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## UPCOMING SERVICE INFORMATION

*Musical Prelude at 10:45 a.m. \* Service at 11:00 a.m.*

*October 3, 2010, 11 a.m.*

### **Association Sunday: The Religion for Our Time**

*Worship Leader:* Rev. Colin Bossen  
*Musician:* Karin Tooley

The American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America merged to form the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1961. This year's Association Sunday will celebrate the upcoming fiftieth anniversary of the merger by asking the question: "Can we be the religion for our time?"

*October 10, 2010, 11 a.m.*

### **Privilege and Oppression**

*Worship Leader:* Rev. Colin Bossen  
*Musician:* Karin Tooley

Almost everyone has experienced or will experience some form of oppression and has benefited or will benefit from some form of privilege in their lives. What are the spiritual dimensions of privilege and oppression?

*October 17, 2010, 11 a.m.*

### **Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful**

*Worship Leader:* Rev. Kalen Fristad  
*Musician:* Karin Tooley

Universalism is transformative. Let's celebrate it's history and future potential. Guest speaker Kalen Fristad is a United Methodist minister and leading contemporary universalist. He is the Chair of the Board of the Christian Universalist Association, an international network of universalist churches.

### **Wheelchair Available**

The Society has a wheel chair available for use during congregational events.

*October 24, 2010, 11 a.m.*

### **The Many and the One**

*Worship Leader:* Rev. Colin Bossen  
*Musicians:* Rafiki (Liturgical Dance)  
and Karin Tooley

Our second service in our year long series on the religions of the world will explore Hinduism. We'll look at the teaching that everything is a different manifestation of the same essence.

*October 31, 2010, 11 a.m.*

### **Day of the Dead**

*Worship Leaders:* Rev. Colin Bossen and  
Nathan Staples, DRE  
*Musicians:* UUSC Choir (Barbara Boyd, Director)  
and Karin Tooley

The Day of the Dead is celebrated throughout Latin America. It is a time to remember family and friends who have died and to reflect upon our own mortality. As part of this intergenerational service of remembrance and reflection we will be building an altar to commemorate our ancestors. Please bring photographs, stories and other mementos of your departed loved ones to share. You are also invited to wear your Halloween costume.

*November 7, 2010, 11 a.m.*

### **Ending the Drug War**

*Worship Leader:* Rev. Colin Bossen  
*Musician:* Karin Tooley

On election day Californian's will decide whether or not to decriminalize marijuana. What might a partial end to the drug prohibition look like? How might it effect society economically, politically and spiritually?

### **On Facebook?**

If so, check out the Society's Facebook page. A link to it can be found on our website at [www.uucleveland.org](http://www.uucleveland.org).

## Notes from our Minister

It's been exciting to watch the programming come together for the program year. We've lined up some great speakers for our after Sunday forum series. Confirmed speakers include the legendary civil rights activist and labor attorney Staughton Lynd and Deborah Popowski, the Skirball Fellow at the Harvard Law School.

Covenant groups are coming together and later in this Beacon you'll find a listing of the groups planned so far for the year. Nathan's still able to add covenant groups through the 10th of the month so if you have an idea for one feel free to contact him at dre@uucleveland.org or 216-932-1898.

We are also planning to continue regular monthly visits with the refugee community from Bhutan that we've been working with. If you haven't visited with them yet I encourage you to do so. It helps them to practice their English and become more acculturated to the United States. And I know that our members benefit from the visits as well. I certainly have.

In addition, we'll be celebrating our community garden on October 9th with a potluck and rainbarrel making workshop. I hope you can make it. It will be a great way to meet some of the wonderful gardeners and help make our building a little more green.

Finally, Kelsey and I are starting a coffee conversation series at Algebra Tea House in Little Italy. The series starts on the 12th of October with a discussion on the politicization of religion. It will run monthly with planned topics including the science and religion debate and spirituality without religion. We're hoping to use it as a tool to reach out to college students and other young adults. We're advertising the conversation series on Facebook and through posters and flyers. If you know someone who might be interested in participating please let them know about it.

