IT IS WRITTEN

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"CHURCH ACTIVITIES".

"GREAT MEETING".

ON THURSDAY EVENING JULY THE 29 BROTHER W.H. FRANCIS OF MANGUM OKLAHOMA AND BROTHER A.H. HOWELL OF ELK CITY OKLAHOMA, BEGAN A MEETING WITH THE CONGREGATION OF REYDON OKLAHOMA, BROTHER FRANCIS DOING THE PREACHING AND BROTHER HOWELL ASSISTING WITH THE SINGING. THEY TRULY MAKE A GOOD PAIR, AND ANYONE NEEDING A MEETING WOULD DO WELL TO SECURE THEIR SERVICES. DURING THE MEETING WE HAD ONE FINE YOUNG LADY, MRS LOLA GARVER, MAKE THE CONFESSION AND OBEYED THE LORD IN BAPTISM; ALSO, A BROTHER AND SISTER G.A. YEWELL CONFESSED THEIR FAULTS AND RENEWED THEIR HOPE IN CHRIST.

THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP WAS GREATLY STRENGHTENED, BROTHER FRANCIS AND BROTHER HOWELL GOING INTO THE HOMES OF ALL THAT WOULD PERMIT THEM AND TEACHING THEM THE WAY OF THE LORD MORE PERFECTLY.

AMONG THE VISITING FOLKS WERE BROTHER AND SISTER ED ATCHLEY OF ELK CITY OKLAHOMA, BROTHER AND SISTER FORREST FRANCIS OF NEW MEXICO, AND BROTHER AND SISTER DEGARMORE AND SON OF OF SAYRE OKLAHOMA; AND ALSO, SOSTER FRANCIS AND SISTER HOWELL WHO CAME FOR THEIR HUSBANDS AND SHARED THE CLOSING SERVICES WITH US.

BROTHER FRANCIS BEGINS A MEETING AT GILLAND TEXAS, MONDAY EVENING AUGUST THE 9 TH. WE DO WISH HE COULD BE KEPT IN THE FIELD BUSY ALL OF THE TIME; HEC IS PATIENT, MEEK, AND FARSIGHTED, NOT ONLY AS A GOSPEL PREACHER BUT HE IS A FINE PERSONAL WORKER. YOURS IN CHRIST

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA, ROUTE). AUGUST THE 8 TH 1948.

DEAR BROTHER BEDINGFIELD;- SINCE I HAVE LAST REPORTED IN THE PAPER, I HAVE BEEN IN A SHORT MEETING AT COULTER OKLAHOMA; WE HAD GOOD CROWDS EACH NIGHT. BAPTIZED A MAN AND HIS WIFE ABOUT FIFTY YEARS OF AGE. THEY SEEMED HAPPY ABOUT THEIR OBEDIENCE, AND OF COURSE ALL THE CHURCH WAS PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING. WE STAYED IN THE HOME OF BROTHER I.A. PETERSON. THE HOSPITALITY WAS SUCH AS WOULD MAKE ANYONE HAPPY: NOT ONLY IN THIS HOME BUT ANY HOME IN WHICH WE HAPPENED TO BE. HOSPITALITY SUCH AS THIS I BELIEVE IS PLEASING TO TH- LORD.

WE HAD VISITORS FROM ELK CITY ALMOST EVERY NIGHT. I WAS HAPPY TO SEE ALL OF THEM. I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE FAILURE OF THE CARLSBAD EFFORT; BUT HAPPY ABOUT THE CHURCH HERE. WE HAD ONE CONFESSION OF FAULTS HERE SINCE WE BEGAN. WE HOPE TO FIND A PLACE TO WORSHIP SOON WHERE MORE CAN BE ACCOMODATED. YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST

COY GARRISON.

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A LETTER FROM BROTHER CAVIN OF 474 PERSING DRIVE, WHITTIER CALIFORNIA, STATES TAHT THE SCEDULED MEETING AT LA HABRA CALIF., IN WHICH THE BREAD BREAKING QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED, WAS HELD AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

IN THIS MEETING EACH SPEAKER WAS TO HAVE PUT FOURTH HIS POSITION AND LET THE AUDIENCE JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES AS TO THE SCRIPTURALNESS OF EACH POSITION SET FOURTH.

