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At Home with the Patagonians

Maybe God doesn't speak through prophets as often these days because he knows people wouldn't listen. Maybe God speaks to us in different ways—and in the places he knows where we congregate: in our movie theaters, living rooms, iPods, and smartphones. Maybe God still longs to connect with us, and so goes into the places where we're most likely to listen. Burning Bush 2.0 is a whimsical and sincere examination of the ways God communicates with

us—sometimes subtly and secretly—through our media and entertainment streams. Asay examines how faith and God’s fingerprints mark movies and music, television and technology. Through word and picture, God still speaks to us through unsuspecting voices—in ways we’re best able to hear—even if we don’t fully comprehend it completely in the moment. God is everywhere, and doesn’t ask permission to speak, shout out, or whisper his name. Includes study guide for individuals and church groups.

Breathe 014---Rob Bell Discussion Guide (5-Pack)

I’ve had a sense since I was young that there’s more going on here, that the world is not a cold, dead place, that it’s alive in some compelling and mysterious way. This book is about that sense. I’ve tried to listen to it, and follow it, and trust it. It’s been devastating at times, intoxicating at others, heartbreaking and maddening and euphoric—how do you make sense of this experience we’re having here on this ball of rock hurtling through space at 67,000 miles an hour? There are big questions: Everything is made of particles and atoms, and the universe has been expanding for thirteen billion years? And then there are those other questions, about the people and places and events that have shaped us. **HOWEVER MASSIVE AND COSMIC IT ALL IS, IT’S ALSO REALLY, REALLY PERSONAL. AND SPIRITUAL. THAT’S THE WORD FOR IT.** That’s the sense I’ve been following for a while now—this awareness that there’s something bigger happening

in the depth and complexity and struggle of life, something that connects us all, reminding us that it all matters and it's all headed somewhere. Part memoir, part confession, part extended riff on the endlessly evolving nature of reality, *Everything Is Spiritual* is an invitation to see what you've been a part of this whole time.

Jesus Wants to Save Christians

Throughout our everyday lives we don't pay much attention to the way we breathe, do we? But for thousands of years, people have understood that our physical breath is actually a picture of a deeper spiritual reality.

The Noma Guide to Fermentation

Evangelism is about reaching out to others. Really? You think? Brace yourself. In *Nudge*, author Leonard Sweet sets out to revolutionize our understanding of evangelism. He defines evangelism as “nudge” – awakening each other to the God who is already there. Sweet's revolution promises to affect your encounters with others, as well as shaking the very roots of your own faith. So brace yourself.

Becoming a Contagious Christian

Jesus is God and we are not. Most of us get that. But what we don't always understand is that God loves us just as much as He does His son. Many times in the Old Testament, God refers to human beings as His

“beloved.” But when God called Jesus His beloved, Jesus did something truly remarkable: He believed Him. He lived every moment of His life fully convinced of His identity. And unlike every other person in history . . . He never forgot. In *Prototype*, Jonathan Martin creates a vivid understanding of what it means to be beloved by God. To completely trust, as Jesus did, that God loves you. To live life without fear, confident in your identity and purpose. To handle life’s wounds as Jesus did, and to wake every day with a deep awareness of God’s presence. Martin reveals a startling truth at the heart of the gospel: Jesus is our prototype. And as we discover how the knowledge of being God’s beloved changed everything for Jesus—how it set Him free to live out his purpose and love God, others, and the world—it will begin to do the same for us.

The World We All Want

As he revolutionized traditional teaching on hell in the phenomenal New York Times bestseller *Love Wins*, Rob Bell now transforms how we understand and practice marriage in *The Zimzum of Love*, co-written with his wife, Kristen. Despite the divorce statistics, people are still committing to each other, instinctively believing and hoping that theirs is a sacred union that will last forever. Yet when these couples encounter problems, they often lack the resources that keep them connected to this greater mystery surrounding marriage. Rob and Kristen Bell introduce a startling new way of looking at marriage, *The Zimzum of Love*. Zimzum is a Hebrew term where God, in order to have

a relationship with the world, contracts, creating space for the creation to exist. In marriage, zimzum is the dynamic energy field between two partners, in which each person contracts to allow the other to flourish. Mastering this field, this give and take of energy, is the secret to what makes marriage flourish. Rob and Kristen Bell are brutally honest about their own struggles, their ups and downs, as together they pass along what matters most for couples. In this wise book, they explore the secret of what makes a happy union—probing the mystery at the heart of the extraordinary emotional connection that binds two people. With his down-to-earth charm, a dose of whimsy, and memorable stories, Rob, writing with his wife Kristen, changes how we consider marriage, providing insight that can help all of us create satisfying and sacred unions of our own.

