

No time to be

a Turkey



... because they did not receive the love of the truth

2 Thessalonians 2:10

This is no time for citizens of our world to be turkeys, or clueless for, as has been often stated, "freedom isn't free," and therefore we dare not ignore all that is going on around us, today. Also to be noted, however, is the fact that those who wish to maintain their freedom must themselves be free, on the inside. As the most noble Man to walk the earth once said, "you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:32). Sometimes, it is difficult to know what is true and right, humanly speaking, when those about us have an "agenda" or something to hide (or something "too unpleasant" to come to terms with). It is then that we must commit ourselves to a "bottom line" absolute: a line that we will not cross. For the Christian, this absolute is found in Christ.

It is in light of the above that freedom of speech may become the anvil upon which errors may be hammered out, as well as a benchmark against which true freedom may be tried, and found to be viable: Lest, like a drunkard who can't walk a straight line in daylight, our nation find that we can no longer

answer to the truth, when facing honest questions.

So, perhaps in our day, should we now simply surrender on practical matters, regarding the truth—when it comes to key issues upon which our country rests so delicately: Upon free and honest elections, for example—when serious questions may arise, in this regard? Maybe we can simply force the issue by "suing the pants off" of anyone who would dare question the viability of our electoral process (or jail them, without due process)—thus placing the freedoms in question on serious life support?

For in a day when we have school officials encouraging young children to question what they see in the mirror: questioning such basic realities as what sex they are; can we still expect such a society to embrace "truth" in the public square in practical and meaningful ways? So then, again,

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perhaps this is only a symptom of a deeper issue. Can it be that we, as a nation (and even within the church) have been largely unwilling (or unable?) to address the “slavery within”—not based upon the color of one’s skin(!) but upon a darkness that lies within the very soul of our society?

OK. So, suppose tomorrow morning the Supreme Court determines that the last election was indeed rigged (in some wild, improbable, and most definitely unnerving scenario)—would this ensure that the next election would *not* be rigged?

How would we know?

Who would ultimately determine “what is true” and *real*??

Already, a well-known and celebrated periodical (*Politico*) is proposing that what happened in the last election is a mere precursor to the complete dissolution of the crown jewel of our republic: that any peaceful succession and ascension to the presidency, after nationwide elections, will now forever be suspect (and thus be subject to being “canceled” if not politically correct)—simply because the stated outcome will no longer be universally accepted as “true.”

Again, I trust that you appreciate the seriousness of these charges, and for those of us with eyes yet able to see—and who profess a relation-

ship with the true and *living God* of the Holy Bible—please allow a personal proposal. It is this: that we not “base all of our dreams” upon this world. Scripture yet remains true, and although “truth has [indeed] fallen in the street,” while justice is being turned backward (Isaiah 59:14) —The Bible also forecasts that God’s Truth, like Christ’s resurrection after His ordeal at Calvary, will ultimately prevail!

Thus, while this is certainly no time to hide our heads in the sand(!) or surrender to being clueless regarding the pending collapse of one of the most blessed and free societies to have graced this planet (and for which we may yet give thanks . . .). This is a time to *lift up our heads*, in anticipation of Christ’s promised returning—as Christian believers have done down through the centuries: within “free” societies –and otherwise.

Within our last UPLOOK we queried whether the current Administration (and much of Congress) is actually (or unwittingly) planning our nation’s downfall. In this edition, we will look further, towards Heaven’s agenda—and the pending demise of the Darkness now encroaching: with dangers awaiting all within the “Deep State” who collude with the congregation of the dead; among the woke who cannot sleep—unless they find someone they can trip up, in the Dark (first article).

Our second article will dig deeper into the spiritual underpinnings of CRT

THEY SLEEP NOT

For they do not sleep unless they have done mischief; . . .

Proverbs 4:16 (MEV)

“Mischief” is that malevolent child of a mind that is easily enticed to stray into the path of the practical joker:

always looking for a way to surprise one’s neighbor with a less than savory gift, or entitlement (to grief). Last UPLOOK we examined and contrasted the Woke experience with that of persons who have been spiritually awakened our need, while looking forward to the glorious Day and appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ who, Scripture informs us, will return *after* our world has undergone some very serious birth pangs—in preparation for that new world that Jesus will usher in.

