

First Universalist Church of Denver
Rev. Eric Banner
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3/31/25

Rev. Banner,

Thank you for everything that you do. I am requesting a ½ hour meeting.

Here is a video that I made for you & First Universalist:

[PLAY ME](#)

I have “CC”d Kelly Dignan on this email. I am willing to pay for consultation that would assist in my spiritual development (with a focus on career development).

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For 40 or more years, I battled fundamental – crippling – problems associated with alcoholism and an overprescription to a powerful anti-convulsant (I’m an epileptic).

I since overcome that decades long torment. I discuss it a bit in the attached video: [I also discuss it online](#). However, my quality of life – pathetic employment and friendlessness – is reflected by a past that was severely hobbled.

While working through my problems, I was a recurring member of the First Unitarian Society. Subsequent to that, my issues caused me to be homeless for a couple of years. During that time, I converted to a contemporary form of Judaism: [Reconstructionist](#) .

A goal of mine is to participate in both the area temple and an area Unitarian or Universalist congregation: I feel that this would be well-rounded.

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On 10/22/23, I posted the [Prologue](#) to my free online novel: [Brandon Gets His Big Break](#).

My introductory comments are autobiographical: discussing my conversion and other things.

Currently unfinished, I have been posting the chapters of ‘Brandon’ as I complete them. Set in modern day Hollywood, it is a novel of political and social commentary. One of the central characters – Jane – is a Jew. A central plot in the book is the developing friendship between her and Amy. As it progresses, the two share confidences.

Amy tells Jane about the permanent trauma that was caused by her Evangelical mom attempting to murder her upon discovering that she was lesbian: this happened when Amy was 13.

Jane tells Amy about witnessing both of her parents being shot dead at a JCC when she was a child. She continued to harbor guilt over their deaths. As the gunman sprayed the room with a Uzi, Jane's panicked reaction exposed them.

Amy is a reflection on my bisexuality: Jane is a reflection on my conversion to Judaism.

I converted when I was homeless. [Judaism as a Civilization](#) was one of the two books that helped me work through some issues. The other one was [Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? \(And Other Concerns\)](#) by Mindy Kaling.

While still on the streets, I posted a blog on *Boulder Jewish News* in 2013:

[Buddha's Last Words: Why I Became a Jew](#)

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In addition to [the video message that I prepared for 1st Universalist](#), here's a generic video that might interest you:

[PLAY ME](#)

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As I discuss in the videos, my parents – while well meaning – were stupid people who totally trashed my development (professionally, socially and sexually).

I discuss this in the [Prologue](#) to my free online novel *Brandon Gets His Big Break*.

Despite the daunting challenges caused by my parents, I am determined to realize my some of my potential.

As I mentioned, I have been working on an online writing project for the last couple of years. Since my resume does not reflect my abilities, I present my writings as a work portfolio.

These are the last four essays:

[Can the Dictator be removed? \(As Trump becomes an undeniable authoritarian: will the People finally rise up?\)](#)

[The Death of Empathy \(A look at the science of propaganda and a few ideas to counter it\)](#)

[The Tao of Elliot Page \(A companion to "The Gnosis of Elliot Page" \(02/01/2024\)\)](#)

[Our Descent Into Madness \(A look at just some of the depraved and unhinged s--- that Trump is doing\)](#)

I look forward to speaking with you.

Namaste and Shalom,

John Eisenhower

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