BUT TRUE TO THEIR USUAL TACTICS, THOSE WHO ADVOCATE THAT THE ONE SERVING MUST EAT AND DRINK BEFORE PASSING OUT THE ELEMENTS TO THE ASSEMBLED AUDIENCE, SUCCEEDED IN GETTING BROTHER CAVIN IN THE LEAD AND SMITH WITHOUT PUTTING FOURTH HIS POSITION, ONLY ATTACTED BROTHER CAVIN'S SPEECH. NICHOLS DID THE SAME TO BROTHER HUNT BUT THIS DID NOT SAVE THEM FROM TH THEIR DEFEAT.

SMITH MADE THE ASSERTION THAT CHRIST NEVER DID SAY THAT HE BROKE THE BREAD. CAVIN COUNTERED BY ASKING HIM BY WHOSE AUTHORITY MATTHEW AND MARK WROTE WHEN THEY SAID -"HE BREAK IT"-, IF IT WAS NOT BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SPIRIT? OF COURSE SMITH WAS SILENT.

NICHOLS MADE A DEMONSTRATION BY BREAKING A CRACKER IN THE MIDDLE, STATING THAT SHOWED A DIVISION, BUT BREAKING OFF A SMALL PIECE DID NOT.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED "BROTHER CAVIN SHOWED THAT WHEN A SMALL PIECE WAS BROKEN OFF: THE LOAF WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, JUST AS THO IT WAS BROKEN IN THE MIDDLE. THIS BROUGHT MORE LOWERED HEADS AND NO ANSWERS. YOU KNOW, THE PROPHET SAID CONCERNING JESUS THAT, "NOT A BONE SHOULD BE BROKEN". THIS IS ALSO REPEATED IN THE GISPELS.

THESE BRETHREN ARGUED WHEN YOU BROKE IT IN PREPARATION AS WE DO; WE BREAK BONES. BROTHER CAVIN TOLD THEM THAT THE ISSUE WAS NOT ABOUT HIS BONES; BUT HOW COULD THEY CONSUME AN ENTIRE LOAF AND FIND NO BONES; BUT IF WE BROKE IT AT ALL WE BREAK BONES? YES, YOU GUESSED RIGHT, THEY LET THAT ALONE.

BROTHER CAVIN AND ALSO BROTHER STRINGHAM SHOWED IN THEIR LETTERS TO ME THAT BROTHER HUNT MADE A WONDERFUL SPEECH IN SETTING FORTH OUR POSITION: BUT SINCE BROTHER CAVIN AND BROTHER SMITH WERE THE ONES IN THE REJOINDERS BROTHER HUNT HAD NO CHANCE TO ANSWER THEIR SOPHISTRY.

BROTHER STRINGHAM STATES THOSE FELLOWS WERE BADLY WHIPPED. AND THE TRUTH OF THIS STATEMENT WAS DEMONSTRATED WHEN BROTHER CAVIN AND BROTHER NIEMCZYK SUGGESTED ANOTHER SUCH MEETING BUT GOT NO REPLY.

YES, I WOULD HATE TO BE WRONG AND HAVE CAVIN AND HUNT ON MY TRAIL.

I ALSO HAVE A LONG LETTER FROM BROTHER R.C.CLEMENTS OF BROKEN BOW OKLAHOMA, BOX 731. IT WOUL THRILL EVERY BROTHER IN THE CHURCH TO READ THE VALIANT FIGHT THOSE BRETHREN HAVE MADE, AND ARE EMERGING FULL OF COURAGE AND LOVE OF GOD'S HOLY WORD; READY TO GIVE BATTLE IN DEFENCE OF THE COSPEL OF OUR LORD AGAINST ANY OF SATANS FORCES.

THEY HAVE JUST CAME THROUGH A FIGHT WITH THE SAME FORCES OF ERROR WITH WHICH THE BRETHREN AT LA HABRA HAD THE ABOVE MEETING.

THIS CHURCH AT BROKEN BOW CONSISTS OF MORE THAN FORTY MWMBERS AND THAT THAT GOOD SOLDIER OF OUR LORD, CLEMENTS, IS ONE OF THEM.