Prototype

A simple, jargon-free way of sharing the gospel in a friendly, small group environment.

The Prodigal God

Puzzling Questions

What We Talk About When We Talk About Love

Emmaus: The Way of Faith is a course designed to

welcome people into the Christian faith and the life of the Church. Growing as a Christian contains five short courses to encourage believers toward maturity in key areas of the Christian life: prayer, the Scriptures, church, worship, sacraments, and Christian hope.

The Emotionally Healthy Woman

Geri Scazzero knew there was something desperately wrong with her life. She felt like a single parent raising her four young daughters alone. She finally told her husband, "I quit," and left the thriving church he pastored, beginning a journey that transformed her and her marriage for the better. In *The Emotionally Healthy Woman*, Geri provides you a way out of an inauthentic, superficial spirituality to genuine freedom in Christ. This book is for every woman who thinks, "I can't keep pretending everything is fine!" The journey to emotional health begins by quitting. Geri quit being afraid of what others think. She quit lying. She quit denying her anger and sadness. She quit living someone else's life. When you quit those things that are damaging to your soul or the souls of others, you are freed up to choose other ways of being and relating that are rooted in love and lead to life. When you quit for the right reasons, at the right time, and in the right way, you're on the path not only to emotional health, but also to the true purpose of your life. "QUITTING WILL SET YOU FREE! Not a typical message heard in the church today, especially among 'nice, Christian women," but one that has been needed for years! By refusing to cling to a shell of pretension, the true

freedom of our new lives in Christ is realized, and Geri shows us how. A fast, informed read, this book breaks down the walls of the false ideals we cling to in and shows us that by quitting these idols, we re-discover God's love. I was supposed to read this book. I needed to read this book. Thank you, Geri." Kim de Blecourt, Short-term Adventure Specialist with Food for Orphans and author of "Until We All Come Home: A Harrowing Journey, a Mother's Courage, a Race to Freedom"

Youth Emmaus

For anyone who wants to delve deeper into Rob Bell's bestselling *Love Wins*, the expansive and accessible *Love Wins Companion* offers scholarly support and critiques, resources for individuals, groups, and classes, and brand new material by Rob Bell himself.

Emmaus Stage 3

Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment: Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news"? Troubling questions—so troubling that many have lost their faith because of them. Others only whisper the questions to themselves, fearing or being taught that they might lose their faith and their church if they ask them out loud. But what if these questions trouble us for good reason? What if the story of heaven and hell

we have been taught is not, in fact, what the Bible teaches? What if what Jesus meant by heaven, hell, and salvation are very different from how we have come to understand them? What if it is God who wants us to face these questions? Author, pastor, and innovative teacher Rob Bell presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the "good news" is much, much better than we ever imagined. Love wins.

Velvet Elvis

What do you do when life falls apart, and it feels as if God has left you? How do you keep going when your faith is rocked to the core? Sometimes things get so hard we're not sure where God is - or what he's up to. For Patrick there was pain, illness, and loss in his family and community. Then a series of excruciating operations took him to the brink physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Writing during his journey of recovery, Patrick explores how we find God in times of suffering. He wrestles with how we can know God's peace when life is anything but peaceful, what the true nature of courage is, how we allow ourselves the grace to rest when we're running on empty, and how we can stay fully present in the moment - all so we can ultimately grasp the love of God at a deeper level.

Primal

A guide to living an authentic Christian life urges readers to seek an expression of faith that is personal, rather than in accordance with the belief systems of others, in a handbook that cites the examples of Jesus while offering a perspective on the unlimited nature of God.