Yet as our opening text assures us—just as there are those who are following the way of God and looking forward to the eternal hope that Christ has provided at

the great sacrifice of Himself—the world about us, that is now aggressively resisting this truth, continues to sink into a *spiritual* “Deep State” that also has its own “faithful adherents” who “sleep not” within the midnight hour of shadowy shenanigans—and who are always on the lookout for some new way to promote an excuse for new distresses or harbingers of evil—especially for those of us who are on the narrow road leading to Light and Life. For, as Jesus warns:

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Matthew 10:16

And, again:

¹³ *"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.*

¹⁴ *Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it".*

Matthew 7:13-14

Of course, there are always those who portray victorious living as sugar and crème: both within this world, and in the one to come. Yet this is obviously not the experience of those who follow the Lord in much of the third world and, particularly, within the middle east (or, say, in Afghanistan?)—nor was it the pattern that Christ, Himself, followed while inviting us, and others, to “sign up” for His engagement: within this world (while *engaging* the enemy of our souls)—before being able to enjoy the eternal “perks” that accompanied His resurrection, and that will result from *our* preparation for Heaven’s wedding ceremony, after Christ has returned (2 Tim. 2:12)!

⁵ *Then a voice came from the throne, saying, . . .*

"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for

the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

Rev. 19:5-7 [emphasis added]

Some familiar with the above passage may wonder if there is an error in the quotation for, are we not the *bride* of Christ? In fact, some modern translations actually take the liberty of translating the above passage, “his bride has made herself ready” (the NIV and ESV for example). Yet the passage just prior to our quote that describes the reason for this happy event of the “wife” having made herself ready, it tells of God’s judgment, and reads:

Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" . . .⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

Revelation 19:3,5

“Therefore,” it may be assumed, “if what we are observing within this passage is the destruction or burning (as with fire, see Revelation 18) of the world’s “mischief makers” just prior to Christ’s returning: with a destruction that appears to be *nuclear*, taking place “within one hour” (vs. 19)—An event so utterly horrendous that the ship builders and merchants the world over must stand “afar off” (at a safe distance) while peeking through clenched fingers at the events taking place on the ground—that later rejoicing of the true believers . . . must naturally refer to our preparation to be *received up* into the sky to meet Christ in the air, as He returns, does it not?

I know, I know: some of this may seem very novel (even confusing) to new readers. For such details seldom dawn upon a generation of mischief makers *before* slipping their hands into the cookie jar! So, let us read the passage describing Mystery Babylon’s destruction for ourselves, shall we?

First: we note an appropriate warn-

ing sign, placed at “ground zero.”

⁴ *And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. ⁵ For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ⁶ Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.*

Revelation 18:4-6

Also included, is an appropriate caveat, for all those who might be tempted to join with these mischief makers. Please note the brazenness with which this apostate fellowship of the cancel culture addresses the warnings from Heaven, verse 7:



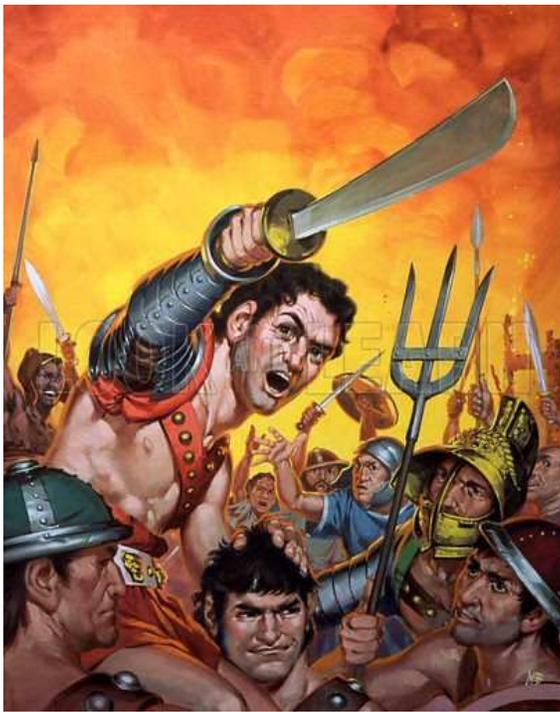
for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

