

**Reading for November 7 UUFCM Service.**

Universalism affirms a good destiny for the entire human race. ... The doctrine of endless brutality politely called eternal punishment, must be utterly abhorrent to every thinking mind, revolting to every benevolent instinct. It is a hideous, ghastly, fiendish doctrine, heart-paralyzing, soul-stifling. It makes God infinitely worse than Nero, his malignancy transcending that of all the fiends of cruelty that ever lived. If true for only one soul, then that soul will receive more pain from the hands of God than the whole human family have received from all the monsters of brutality that have cursed our world; because there is no end to it. This doctrine is the great satanic blasphemy of the ages. Its ghastliness is monumental.

Rev. Quillen Hamilton Shinn, 1900

(Excerpt from "Affirmations of Universalism")