passages depicting the lives and ministries of important Unitarian-Universalist leaders such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and William Ellery Channing. Yet it is also a collection of testimonies by contemporary laypeople and ministers, who describe their churches' responses to questions ranging from "How do I know when to get married?" to "How should the government treat single mothers?" The funny and wise introduction was written by Robert Fulghum, who indulges the often invoked criticism that Unitarian Universalism's ideals are interchangeable with those of PBS. And, finally, it contains some straightforward explications of the denomination's core principles. The Church's aversion to creeds will be off-putting to some readers--at times, it seems Unitarian Universalists believe in nothing so much as not committing to any one belief. But there's something universally refreshing about this protean faith: most religious people, at one time or another, find that God leads them to reject some tenets of their religion. Unitarian Universalists have a true genius for accepting God's most surprising Words, which makes *A Chosen Faith* a valuable resource for all of us. --Michael Joseph Gross From *Publishers Weekly* Buehrens, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and Church, senior minister of the Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York City, present a summary of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist today. In a new foreword and a new preface prepared for this edition, bestselling author Robert Fulghum, a Unitarian Universalist minister, and Denise Davidoff, a Jewish convert to Unitarian Universalism, add their personal observations. Buehrens and Church cover the history of Unitarian Universalism, whose origins they trace to the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325. The authors also find precursors of Unitarian Universalism during the 16th-century Protestant Reformation, and they find the first mention of "Unitarianism" in England in 1654. The book is an informative look at what they call a "choice in religious living," which they describe as affirming diversity, dialogue, personal choice, and work for social justice. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. Learn here why definitions of the sacred in Unitarian Universalist churches are attracting ever larger and ever more grateful and reverent congregations every Sunday. --Kurt Vonnegut "Only a free faith, a chosen faith, offers the kind of engagement that wakes us up to ourselves and makes us willing to risk what we have for what we could become. This splendid book invites us to consider just such a faith." --Marilyn Sewell "This is simply superb. I know of nothing comparable to it. The old-timer as well as the 'come-outer' will find [A] Chosen Faith irresistible. It will be a gift for everyone, for the minister, for the laity, for theological students. Engaging, seductive, infectious." --James Luther Adams