Freeway

How God is described today strikes many as mean, primitive, backward, illogical, tribal, and at odds with the frontiers of science. At the same time, many intuitively feel a sense of reverence and awe in the world. Can we find a new way to talk about God? Pastor and New York Times bestselling author Rob Bell does here for God what he did for heaven and hell in *Love Wins*: he shows how traditional ideas have grown stale and dysfunctional and reveals a new path for how to return vitality and vibrancy to how we understand God. Bell reveals how we got stuck, why culture resists certain ways of talking about God, and how we can reconnect with the God who is with us, for us, and ahead of us, pulling us forward into a better future—and ready to help us live life to the fullest.

How to Be Here

A masterpiece of breathtaking scope—a brilliantly conceived epic novel that traces the entire turbulent course of English history This ebook edition features a new introduction by the author in honor of the thirtieth anniversary of *Sarum*. This rich tapestry

weaves a compelling saga of five families—the Wilsons, the Masons, the family of Porteus, the Shockleys, and the Godfreys—who reflect the changing character of Britain. As their fates and fortunes intertwine over the course of the centuries, their greater destinies offer a fascinating glimpse into the future. An absorbing historical chronicle, *Sarum* is a keen tale of struggle and adventure, a profound human drama, and a magnificent work of sheer storytelling. Praise for *Sarum* “Bursts with action, encyclopedic in historic detail . . . supremely well crafted and a delight to read.”—Chicago Tribune “A fascinating journey . . . a clear yet sparkling window upon history with a superb narrative, so perfectly balanced between history and fiction that it clears away the mists of time from antiquity, giving the reader the impression that events over a span of ten centuries occurred only yesterday.”—Fort Worth Star-Telegram “Strong . . . appealing . . . I haven’t read so satisfactory a saga in years . . . in fact, perhaps not ever before. . . . It gives you not only history but comfort.”—Chicago Sun-Times “[Edward] Rutherford holds us all consistently intrigued. In *Sarum* he has created a splendid novel that will bring many hours of diversified reading pleasure.”—The Plain Dealer “A richly imagined vision of history, written with genuine delight.”—San Francisco Chronicle “Rutherford is at his best. . . . His storytelling skills are substantial. . . . One of the best books of the season.”—Kansas City Star “Absorbing . . . a superior historical novel . . . This blockbuster saga should appeal to discriminating readers, since Rutherford has an excellent grasp of his subject and a compelling story to tell.”—Publishers Weekly

The Zimzum of Love

Have we really heard the message of Colossians? Is this New Testament book just another religious text whose pretext is an ideological grab for dominating power? Reading Colossians in context, ancient and contemporary, can perhaps give us new ears to hear. In this innovative and refreshing book Brian J. Walsh and Sylvia C. Keesmaat explain our own sociocultural context to then help us get into the world of the New Testament and get a sense of the power of the gospel as it addressed those who lived in Colossae two thousand years ago. Their reading presents us with a radical challenge from the apostle Paul for today. Drawing together biblical scholarship with a passion for authentic lives that embody the gospel, this groundbreaking interpretation of Colossians provides us with tools to subvert the empire of our own context in a way that acknowledges the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

The Forgiveness Book

The best-selling author of *In a Pit with a Lion* explores the foundational elements of Christianity--compassion, wonder, curiosity and power--to help believers rediscover the significance of their faith.

The Good and Beautiful God

Evangelism doesn't have to be frustrating or intimidating. Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg believe

that effectively communicating our faith in Christ should be the most natural thing in the world. We just need encouragement and direction. In *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, Hybels and Mittelberg articulate the central principles that have helped the believers at Willow Creek Community Church become a church known around the world for its outstanding outreach to unchurched people. Based on the words of Jesus and flowing from the firsthand experiences of the authors, *Becoming a Contagious Christian* is a groundbreaking, personalized approach to relational evangelism. You will discover your own natural evangelism style, how to develop a contagious Christian character, to build spiritually strategic relationships, to direct conversations toward matters of faith, and to share biblical truths in everyday language. This landmark book presents a blueprint for starting a spiritual epidemic of hope and enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel.

