

## February Quotes – God

February quotes also include some of the 99 names or attributes by which Muslims describe God. See the 99 names at <http://sufism.org/foundations/ninety-nine-names>

February 1. **Al-Quddus – The Pure One** “Deny conscience, deny generosity, deny purity of heart, and you quench the eye in man’s soul by which he sees God.”

James Freeman Clarke, UU Minister

February 2. **Al-Muhaymin – The Guardian** “Over the course of mature faith development a person’s concept of God is supposed to die, over and over, and each time it is reborn in newer more meaningful ways. Discovering what is of ultimate concern in our lives is a never-ending process. Religion is meant to aid us in this essential task.”

Rev Marlin Lavanhar, UU Minister

February 3. **Al-Batin – The Hidden One** “To me, god is the action of experiencing a part of the ultimate reality - that which is beyond rationality - within our own lives. I think of god as more of a verb than a noun.”

Eric Huang

February 4. **Al-Májid – The Glorious** “The soul can split the sky in two and let the face of God shine through.

Edna St. Vincent Millay

February 5. **Al-Mughni – The Enricher** “Inside this clay jug there are canyons and pine mountains, and the maker of canyons and pine mountains! All seven oceans are inside, and hundreds of millions of stars. The acid that tests gold is there, and the one who judges jewels. And the music from the strings no one touches, and the source of all water.

If you want the truth, I will tell you the truth: Friend, listen: the God whom I love is inside.”

Kabir

February 6. **Al-Fattah – The Opener** “I believe that our existence is a miraculous blessing and that we are all part of the cosmic dance. Our human condition is one of basic goodness, despite the pain, suffering and cruelty that exist. Death is the end of individual ego consciousness but not the end of the eternal divine spirit that resides in each of us.”

Rima Snyder

February 7. **Al-Khabir – The All-Aware** “God does not die on the day we cease to believe in a personal diety, but we die on the day when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance, renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason.”

Dag Hammarskjöld

February 8. **Al-Latif – The Subtle One** “Many people proclaim a God of their understanding has given them Salvation. For me Love is the greatest salvation and salve for my trials and tribulation. My God is so much more than what I can express in words.”

Rev. Carrie Lauer

February 9 **Ash-Shakur – The Rewarder of Thankfulness** “Recently I had an "epiphany" of sorts about my negative reactions to all the theistic words and ideas in use at UCCSM. It was that we have an opportunity to be way-showers in the world by building peace and understanding amongst ourselves, celebrating what we have in common instead of focusing on our differences. If we can't do it here at UCCSM, how can we have hope for our world? May our congregation at UCCSM know that we have so much more in common to celebrate together instead of focusing on our belief or non-belief in God. “  
In loving - Margot Page

February 10. **Al-Wahhab – The Giver of All** “If you accept that God created everything, you have to accept that she created a universe with a great deal of diversity, with many, many ways of getting the same job done. I can look out my window and see literally hundreds of species of plants, dozens of species of birds, at night you can see big stars, little stars, and so on. Would it make sense, then, that that same God would turn around and say "you can only know me this one way, you must worship with only these sets of words, you must do things this way and no other"? I'm still thinking about that...”  
Bluejay Adametz

February 11. **Az-Zahir – The Manifest One** “I think in terms of Nature rather than God.”  
Ellen Levy

February 12. **Ash-Shahid – The Witness** “To me, God is the wonder we feel at a new discovery; the connection during an invigorating conversation; the inspiration of the creative spark; the warmth of a loving embrace. We may all call it different things, but I think that's just semantics. God is in those moments; God is those moments.”  
Laura Matthews

February 13. **Al-Hamid – The Praised One** “The way we talk about things creates boundaries that aren't there. Spiritually speaking, the greatest boundary we create is by using the words “human beings” and “God”. God is a metaphor for what is Divine in every human. As soon as we forget that, we put God out there.”  
Adyashanti

February 14. **Al-Wadud – The Loving One** “Love is the every only god”  
E.E. Cummings

February 15. **Al-Muqit – The Nourisher** “There are different kinds of knowing. It may be that past a certain point the question of God cannot be approached with the mind alone. Mental knowing may be intrinsically incapable of recognizing what God really is. For all the important questions of life the knowledge of the mind, the heart and the body have to come together. “  
Jacob Needleman

February 16. **Al-Haqq – The Truth** “When the solution is simple, God is answering.”  
Albert Einstein

February 17. **Ar-Rahman – The All Merciful** “Where mercy, love and pity dwell, there God is dwelling too.”  
William Blake

February 18. **Al-Jami – The Gatherer** “While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God’s creation.”  
Maya Angelou

February 19. **Al-‘Alim – The Knower of All** “Even if you have stopped believing in God, you replaced God with something. That is why our most important religious – or spiritual – task is to make sure that what- ever replaces our old concept of God is truly worthy of our allegiance and sacrifice.”  
Rev. Marlin Lavanhar UU Minister

February 20. **Al-Badi – The Originator** “GOD has been so anthropomorphized in our Western culture, it is easier to describe what GOD is not for me - the Great Parent and Magic Genie “out there” fighting my battles, distributing my justice, granting my wishes. GOD, for me, cannot not be described. To use a word or an image or a sensation instantly makes it me, and GOD is not me. Yet, GOD is me.”  
Rhonda Peacock

February 21. **An-Nur – The Light** “In order to know God we have to kill our idea of God.”  
Meister Eckhart

February 22. “I believe God exists — He’s one of our most powerful innovations.”  
Bob Dietz

February 23. **Al-Wajid – The Finder** “If we accept that religion is not meant to provide us with information about God’s existence but instead to help us live lives of dignity, meaning, worth, and joy, then we might also accept that God is no longer a problem to be solved but rather a mystery in which we can participate.”  
Barbara Prose, UU Minister

February 24. **Al-Hayy – The Ever Living One** “ I don't feel that there is God apart from us, rather I believe that the divine is within each of us and within each living being.”  
Rima Snyder

February 25. **Al-Barr – The Doer of Good** “We make an assumption that the word *God* will be filtered through your own understanding as we try to reclaim theological terms usurped by the religious right.”  
Rev. Tamara Lebak, UU minister

February 26. **Ar-Razzaq – The Sustainer** “I love reading about God, the Mystery, that has been present in thought and experience with people for many thousands of years and I value my own experiences of this Mystery—experiences which pale when put into words. I believe we are eternal souls, at one with the Mystery we call God. I think it is this indwelling God which causes us to question and to try to remember our Oneness in the duality of this world.  
Bettye Barclay

February 27. **Al-Karim – The Generous** “To love another person is to see the face of God.”  
*Les Miserables*

February 28. **Al-Musawwir – The Shaper of Beauty** “There is no place in my soul, no corner of my character, where God is not”  
Evelyn Underhill