BROTHER TREAT, A GOSPEL PREACHER, OF GILLILAND TEXAS SENT ME THE ADDRESS OF THESE BRETHREN. MANY THANKS BROTHER TREAT.

BRETHREN WHEN YOU KNOW OF ANY ISOLATED BRETHREN, OR CHURCHES, WHICH ARE NOT GETTING "IT IS WRITTEN"; SEND ME THEIR NAME AND THEY WILL GET IT.

YOURS IN CHRIST J.S.B.

"IT IS NOT FORBIDDEN"

WE ARE OFTEN TOLD, WHEN TRYING TO HELP SOMEONE GET RIGHT WITH GOD BY DOING ONLY WHAT HE TELLS THEM TO DO AND IN THE WAY HE SAYS TO DO IT, "THAT IT IS NOT FORBIDDEN".

LET US SEE WHAT THE LORD HAS TO SAY ALONG THAT LINE, IF ANYTHING.

BACK IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WE HAVE THIS-"YE SHALL NOT ADD UNTO THE WORD WHICH I COMMAND YOU, NEITHER SHALL YE DEMINISH FROM IT, THAT YE MAY KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF JEHOVAH YOUR GOD WHICH I COMMAND YOU". DEUT. 4:2.

ALSO IN CHAPTER 12 VERSE 32 OF SAME BOOK, "WHATSOEVER THINGS I COMMAND YOU, THAT SHALL YE OBSERVE TO DO; THOU SHALT NOT ADD THERETO, NOR DEMINISH FROM IT".

DID GOD MEAN WHAT HE SAID? LET US SEE IF HE DID. IN LEV. 16:12, 13, GOD TOLD THE PREIST THAT FIRE FOR BURNING THE INCENSE WAS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ALTER (OF BURNT OFFERINGS). READ ALSO NUMBERS 16:46.

AARON THE HIGH PRIEST, HAD FOUR SONS, ALL PRIESTS, THE OLDER TWO, NADAB AND ABIHU, WERE SERVING IN THE PRIESTS OFFICE AT THIS TIME, AND FOR SOME REASON, WE KNOW NOT WHAT, THEY TOOK FIRE FROM SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN THE ALTER OF BURNT OFFERINGS.

IT MAY BE THAT THERE WAS NO FIRE ON THE ALTER OF BURNT OFFERINGS AT TH THAT MOMENT, OR PERHAPS THERE WASAA MORE CONVINIENT FIRE ELSEWHERE, AND THEY MAY HAVE ARGUED, "WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHERE WE GET THE FIRE THE MAIN THING IS TO FILL THE TABERNACLE WITH THE SWEET SMELL OF THE INCENSE, FIRE IS FIRE WHEREEVER YOU GET IT". THE RESULT WOULD BE THE SAME AND LIKELY THE SAME KIND OF WOOD WAS USED. PERHAPS JEHOVAH JUST THOUGH IT WOULD BE MORE CONVINIENT FOR THE PRIESTS TO GET THE FIRE FROM THE ALTER OF BURNT OFFERINGS; ANYWAY, "-IT IS NOT FORBIDDEN", TO GET IT ELSEWHERE. SOME OF THE FOREGOING EXCUSES MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN GIVEN, WE KNOW NOT, BUT THEY ARE VERY MUCH LIKE SOME PRESENT DAY "ARGUEMENTS" FOR DOUNG THINGS WHICH GOD HAS NOT COMMANDED. WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE JUST SO IT IS DONE IN THE RIGHT SPIRIT"? SO I HAVE BEEN TOLD.

NO, WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT EXCUSE THOSE PRIESTS HAD FOR OFFERING STRANGE FIRE UPON THAT ALTER, BUT WE DO KNOWTHAT THE RECORD SAYS, "THERE CAME FORTH FIRE FROM BEFORE JEHOVAH AND DEVOURED THEM AND THEY DIED BEFORE JEHOVAH". BUT WHY DID GOD BURN THEM? BECAUSE THEY HAD DONE A TH THING IN THEIR WORSHIP OF JEHOVAH WHICH HE HAD NOT COMMANDED; THEY HAD "OFFERED STRANGE FIRE BEFORE JEHOVAH WHICH HE HAD NOT COMMANDED" LEV.10:1,2.