What We Talk About When We Talk About God

Turning to the Gospels, James Bryan Smith invites you to compare your ideas about God with what Jesus himself reveals about his Father. Smith leads you through a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these new narratives real in your body and soul as well as your mind.

The Whole of Life for Christ

An evangelistic Bible course designed for people with little or no Bible background. Ever wondered how the Bible fits together? Have you begun to find out about God but do not know much about his Word? The World We All Want is an introduction to the Bible story. Follow it and you'll learn what happened at the beginning of the world, where Adam and Eve fit in, and God's promise to mankind - what it is and how it's still coming true. Clear, exciting and essential for newcomers to the Bible, there are sure to be people in your church whose faith will benefit.

The Bible Jesus Read

Suppose for a moment that Jesus really is interested in every aspect of your life. Everything - the dishes and the dog and the day job and the drudgery of some of the stuff you just have to do, the TV programme you love, the staff in your local supermarket as well as the homeless in the local shelter, your boss as well as your vicar, helping a shopper find the ketchup as well as brewing the tea for the life group, the well-being of your town and the well-being of your neighbour. Suppose the truth that every Christian is a new creature in Christ, empowered by the Spirit to do his will, means that Christ is with you everywhere you go, in every task you do, with every person you meet. Suppose God wants to involve you in what he's doing in the places you spend your time day by day. Suppose your whole life is important to Christ. He does. These seven studies will help you explore and live out the marvellous truth that the gospel is an invitation into

whole-life discipleship, into a life following and imitating Jesus. This title is brought to you by Keswick Ministries and follows the theme of the 2015 Keswick Convention. Find out more at <https://www.keswickministries.org>

What Is the Bible?

The New York Times bestselling author of the forthcoming *God's Wisdom for Navigating Life* uncovers the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable. Newsweek called renowned minister Timothy Keller "a C.S. Lewis for the twenty-first century" in a feature on his first book, *The Reason for God*. In that book, he offered a rational explanation of why we should believe in God. Now, in *The Prodigal God*, Keller takes his trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity and uses the parable of the prodigal son to reveal an unexpected message of hope and salvation. Within that parable Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way.

Kickball

Sex. God. You know the two subjects are connected; you just don't have the words for how they are connected. And they cannot be separated. Where the one is, you will always find the other. When you actually live and feel and engage, you discover that the physical things around us are like windows into

more. And when you talk about sexuality, you quickly end up in the spiritual---because 'this' is always about 'that.' Something deeper. Something behind it all. You can't talk about sexuality without talking about how we were made. About how we relate to each other. About how we were made to relate to each other. And that will inevitably lead you to who made us. At some point you have to talk about God. To make sense of the one, we have to explore the other. That is what this book is about.

When Faith Gets Shaken

NOOMA is a new format for spiritual direction. It's short films touching on issues that we care about, that we want to talk about, and it comes in a way that fits our world. It's a format that's there for us when we need it, as we need it, how we need it. Audio: English. Subtitles: English, French, German, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish.

Everything Is Spiritual

Single copy of course workbook. For those wanting packs of five (five for the price of four) the ISBN is 987 1 85424 952 4.

Love Wins

Show the children in your life the awe-inspiring connection between the natural world and the God who created it. The bestselling children's devotional Indescribable: 100 Devotions About God and Science

resonated with more than 200,000 kids, parents, and teachers. Now Louie Giglio offers 100 more devotions about God and science that will expand the curiosity of your 6- to 10-year-olds. Including amazing scientific facts, beautiful photography, fun illustrations, and simple activities, How Great Is Our God covers topics like Space and time Earth and weather The human body Animals Plants And more! With this science devotional, which is based on Giglio's well-known "How Great Is Our God" and "Indescribable" messages, children will embark on a journey to discover more about God and His incredible creation. From the pink lake in Senegal to the earth's trip around the sun to the water-holding frog that can live up to five years without a drink, the wonders of the universe will deepen your kids' appreciation for God's wild imagination.

Who Is God?