All of these programs, our uplifting worship service, our religious education program and more should ensure that this year proves to be another engaging and fulfilling one here at the Society. I look forward to sharing it with you.

Love,  
Colin

PS: I had a piece last month in Sightings, a publication of the University of Chicago Divinity School's Martin Marty Center. In case you missed it, with their permission, we've included it with this month's Beacon.

## Stewardship

Dear Members: As part of an ongoing effort to keep this congregation informed about the financial health of the Society, the Board has decided to provide a summary of monthly income. This is the first of what will be a regular report. As of the end of August, 2010, we have received \$7,298 toward the full year pledge amount of \$54,155. Collections in August brought in \$414 for special collections and \$278 in non-pledge contributions to the general fund. The Society also brought in \$1,086 in other income during the month of August.

Ben Faller  
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## Special Collections & Donations

September Special Collection: InterAct Cleveland — \$149.50.

The Society donated 27 pounds of food to Heights Emergency Food Center in August.

Thank you for your generosity!

## From Our President

On Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> the Stewardship Committee launched a Secondary Stewardship Campaign. At this year's annual meeting, the congregation voted to approve our 2010/2011 annual budget of \$204,351. Members' pledges account for \$77,760 of the budget; the remainder comes from other income sources and investment withdrawal. As mentioned in past Beacons the 2010/2011 pledge campaign fell \$23,000 short of our pledge goal. This Secondary Stewardship Campaign's goal is to try and meet our pledge goal and raise \$23,000. I know it will be difficult for all of us to increase our pledges, but the Stewardship Committee and the Board are asking members to do what they can and what they are comfortable with.

Recently the Board read the first reading in a 10-month study of Stewardship. We read an excerpt from the book "Blessing the World" by Rebecca Parker titled "What shall we do with all this Beauty?" There was a section that reflected how I see this community.

*"Our responsibility as a religious community includes offering sanctuary and shelter to the religious visionaries, the people of soul who know the way ahead. ....More is asked of us that we could have imagined. The beauty of life is such that it will not let us go until we have offered the blessings we have to offer."*

With the beginning of this second campaign and the start of the Boards study of stewardship I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our members both current and past who have provided their hard work, determination, spiritual practice and commitment to this Society. I am blessed to be a part of this community and its beauty.

Rachel Webb

## Community Organizing in Cleveland

On September 14, eight of our members attended an inspiring meeting of more than 350 clergy and lay leaders from about twenty local congregations. Bringing together a very diverse group of Christians, Jews, Muslims, Unitarian Universalists, and others, the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) held its first major event in Northeast Ohio. This inaugural meeting began a process designed to create in this region a broad-based organization that will train and empower us to work together to address a range of economic and social issues. We heard about successful organizations in Boston, New York, and many other cities, and about their victories in health care, education, public safety, housing, and other key areas. The meeting included small-group discussions to identify the problems that most concern us. It ended with each congregation committing to send a group of leaders to a series of three training sessions in October. Our congregation committed to sending at least five people. The congregations together committed to almost two hundred. The trainings will be 7-9 p.m. on three consecutive Thursday nights in October:

7th: "Understanding Power and Self-interest" Olivet Institutional Baptist Church 8712 Quincy Ave., Cleveland;

14th: "Building Relational Power," Tifereth Israel, 26000 Shaker Boulevard, Beachwood  
21st, "Organizing in Your Congregation," Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

If you are interested in attending or in learning more about this effort, please contact me or Rev. Bossen (minister@uucleveland.org).

Rob Kleidman  
rakedman@yahoo.com

## UUSC News/Announcements

**Shifting Gears:** The next meeting of Shifting Gears will be held on the first Thursday, October 7, at 1:30 p.m. at the Society. For more information contact Lainey Warren at [hockeyfan631@yahoo.com](mailto:hockeyfan631@yahoo.com).