Revelation 18:7

Nevertheless, this mischief maker, like a drunken brawler stumbling over the edge of a frying pan, is about to discover what the “heat” of God’s judgment is really all about! For those granted a view from the grandstands will be witnesses within “ringside seats” during her devastation:

"The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,¹⁰ standing at a dis-

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TRUE JUDGMENT

FALSE CRT

The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Psalm 19:9

For those concerned with the future of our Republic, (and others, wondering at the recent response from Washington DC, now threatening to brand parents who protest within sometimes raucous School Board meetings as domestic terrorists; wagging tongues not quite as deadly as AR-15s)—a new and dangerous concept appears to be emerging upon the radar screens of our western culture called “CRT” whereby educators are propagating a curriculum that only recently was considered unthinkable, after previous advances by the Civil Rights movement—wherein young children are being taught to judge fellow classmates by the color of their skin, instead of by the content of their character (to turn a famous statement by Dr. King, on its head . . .).

So then, what in Heaven’s name, is now going on in our classrooms? Does Heaven even know? (Oh yes it does, and far more than we realize!)

As has been noted in earlier studies: CRT (otherwise known as Critical Race Theory) may be seen as actually being supported by prophetic statements relating to both Christ’s first and second coming; and while this ministry has previously focused largely upon specific prophecies pointing to the rise of the New World Order, in Daniel 7 & Revelation thirteen—we will here focus upon statements made by Christ, Himself, that actually pave the way for those more ominous harbingers yet looming upon our horizon.

These declarations, or judgments, relating to

Christ’s first coming, were first “called out” of Old Testament writings, and into our *New Testament* environment, by John the Baptist when reaching back for the source of his authority; while being interrogated by the religious leaders of his day. As we now approach this subject in *our day*, and begin to examine John’s “answering for himself” we must be very careful to appreciate the importance of “keeping our powder dry” before jumping to conclusions. For on our approach to this delicate subject, we begin to suspect a reason for what appears to be a very evasive response by the baptizer. Let us approach with care, therefore, and see if we can uncover a reason for his “evasiveness” as we eves drop on this prophet’s first century declaration:

Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”

²⁰ *He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”*

²¹ *And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?”*

He said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?”

And he answered, “No.”

²² *Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”*

²³ *He said: “I am*

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the LORD,” ’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

John 1:19-23

Our discernment may be suddenly challenged by John’s denial of his being Elijah. For Christ, Himself, has said that John was indeed Elijah—“if you are

willing to receive it” (Matt. 11:14). In other words, when considering the prophetic announcement of Elijah being sent before the coming of the Messiah (Malachi 4:5)—Jesus has clearly established that John was indeed that forerunner who would roll out the carpet in preparation for the true Messiah, just before His arrival. However, when seriously considering John the Baptist’s *actual response* to his inquirers, we may start to realize that the Holy Spirit was also having John answer another question (not yet fully considered by onlookers, in that day)—by denying that John was either the reincarnation of Elijah or, in a simpler motif: that Elijah had somehow arisen from the dead, in order to fulfill the Bible’s prediction.

Thus, we see the necessity of being particularly careful about how we tie together the Bible’s intertwining prophecies that have been handed down to us through the centuries. For what John revealed to the religious leaders of his day was anything but “fake news.” Actually, it was, if anything, “insider information”!

By the way, while speaking of insider information: there is another statement made by Jesus that now demands our special attention in this regard. For the answer that Christ gave concerning John’s calling is one that in its own right deserves great consideration and discernment.

Our next commentary by Jesus, Himself, comes directly upon the heels of a question fielded by disciples after having witnessed an incredible event where Christ seems to have “peeled back” His earthly mantle, and allowed His heavenly glory to shine forth, on what we now call the Mount of Transfiguration. —For in that event Elijah *did* literally appear on earth, along with Moses, within one of Jesus’ personal prayer sessions (talk about a powerful prayer life!!). Now the disciples were *really* challenged, for they had just *seen* Elijah (Matt. 17:1-3)! Therefore, they asked a very, very, logical question. “Why do the prophets say that Elijah must come first” (verse 10)?