BASIC."Who is God? "is a bold new interactive small group experience with 4 DVDs and 6 follower's guides. In this small group study, Francis Chan takes on the weighty topic of the Trinity, distilling the reality of the nature of God into foundational truths in a way that will benefit everyone. Features: BASIC."Fear God" DVD BASIC."Follow Jesus" DVD BASIC."Holy Spirit "DVD Six "Who Is God? Follower's Guides" for group study. Resource DVD with video clips for churches, sermon outlines for pastors, video trailers, posters, flyers, a leader's guide, and more. This dynamic DVD-driven resource is perfect for small groups seeking challenging, innovative, yet accessible materials to

remind members that life is from God, for God, and through God.

The Love Wins Companion: A Study Guide For Those Who Want to Go Deeper

NOOMA Group 01, Book 001-004 is designed to accompany the NOOMA Group 01 DVD and is intended to facilitate discussions based on the themes and questions raised in NOOMA Films 001-004. NOOMA Book 001-004 helps viewers delve more deeply and meaningfully into the issues raised in NOOMA Films 001-004 -- 001 Rain, 002 Flame, 003 Trees, and 004 Sunday. Viewers will explore and discuss issues such as where God is in the midst of our pain, the deeper meanings of the word 'love', whether or not our lives have any real significance, and the possibility that we get so blinded by religion that we miss out on what God truly wants. Watch the films with friends, open the book, and together begin to search, question, and join the discussion.

Collection 001 Discussion Guide

Simply Christianity

New York Times Bestseller A New York Times Best Cookbook of Fall 2018 “An indispensable manual for home cooks and pro chefs.” —Wired At Noma—four times named the world’s best restaurant—every dish includes some form of fermentation, whether it’s a bright hit of vinegar, a deeply savory miso, an

electrifying drop of garum, or the sweet intensity of black garlic. Fermentation is one of the foundations behind Noma's extraordinary flavor profiles. Now René Redzepi, chef and co-owner of Noma, and David Zilber, the chef who runs the restaurant's acclaimed fermentation lab, share never-before-revealed techniques to creating Noma's extensive pantry of ferments. And they do so with a book conceived specifically to share their knowledge and techniques with home cooks. With more than 500 step-by-step photographs and illustrations, and with every recipe approachably written and meticulously tested, *The Noma Guide to Fermentation* takes readers far beyond the typical kimchi and sauerkraut to include koji, kombuchas, shoyus, misos, lacto-ferments, vinegars, garums, and black fruits and vegetables. And—perhaps even more important—it shows how to use these game-changing pantry ingredients in more than 100 original recipes. Fermentation is already building as the most significant new direction in food (and health). With *The Noma Guide to Fermentation*, it's about to be taken to a whole new level.

Lump 010---Rob Bell Discussion Guide (5-Pack)

Youth Emmaus is a course designed to help those aged 11 to 16 explore the basics of the Christian faith. This is no easy task - but Youth Emmaus offers a winning combination of meaty leaders' notes, cool handouts for group members, great cartoons and graphics and a free CD-ROM stacked with other useful resources. The material is fully road-tested and ideal

for youth groups and as a confirmation course for young people. Youth Emmaus tackles: What Christians Believe (5 Units) How Christians Grow (5 Units) Living the Christian Life (3 Units) Youth Emmaus also contains a FREE CD-ROM that includes: Handouts and supplementary handouts for all sessions as PDF files Emmaus Poster Downloadable services to use with young people and a section on using Youth Emmaus in an all-age context Powerpoint presentation on Youth Emmaus Useful links to Emmaus website All icons from handouts available in colour in a downloadable format

How Great Is Our God

What is forgiveness? Why is it so hard to forgive? In *The Forgiveness Book: A Catholic Approach*, award-winning authors Alice Camille and Paul Boudreau address these questions and many more by thoroughly examining what Scripture has to say about those who trespass against us, and what it takes to accomplish the difficult act of forgiveness all from a distinctly Catholic point of view. *The Forgiveness Book* asks tough questions and prayerfully investigates issues such as: Why should we forgive? What to do with sin? The importance of Confession, Contrition and Compensation; How do we accept forgiveness? The power of forgiveness; Forgiveness vs. enabling The Appendix includes an examination of conscience, prayers of forgiveness, Bible verses on forgiveness, important books on forgiveness, and a list of films that focus on forgiveness.

