

Written for Purposes and Principles service — Not used.

When I was reading over some of the quotations which were loaned by the women of the 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church of Baltimore, the one which surprised me the most was the one by Martin Luther — "If a woman grows weary and at last dies of childbearing, it matters not. Let her die of bearing; she dies there to do it." I was born and raised as a Lutheran and never realized until reading that quotation that the founder of that denomination was a male chauvinist pig. I expect much more from Unitarian Universalism, and that's why I'm concerned about the wording of our Purposes and Principles. Should we cherish and spread so-called "universal truths" which down-grade women?

① My Aunt Millie — she taught me to love the beauty of nature, to be clear and organized, to value family ties, to be independent and self-sufficient, and to care about ~~out~~ other people. With the exception of being clear and organized, I think all of these values relate to the values I have found here at UUCDC.

② The thing that made me most angry in my life was the breakup of my marriage and finding out the hard way how little our American society cares about the plight of women who have spent a good portion of their lives caring for husbands and children and then suddenly finding themselves faced with the nearly impossible task of building a new life for themselves — starting a career, single parenting,