**Sustainability Week October 2-10:** We will celebrate this event by hosting a Community Potluck and Rainbarrel Workshop on Saturday, October 9th from 5-7 p.m. at the Society. Everyone is invited to bring a dish from your garden or local farmers' market and help make rain barrels for our building. Want to be involved? Contact Kelsey Fischer at [membership@uucleveland.org](mailto:membership@uucleveland.org).

**Reading to Refugees:** We will be going to Green Road to read to the Bhutanese refugees on the first Tuesday of every month on Oct 5, Nov 2, and Dec 7 at 7 PM. If you would like to help by reading to children, helping with homework (especially math and science), or conversing with the adults, please contact Claire Brugnoletti ([clairebrugnoletti@comcast.net](mailto:clairebrugnoletti@comcast.net)), Kelsey Fischer ([fischer.kelsey@gmail.com](mailto:fischer.kelsey@gmail.com)), or Reverend Colin ([minister@uucleveland.org](mailto:minister@uucleveland.org)).

**Young Adult Discussion Series:** This month, the Society begins its Young Adult Discussion Series at Algebra Tea House in Little Italy. Discussions will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Topics will cover spirituality, politics, current events and the ways they intersect. Join us on October 12 to discuss "The Politicization of Religion". For more information contact Kelsey Fischer at [membership@uucleveland.org](mailto:membership@uucleveland.org) or 216-932-1898.

**This Is Your Brain on Meditation:** A six-session series exploring insights from neuroscience and meditation. Using the book, *Buddha's Brain*, by Rick Hanson, we'll explore how the brain really is wired for suffering. We'll learn meditation techniques that allow us to rewire our brains for peacefulness—changing our minds and changing our lives. UU Society 1st Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. on Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2. Facilitated by Rev. Mary Grigolia. For more information call 216-539-3784, or email: [mary@marygrigolia.com](mailto:mary@marygrigolia.com). Fee: Suggested donation \$10 per session (more if you can, less if you can't).

**Walk for a Free Palestine:** On October 9, citizens of Cleveland will join Americans in more than 45 cities across the US participating in the Second Annual Free Palestine Walks sponsored by the American Association for Palestinian Equal Rights (AAPER). These silent walks are to raise awareness and to raise funds to educate Americans about Palestine. To walk or sponsor a Free Palestine Walker visit <http://clevelandwalk.eventbrite.com>. Start location is 50 Public Square at 10 a.m.

**Industrial Areas Foundation Community Trainings:** Join with members of the Society and members of other area congregations to learn how to build a powerful movement for social justice in Greater Cleveland. Trainings are 10/7 (Understanding Power and Self-Interest), 10/14 (Building Relational Power) and 10/21 (Organizing in Your Congregation). Contact Rev. Bossen for more information.

**Marriage Celebration on October 10:** Anela Forrest Brown and Jennifer Forrest Brown were married on August 9 in Duxbury, MA. You are invited to join them in celebration on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall after church service. Please RSVP by Oct. 3—Call 216-215-0651.

**Earth-Centered Spirituality Gathering:** The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. when we will celebrate the Winter Solstice. More information to follow as the time draws near. Contact Lainey Warren ([hockeyfan631@yahoo.com](mailto:hockeyfan631@yahoo.com)) or Mary Schatzman for more information ([maryschatzman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maryschatzman@sbcglobal.net)).

**Commemoration of the Martyrs of Central America & Columbia:** Join the InterReligious Task Force on Central America (IRTF) in marking the 30th anniversary of the martyrs on Sunday, November 7, at Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights located at 3301 N. Park Blvd. For tickets and more information contact [sarah@irtfcleveland.org](mailto:sarah@irtfcleveland.org) or call 216-961-0003 ([www.IRTFcleveland.org](http://www.IRTFcleveland.org)).