Living Well

This resource presents twelve essential practices for a Christian way of life. Written for adults, parents, and families to use in learning about and living these Christian practices, each chapter presents the Biblical foundation of the Christian practice and a variety of practical suggestions for living it and making it an integral part of everyday life.

Sarum

Most of us have done things in our lives that we're ashamed of. Some are small things, and some are devastating things. But no matter what we've done or how other people respond, it doesn't change how God feels about us. Nothing can ever change his unconditional love for us.

Sex God

In his second collection, including the iconic and much-referenced title story featured in the Academy Award-winning film *Birdman*, Carver establishes his reputation as one of the most celebrated short-story writers in American literature—a haunting meditation on love, loss, and companionship, and finding one's way through the dark.

Nudge

Philip Yancey has a way of confronting our most cherished--but misguided--notions about the Christian

life. In *The Bible Jesus Read*, Yancey challenges the perception that the New Testament is more important than the Old, that the Hebrew Scriptures aren't worth the time they take to read and understand them. Writing as always with keen insight into the human condition and God's provision for it, Yancey debunks this theory once and for all. Yes, he agrees, the Old Testament can be baffling, boring, and even offensive to the modern reader. But as he personally discovered, the Old Testament is full of rewards for the one who embraces its riches. With his candid, signature style, Yancey unfolds his interactions with the Old Testament from the perspective of his own deeply personal journey. From Moses, the amazing prince of Egypt, to the psalmists' turbulent emotions and the prophets' oddball rantings, Yancey paints a picture of Israel's God--and ours--that fills in the blanks of a solely New Testament vision of the Almighty. As he reconnects for us the strong, sinuous chords that bind the Old and New Testaments, Yancey reclaims the Reformers' deep sense of unity between the two. Most important, he says, reading the Scriptures that Jesus so revered gives believers a profound new understanding of Christ, the Cornerstone of the new covenant. "The more we comprehend the Old Testament," Yancey writes, "the more we comprehend Jesus."

Colossians Remixed

There is a church not too far from us that recently added a \$25 million addition to their building. Our local newspaper ran a front-page story not too long

ago about a study revealing that one in five people in our city lives in poverty. This is a book about those two numbers. It's a book about faith and fear, wealth and war, poverty, power, safety, terror, Bibles, bombs, and homeland insecurity. It's about empty empires and the truth that everybody's a priest, it's about oppression, occupation, and what happens when Christians support, animate and participate in the very things Jesus came to set people free from. It's about what it means to be a part of the church of Jesus in a world where some people fly planes into buildings while others pick up groceries in Hummers.

Burning Bush 2.0

Instant New York Times Bestseller Rob Bell, the beloved author of *Love Wins* and *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, goes deep into the Bible to show how it is more revelatory, revolutionary, and relevant than we ever imagined—and offers a cogent argument for why we need to look at it in a fresh, new way. In *Love Wins*, Rob Bell confronted the troubling questions that many people of faith were afraid to ask about heaven, hell, fate, and faith. Using the same inspired, inquisitive approach, he now turns to our most sacred book, the Bible. *What Is the Bible?* provides insights and answers that make clear why the Bible is so revered and what makes it truly inspiring and essential to our lives. Rob takes us deep into actual passages to reveal the humanity behind the Scriptures. You cannot get to the holy without going through the human, Rob tells us. When considering a passage, we shouldn't ask "Why did

God say . . .?" To get to the heart of the Bible's meaning, we should be asking: "What's the story that's unfolding here and why did people find it important to tell it? What was it that moved them to record these words? What was happening in the world at that time? What does this passage/story/poem/verse/book tell us about how people understood who they were and who God was at that time?" In asking these questions, Rob goes beyond the one-dimensional question of "is it true?" to reveal the Bible's authentic transformative power. Rob addresses the concerns of all those who see the Bible as God's Word but are troubled by the ethical dilemmas, errors, and inconsistencies in Scripture. With *What Is the Bible?*, he recaptures the Good Book's magic and reaffirms its power and inspiration to shape and inspire our lives today.

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