*Jesus answered and said to them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first **and will restore all things.** ¹² But I say to you that Elijah **has come already**, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.” ¹³ Then the disci-*

ples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

Matthew 17:11-13 [emphasis added]

No denials here, simply a restatement of the facts, with clarification. Again, John *did* fulfill the Elijah prophecy (and he was *not* the reincarnation of Elijah)! However, what we may skip over is the exact wording of Christ’s statement concerning the purpose of the “Elijah prophecy”—and its future application. To restate what Jesus said (while paying *very* close attention to the tenses being used within His statement). Jesus said that “Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already . . .”

Keeping in mind that at the time of this statement John the Baptist had already been beheaded (Matt. 14:1-4). Jesus’ statement establishes that there was yet a future application to be fulfilled, regarding that Elijah prophecy. To better understand that future application of how he will restore all things, I suggest we begin by first referring back to the actual prophecy of Isaiah, referred to by John the Baptist. It is located within the fortieth chapter of Isaiah.

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the LORD;*

Make straight in the desert

A highway for our God.

⁴ *Every valley shall be exalted*

And every mountain and hill brought low;”

Isaiah 40:3-4

This passage is what we may call a “double edged” sword to anyone who reads it (~Heb. 4:12)—depending on which side of the blade is facing you. —And here is another, speaking to wealthy land owners:

You have heaped up treasure in the last days. ⁴ Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of [Heaven’s armies]. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter . . .

James 5:3-5

“Wow!” I can hear someone crying out loud, “Why haven’t I seen that one before? That’s a great set of verses to point out to the Squad, within our Congress—or to Bernie Sanders!” (Wonder why you haven’t heard it used for supporting Socialism, before?) The reason the above passage is not so quickly flashed about within

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a Marxist context . . . is because it is *indeed* part of a “double edged” blade. For the next verse informs us that those who are oppressed “[do] not resist . . .” their oppressors (verse 6)!

In other words, the above passage is in perfect agreement with Paul’s admonition within the twelfth chapter of Romans:

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

Romans 12:17-19

Further, this is one of those places where a favorite (and oft misunderstood) statement of Christ should most readily be applied, wherein we are advised: “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you” (Matthew 7:1-2). Therefore, as is often the case, when dealing in matters of “justice,” it is most advisable for us to consider *ourselves* lest we also be tempted to act in a manner very similar to the person we are pointing the finger at (Galatians 6:1 !!).

—But I have promised to reveal a specific prophecy/judgment which is directly related to the Critical Race Theory. Fulfilling this promise must now take us to an almost unimaginable Scripture, related to what is already starting to take place in the earth as we begin to prepare for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in the heavens.

This reference actually points to the “restoration of all things” (Matt. 17:11—note the underlining, on page 5) —a promise echoed by the apostle Peter just after the Day of Pentecost, while preaching in Solomon’s Portico, after a lame beggar was healed (Acts 3:21). This promise of a divine “restoration of all things” that will take place upon the earth just prior to Christ’s returning is far too comprehensive to completely include within our discussion here, of course (it has a few amazing surprises, as one might suspect!). However, suffice it to say that this restoration is a major reason for the intense shaking that we are now experiencing within the spirit realm, in fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy to *Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.*

⁴ *Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked*

places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;

Isaiah 40:3-4

Does our world seem like a spiritual “desert” to you (with a loss of morals, for example, that leaves us dry and breathless at the lies and hubris often engaged in by high officials—or even ministries that are now considering “including” those with sexual deviation among “the saints”)? Isaiah’s prophecy implies that this is going to be expunged (as is elsewhere alluded to, within this UPLOOK)—by a fiery judgment!

Yet, there are other earth-shattering implications to be found here, as well. For Isaiah’s prophecy states that things which are high . . . will be brought down low (read that, those riding high—like say, General Motors, and western empires—being challenged by what was once a very lowly auto supplier; the once lowly Toyota, as well as Third World economies—like China?).

Then there are the more “popular” aspects of Isaiah’s prophecy, appealing to “the masses” of civilization, with its implications regarding relationships between those who are high (on the mountain peaks) and low (in the valleys): between the “haves” and the “have nots;” or between the wealthy and their workers—or those who are the owners (on the top) and the slaves (on the bottom) . . . and even those with “white” skin and those without(?).

Further, as was stated at the opening of our study, there are prophetic implications for God’s judgments in both Christ’s first and second coming—So: We are now assured of the prophetic significance of John the Baptist fulfilling the Elijah prophecy, by Christ’s own words, during in that first century.