**An Evening with Lou and Peter Berryman:** On Friday, Nov. 12, at 8:00 p.m. Lou and Peter will perform at the Society for an evening of song, satire, and social significance. Take the wit and elegance of Cole Porter, the wicked topical satire of Tom Lehrer and the absurdity of Flanders and Swann, blend with down-home Wisconsin cheese, wacky harmonies, accordion and 12-string guitar, and voila! The uniquely entertaining team of Lou & Peter Berryman. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. No one turned away for lack of funds. Advance tickets at [www.brownpaperticket.com](http://www.brownpaperticket.com).

## RE-VIEW

Each month, the Religious Education (RE) team will give you a glimpse into what goes on in RE. If you miss an inter-generational service, or usually attend service upstairs on Sundays, you may not know too much about all RE offers or how it works. This month there's lots happening as we start the Religious Education program year!

**Religious Education Classes Start:** The first day of classes for the new program year is Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This first day will be a fun and special "getting to know you" event.

**Covenant Groups / Small Groups Start:** We are pleased to announce the start of these covenant and small groups! You can contact the leaders directly to join, or sign-up on the provided sheets on Sundays, after services.

**Bicycling Group (The Cycling Fuuls) - Dana Bjorkland, Linda Coulter:** Dana and Linda will lead participants in 10-20 mile bike rides, some urban and some on bike paths. Eating will also be a prominent feature. Bicycle transportation to some rides may be necessary. Email: danabjorklund@gmail.com or lacoultah@gmail.com.

**GLBT Discussion Group - Nate Brown, Ellen Fry:** Our extremely popular GLBT discussion group will meet again this year but with brand new topics. All are welcome to attend. Come share in food and conversation of topics important to the gay and lesbian community. Email: thepuppetnude@yahoo.com or fry.ellen@gmail.com.

**Stand Up Comedy - Nate Brown:** Have you ever wanted to know how to write and perform a joke? Come join up and coming comic Nate Brown and learn how to write original jokes and perform them in your own voice. Participants will create a short set of original jokes that they will eventually perform in front of the congregation. Email: thepuppetnude@yahoo.com

**Movies - Mary Schatzman:** Come one, come all - this year we are having Movie Nights! These will occur on the fourth Sunday evening of each month at 5 pm. The plan is to watch a movie while eating supper, then have some discussion. It will be held at the UU Society. We may modify the plan later, but for the first Movie Night, we will provide pizza. Let's keep it simple. We'll try to get a count of how many plan to attend, and you can bring your own beverages or alternative food if you don't like pizza.

The first Movie Night will be Sunday, October 24. The first movie will be the "mockumentary" *A Day Without a Mexican*. This movie is about the various aspects of immigration issues. For questions, or to indicate your plan to attend, please see Mary Schatzman. Email: maryschatzman@sbcglobal.net.

We have one or two more groups not listed that are still in the idea stage. As they are confirmed, we'll announce them here. If you have general questions about these groups or one you still want to start, please contact Nathan Staples.

**Update on Nursery Mini-Goal:** Our Religious Education Mini-Goal is refreshing and re-stocking the Nursery. A few folks have asked for the list of what's needed again, so here it is: A new (or like new) CD player / Child friendly music CDs / Caldecott Medal Children's Books / A 6-8' round rug (for the children's reading area) / A children's bean bag chair / Large Cardboard Building Blocks / Animal Hand Puppets (not finger puppets). Our Mini-Goal target date is October 31<sup>st</sup>, so if you can donate items by then, it would be great! This list will also be posted on the Nursery room door, for your convenience.

And don't forget the Nursery Painting Party. You can join us for that on Saturday, October 23rd, 10am – Noon. Lunch will be provided.

To make donations, or volunteer to help paint, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Nathan Staples at dre@uucleveland.org or 216-932-1898.

## Kelsey's Corner

This month, we welcome three new members, Beth and Ron McClellan and Cliff Perkins!