WHEN JEHOVAH GIVES US A COMMAND AND TELLS US HOW THAT COMMAND IS TO BE CARRIED OUT, EITHER BY PRECEPT OR EXAMPLE, THERE CAN BE NO OTHER WAY. BUT SOME MAY SAY THAT WAS DONE BACK UNDER THE OLD TESTAMENT TIMES; BACK UNDER THE LAW". RIGHT! BUT PAUL TELLS US THOSE "THINGS HAPPENED UNTO THEM BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, AND THEY WERE WRITTEN FOR OUR ADMONITION, UPON WHOM THE END OF THE AGES HAVE COME".- 1 COR.10:11.

AND AGAIN, WWHATSOEVER THINGS WERE WRITTEN AFORETIME WERE WRITTEN FOR OUR LEARNING"- ROM.15:4.

THE WRITER OF HEBREWS TELLS US THAT THE OLD LAW WAS FAULTY(HEB.8:7) AND PAUL SAYS(GAL.4:24,25)THAT THE OLD LAW BORE CHILDREN UNTO BONDAGE" BUT JAMES INFORMS US THAT THE GOSPEL IS THE PERFECT LAW, THE LAW OF LIBERTY".- JAS.1:25.

AND AGAIN THE WRITER OF HEBREWS SAYS, "IF THE WORD SPOKEN THROUGH ANGELS PROVED STEADFAST AND EVERY TRANSGRESSION AND DISOBEDIENCE RECIEVED A JUST RECOMPENSE OF REWARD, HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION, WHICH HAVING AT FIRST BEEN SPOKEN THROUGH THE LORD, WAS CONFIRMED UNTO US BY THEM THAT HEARD". HEB.2:2,3.

MANY THINGS PRACTICED IN RELIGION HAVE NO AUTHORITY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AS, SPRINKLING FOR BAPTISM, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN THE WORSHIP, SO CALLED "INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION CUPS", AND MANY OTHER THINGS WHICH THEIR ADVOCATES SAY "ARE NOT FORBIDDEN".

BUT PLEASE READ 2 PETER 1:3-"HIS DIVINE POWER HATH GIVEN US ALL THINGS WHICH PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM THAT CALLED US". AND 2 TIM.3:16; "EVERY SCRIPTURE INSPIRED OF GOD IS ALSO PROFITABLE- - --THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, FURNISHED COMPLETELY UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK". AND AGAIN THE APOSTLE TELLS US (1 COR. 4:6) "THESE THINGS BRETHREN, I HAVE IN A FIGURE TRANSFERED TO MYSELF AND APOLLOS FOR YOUR SAKES, THAT IN US YE MIGHT LEARN NOT NOT TO GO BEYOND THE THINGS THAT ARE WRITTEN". ALSO 2 JNO.9, "WHOSOEVER GOETH ONWARD AND ABIDETH NOT IN THE TEACHING OF CHRIST HATH NOT GOD". TO BE WITHOUT GOD IS TO BE WITHOUT HOPE IN THE WORLD, EPH.2:12.

IF "IT IS NOT FORBIDDEN" IS SUFFICIANT AUTHORITY FOR ADDING SOMETHING TO THE WORSHIP NOT MENTIONED IN THE GOSPEL, THEN LETS PUT CORN -BEEF AND CABBAGE ON THE LORD'S TABLE; IT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY FORBIDDEN.

NADAB AND ABIHU WERE BURNED BECAUSE THEY HAD DONE A THING IN THEIR WORSHIP WHICH GOD HAD NOT COMMANDED. IF WE DO A THING IN OUR WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO GOD WHICH HE HAS NOT AUTHORIZED WE SHALL CERTAINLY BURN. SEE 2 THES.1:7-10; 1 PETER 3:10; REV.20:9,10,15.

BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE FAITHFUL? SEE 2 THES.4:13-18; LUKE 20:35,36; COL.3:4; PHIL.3:20,21.

A YOUNG SISTER RECENTLY SAID TO ME; "WHEN THE BIBLE DOSEN'T SAY 'YES' IT SAYS 'NO'". AND THAT IS EXACTLY RIGHT.

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"DID YOU KNOW"?

