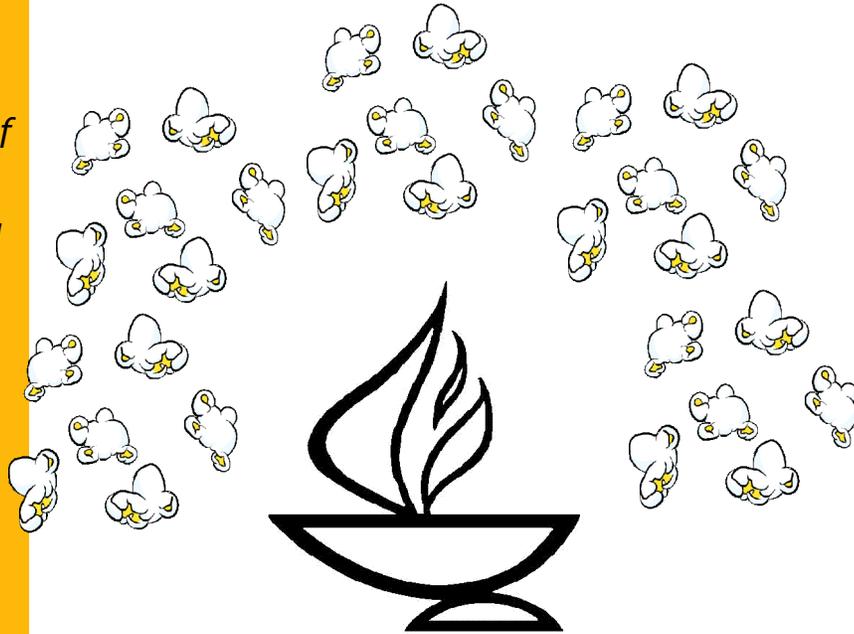


*How our choices affect our lives and the lives of others ...*

*How truth and meaning may be a matter of perspective ...*

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