What is most interesting is that years *before John the Baptist* appeared on the scene, there was a slave revolt with apparent anarchy in its veins (led by Spartacus)—and so . . . could the world-wide revolts recently experienced throughout *our* world in the name of “equity” and class overthrow, now portend the coming of, say, the **Two Witnesses**, who are to precede Christ’s second coming—that some theologians at least partially associate with the prophet Elijah (Rev. 11:3-6)?

We will better understand it all, by and by. For now, however, let us be mindful of that two-edged sword of God’s judgment, and be very careful that our personal actions are more in alignment with those of godly prophets pointing us to Heaven . . . than with those leading many towards Hell.

This is one place where a famous passage should be applied . . . “Judge not, lest you also be judged . . .”

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tance for fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

Revelation 18:9-10

[Just a note for those breathing a sigh of relief, about this being a “city” (i.e., literal Rome, sitting upon seven hills: this “city” sits upon *mountains* (17:9)—and is an international entity: resting upon seven . . . continents). Therefore, let us remember in our ring side seats, that this passage takes place within a genre loaded with international symbols. Further, note the frequent reference to ships and ship builders. So, if this “city” were to represent a nation, what nation would it most naturally be, for it to supply such a merchant marine paradise? —Or, again, what city has such ports so readily available to her mercantile centers? Just a thought . . .] So again, a few verses further, Scripture notes:

For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance¹⁸ and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, . . .

Revelation 18:17-18

And finally:

They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

Revelation 18:19

It is in light of the above

judgment (over which Heaven is rejoicing, in the next chapter) that the true believers will feel vindicated, after having endured the “cancel” culture of the final generation (whether that be now, or in a future turn of events)—as the Scripture has enjoined that we turn the other cheek, and pray for our enemies (Matt. 5:38-48). Why? Because the end of such events is so utterly awesome, whenever we allow the Lord of Heaven’s Hosts to fight our battles for us(!).

So, I ask you, what is the difference between a bride, and a wife? Or, put another way:

At what point can a marriage no longer be annulled? Answer?

After the marriage has been consummated. (Somewhere, there are some light bulbs are going off . . .) Here, I’ll give a hint, by quoting an interesting statement made by the apostle Paul, when comparing the commitment of a man to his wife:

³¹ *“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”* ³² *This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

Ephesians 5:31-32 [emphasis added]

So, I ask again, what would this “consummation” of the believer’s relationship with Jesus Christ look like? May I give a suggestion? It may be described in one word . . . “rapture.”

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, . . . And the dead in Christ will rise first.



¹⁷ *Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
[emphasis added]

To continue from where we left off in our last UPLOOK: those who are truly faithful to the Lord do not “sleep” in the closing hours when the world is turning its eyes away from the Lord of glory, to worship the Antichrist (1 Thes.5:6,7)—but neither do the denizens of this world, who “sleep not, unless they have done mischief, and whose sleep is taken away, unless they cause someone to fall” (Prov. 4:16).

However, only those who have remained awake, alert, and attentive to the returning of our Lord will participate in that glorious union, which will consummate our union with our Lord Jesus for ever

In Glory.

Amen.

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What Must I Do?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved."
Acts 16:31

How?

... If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9,10

In Other Words

Acknowledge: your need

—as a sinner (Romans 3:23, II Cor. 5:14-15)

Accept: His work on the Cross —to be your Savior

Confess: your acceptance of His lordship over you.

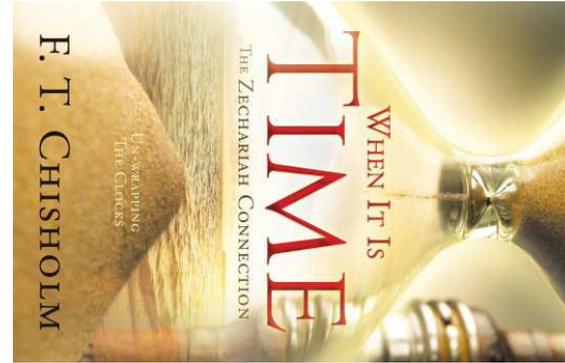
Live for Him: with your new life.

For the scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed."

Romans 10:11

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