

Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website
"Risk/Possibility"
Covenant Group Curriculum, River of Grass Unitarian Universalist
Congregation, Davie, FL

Opening Meditation/Music/Silence/Chalice Lighting (whichever one(s) you choose to do)

Opening Words:

I do not believe that the meaning of life is a puzzle to be solved.

Life is. I am. Anything might happen.

And I believe I *may* invest my life with meaning.

The uncertainty is a blessing in disguise.

If I were absolutely certain about all things, I would spend my life in anxious misery, fearful of losing my way. But since everything and anything are always possible, the miraculous is always nearby and wonders shall never, ever cease.

I believe that human freedom may be stated in one term, which serves as a little brick propping open the door of existence: Maybe.

- *Maybe (Maybe Not): Second Thoughts from a Secret Life*, Robert Fulghum

Check-in/Sharing

Topic/Reading:

1. ... have patience with everything that remains unsolved in your heart. Try to love the *questions themselves*, like locked rooms and like books written in a foreign language. Do not now look for the answers. They cannot now be given to you because you could not live them. It is a question of experiencing everything. At present you need to *live* the question. Perhaps you will gradually, without even noticing it, find yourself experiencing the answer, some distant day.

- *Letters to a Young Poet*, Rainer Maria Rilke

2. Kilgore Trout once wrote a short story which was a dialogue between two pieces of yeast. They were discussing the possible purposes of life as they ate sugar and suffocated in their own excrement. Because of their limited intelligence, they never came close to guessing that they were making champagne.

- *Breakfast of Champions*, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Exercise:

Make sure everyone has a piece of paper and pencil. Mention these words: “The Open Road”. Take five minutes for people to write down what images, feelings, words, pictures come to mind, in light of the topic for the day. Share your thoughts.

Likes and Wishes/Feedback

Closing Words:

If we can just manage to take the first step, the rest will follow. Irish writer Frank O’Connor tells the story of how, as a boy, he and friends would make their way across the countryside, and when they came to an orchard wall that seemed too high and too difficult to permit their voyage to continue, they took off their hats and tossed them over the imposing wall. Then they had no choice but to follow them.

May we go and do likewise.

- *Freethinking Mystics with Hands: Exploring the Heart of Unitarian Universalism*, Tom Owen-Towle

Amen. May you live in blessing.