Beth and Ron McClellan and their children, Randy (4 years) and Willie (4 months) moved recently to the area from Medina. Beth and Ron were previously involved with the UU Young Adult Network. Ron had been a member of First UU Church of Columbus at one point and this is Beth's first membership to a church. Beth and Ron are pleased to be raising their children in the UU faith.

Cliff Perkins, a graduate student at CSU, joins the UUSC after a lifetime of avoiding creeds and seeking fellowship with like-minded people. He traces his attraction to the UU church back to his childhood when his mother and his favorite aunt explained to him how their UU background compared to various other views. "It did take me some time to realize that in this Society our 'unity in diversity' is quite real," says Cliff. "It's awesome how respectful people here are of the individual's right to define her or his journey, while keeping the feeling of group purpose." His Aunt, Ruth Davies Anderson, now 82 and a former member of the old congregation from E. 82d Street, says "You're exactly where you belong!"

Join me in welcoming Beth, Ron and Cliff into our community. Please also note the special message from the Membership Committee in this edition of the Beacon.

Kelsey Fischer, Membership Coordinator  
membership@uucleveland.org

## Membership Committee

The Membership Committee Needs Your Help!

It's time for all UUSC members to come to the aid of the Membership Committee. We need help with the most important work of the Society: building membership! The Membership Committee works to increase UUSC membership by:

- 1- Attracting visitors to attend a service.
- 2- Greeting our visitors cordially, making their visit comfortable and informative.
- 3- Following up with those interested, leading to membership.

**We need your help with step #2: "Greeting our visitors cordially," and it works like this:** Each Sunday, we have a Welcome Team of five UUSC members. Two in the lobby, usually with Colin, help welcome *everyone* who comes through the front door. But especially, they greet and welcome new visitors and direct them to the Welcome Table.

Two others staff the Welcome Table to again greet new and returning visitors, collect their contact information, answer questions and fill out legible name cards. We are never pushy in our welcome process.

Just inside the sanctuary, a fifth team member welcomes all who enter and hands them an Order of Service and hymnals. *And that's it!* **Apart from having to arrive a littler earlier than usual (by 10:30 am) it's just like coming to regular Sunday Service.** And we'll help with anything you need to know.

**What we are asking for:** The Membership Committee must designate Welcome Teams at least a week before the Sunday service date. For this to happen quickly and easily, we want to be able to phone a **Welcome Team Pool** of committed UUSC members who are willing to help with the Welcome Team perhaps once a month. By calling into a pool of committed members, we can assemble Welcome Teams in a few minutes, as opposed to the present time-consuming method of individual contact. Can we count you as a committed member of the **Welcome Team Pool**? Of course, we'll spread the welcome work so a few don't carry the load.

**If you are able to serve on our Welcome Team Pool please respond "yes" using the sign-up sheet located at the Welcome Table. You may also call the Society (216-932-1898) or e-mail Walter Nicholes at Walt15@sbcglobal.net.**

*Thanks from the UUSC Membership Committee!*

# October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. (every Sunday) First Sunday Lunch 12:30	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Reading to Refugees 7 p.m.	<b>6</b> Awakening Your Brain to Meditation 7-8:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> Shifting Gears 1:30 p.m. Joseph Campbell Round Table 7:30 p.m. IAF Training 7	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Community Potluck 5-7:00 p.m. Circle Supper (in home) 6:30 p.m.
<b>10</b> Religious Education 11:00 a.m. Anela & Jennifer Celebration 1:00 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> IAF Training 7-9 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Religious Education Committee Mtg. 7 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Spirit Song Circle 7-8:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> Board Meeting 7pm  IAF Training 7-9 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Nursery Painting Party 10 a.m.—12 Noon
<b>24</b> <i>Beacon Deadline</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Day of the Dead						

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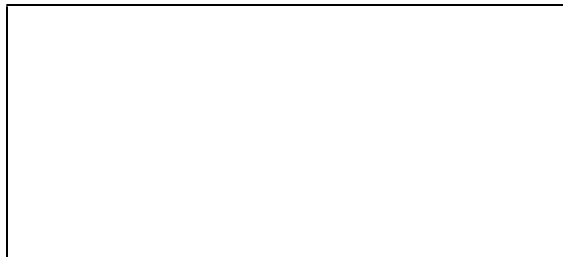
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**UUSC DEADLINES:**

