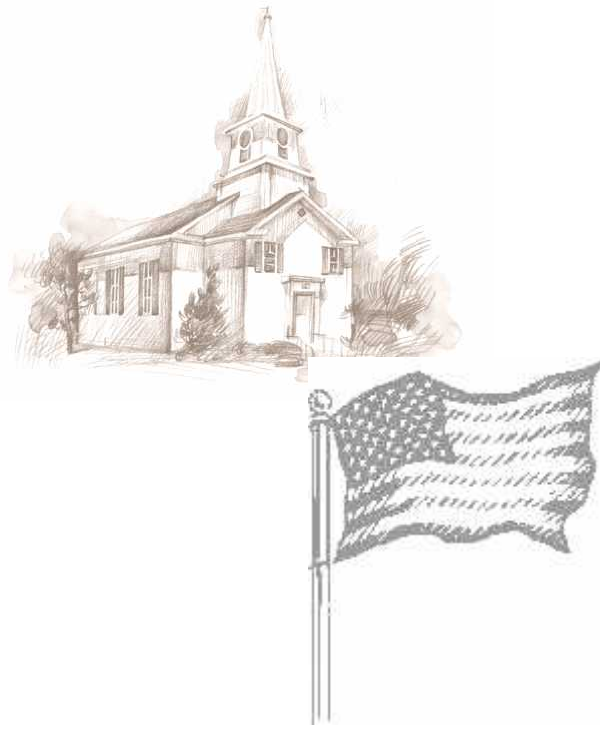




The Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

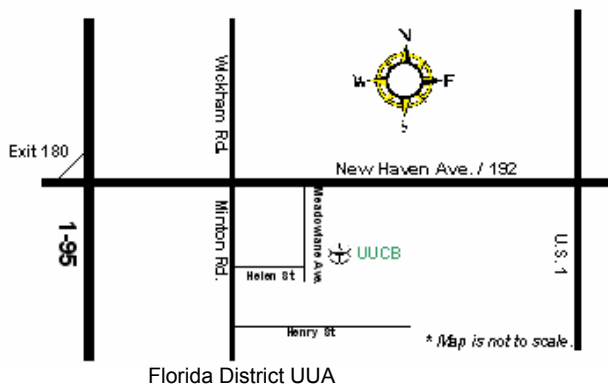
- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between Man & his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, & not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between Church & State.

- *Thomas Jefferson, January 01, 1802*

Letter to a committee of the Danbury Baptist Association in the state of Connecticut



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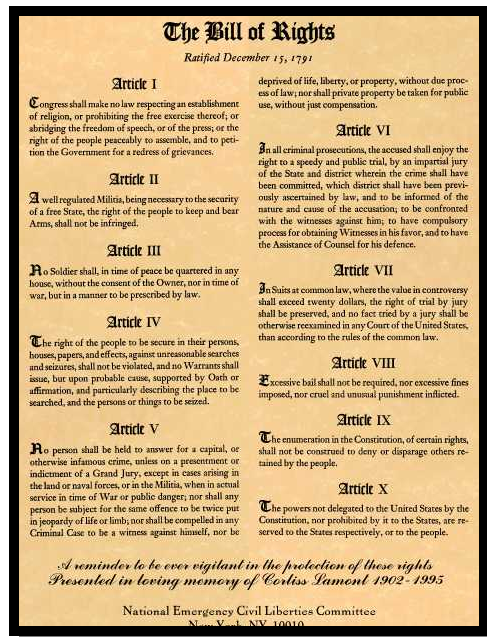
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The "Wall of Separation"

We explore the effects on society when the "wall of separation" is not present and the importance of that wall to each person. We look at recent events in Brevard county and the nation from both religious and secular points of view.

This principle is central to a representative democracy comprised of free and responsible citizens. In forming the foundational political structure of our nation, John Adams drew on sources examining numerous forms of government—Cicero, Swift, Franklin, Machiavelli, Plato, Milton, Hume, Aristotle, Thucydides, Hobbes and Rousseau.



How can people more familiar with Puff Daddy and Barry Bonds than Plato and Hobbes or their modern equivalents—people who get their news from Fox News and talk radio—engage in an informed dialogue?

Allowing our leaders to govern based on emotional reactivity and personal oppressive belief systems is a return to John Calvin's Geneva "where every sin was a crime" and one man defined sin. Our beloved community must transform from the desire to control to a way of life based on love, compassion, justice and freedom.

Come and join us in this dialogue in the grand tradition of the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

Speakers include:

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Christian Alliance for Progress

Mr. Roger Coleman, Iron Oak

Mr. John Lees, attorney

Rev. Jack Higgins, UU Friendship
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Mr. Kevin Aplin,
American Civil Liberties Union

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