**Beacon Articles:** Deadline for November is October 24th

**Order of Service/Announcements:**

Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service

**Board Reports:** Tuesday a.m. before the Board Meeting

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*This is only a partial list, to make it complete, send your special dates to the Office at office@uucleveland.org or just call and leave a message on the machine. Thanks!!*

*October*

Stephanie Cohen	1
Ken Nightingale	8
Ed Fritz	11
Carson Burwell	16
Sharon Cook	19
Eric Wellman	22
Steve Doell	23
Dana Bjorklund	25



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*Board Meetings are held on the  
4th Wednesday of the month at  
7:00 p.m.*

# Sightings

September 23, 2010

Stephen Hawking and the Religion vs. Science Debate

— Colin Bossen

Despite the long-standing decline in church attendance and an increasing number of people who identify as "spiritual but not religious," stirring up controversy about, or defending, the existence of God remains an excellent way to sell books. *The Grand Design*, Stephen Hawking's new book, written with Leonard Mlodinow, is no exception. The book's passages about God, and the authors' dispensation of the necessity of God the creator, have generated significant media attention.

Hawking is the former Lucian Chair of Mathematics at Cambridge University—a chair previously held by Isaac Newton—and a best-selling popular science author. When he speaks people tend to pay attention. His assertion, therefore, of the non-necessity of God has set off another round of the debate between atheists and believers over the existence of the deity. Most of the noise has been on the part of Hawking's critics who have responded to his assertion with both witty articles—like Clay Farris Naff's piece "Stephen Hawking to God: Your Services Are No Longer Needed; God to Hawking: You So Don't Get Who I Am"—and those of a more serious tone.

Neither side brings much new to the debate. Members of the scientific community have been declaring the non-necessity of God for hundreds of years. Hawking provides one example in his mention of the scientific determinist Pierre-Simon, marquis de Laplace. Laplace believed that, in Hawking's words, "a complete set of laws fully determines both the future and the past." This led him to argue that there was no place for miracles or an active role for God in the universe. During a famous exchange with Napoleon, Laplace was asked about the role of God in his scientific model. He replied, "I have no need for that hypothesis."

Theologians, particularly those of the liberal tradition, have often answered such declarations with tracts suggesting that while people like Laplace may know something about science and mathematics they know little about the nature of the divine. To offer one example, portions of the German theologian Friedrich Schleiermacher's late eighteenth-century book *On Religion: Speeches to its Cultured Despisers* could have been written in response to *The Grand Design*. In his work, Schleiermacher cedes the realms of

"metaphysics and morals" to others and instead argues that the basis of religion is "feeling and intuition."

Schleiermacher's argument is essentially that religion is not about what we know or even what we do. It is about what we feel. He believed the religious feeling was one of experiencing "everything individual as a part of the whole and everything limited as a representation of the infinite." In Schleiermacher's view, all people have such experiences. How an individual understands and interprets such feelings is more a reflection of cultural location and personal temperament than absolute truth. Christians understand the religious feeling as the presence of Christ. Muslims understand it as a connection to Allah. And scientific rationalists "gazing at the immense heavens above," understand it, in Hawking's words, as "wonder." Each understand the feeling differently, but all have it.

Schleiermacher's observation that religion is rooted in feeling may provide an insight into why books on religion and God continue to be best-sellers in the increasingly secular landscapes of America and Europe. Even though ever-growing numbers of people no longer participate in religious institutions, the feeling of connection that generates religion remains inherent within them. Seeking to make sense of that feeling, they continue to gravitate towards texts, other forms of media and public thinkers that explain it. Even if religious institutions continue to decline, the religion-science debate is bound to remain with us for some time to come.

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