DID YOU KNOW, "WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON THE SON HATH EVERLASTING LIFE".- JOHN 3:16. DID YOU KNOW, " HE THAT BELIEVETH 'ON' THE SON HATH EVERLASTING LIFE" JOHN 3:36 DID YOU KNOW TO BELIEVE "IN" OR "ON" JESUS, YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT HE TOLD THE TRUTH IN EVERY INSTANCE? DID YOU KNOW, IN THE NEXT BREATH, IN JNO 3:36; JESUS SAYS, "HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT THE SON, SHALL NOT SEE LIFE--? DID YOU KNOW, TO MERELY BELIEVE THAT GOD OR JRSUS "IS" IS NO MORE FAITH THAN DEVILS HAVE?

DID YOU KNOW,DEVILS FAITH WILL NOT SAVE? DID YOU KNOW JESUS' BRETHREN BELIEVED THAT JESUS WAS--OR THAT HE EXISTED;BUT DID NOT BELIEVE "IN" OR "ON" HIM? JOHN 7:3-5.DID YOU KNOW, THAT "FAITH COMETH BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD"? ROM.10:17. DID YOU KNOW, THAT "WORD" IS THE GOSPEL ?JAS,1:25. DID YOU KNOW,THAT JESUS SAID, "EXCEPT YE REPENT YE SHALL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH"?LUKE 13:3-5.
DID YOU KNOW,EXCEPT YOU BELIEVE THIS STATEMENT,YOU DO NOT BELIEVE "IN" OR "ON" THE SON?FOR YOU DO NOT BELIEVE THE SON .JNO.3:36.
DID YOU KNOW, THAT JESUS SAID,"WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL CONFESS ME BEFORE MEN ,HIM WILL I CONFESS ALSO BEFORE MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN"? MATTH.10;32. DID YOU KNOW,IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE EITHER OF THESE STATEMENTS YOU ARE NOT BELIEVING "IN" OR "ON"X THE SON?BUT YOU ARE QUESTENING HIS VERASITY AND CLAIM TO BE THE SON OF GOD?
DID YOU KNOW TO QUESTION ONE SINGLE STATEMENT JESUS MADE,OR CAUSED TO BE MADE BY THE APOSTLES,BY INSPIRING THEM WITH THE SPIRIT;IS TO THAT EXTENT NOT BELIEVING HIM-"IN" OR "ON" HIM?
DID YOU KNOW,THAT JESUS SAID;"--HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED"? MARKC 16:16. DID YOU KNOW,TO "BELIEVE THE SON",JNO. 3:36; "IN " OR "ON" JESUS (JNO.3:16; AND 36);YOU MUST BELIEVE THE ABOVE STATEMENT? DID YOU KNOW,PETER TOLD THE PENTECOSTIANS TO "REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS'? ACTS 2:38. DID YOU KNOW WHEN PAUL WAS PRAYING;ANANIAS TOLD HIM TO "ARISE AND BE BAPTIZED AND WASH AWAY THY SINS,CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD"? ACTS 22:16. DID YOU KNOW IF YOU DID NOT BELIEVE THE ABOVE STATEMENT,YOU. DID NOT "BELIEVE THE SON" (JNO.3:36); "IN" OR "ON" THE SON (JNO.3:16 AND 36) ? DID YOU KNOW TO QUESTION WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID,WHICH JESUS SENT, IS TO DISCOUNT THE VERASITY OF GOD,CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT? DID YOU KNOW THAT PETER SAID;"-- -BAPTISM DOTH ALSO NOW SAVE US" ? 1 PETER 3:21. DID YOU KNOW TO REFUSE TO BELIEVE ANY OF THE AVOVE S SCRIPTURES,OR ANY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT,IS TO NOT "BELIEVE THE SON",JNO. 3:36; "IN" OR "ON" THE SON,JESUS CHRIST?JNO.3:16 AND 36.
DID YOU KNOW JESUS COMMANDED HIS DESCIPLES TO CARRY THE GOSPEL TO "EVERY CREATURE","ALL NATIONS"? MATTH 28:19-20; MK.14:15-16.
DID YOU KNOW,THIS COMMAND IS AS BINDING AS ANY OF THE OTHERS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED?.DID YOU KNOW GOD IS NO RESPECTOR OF PERSONS? ACTS 10:34. DID YOU KNOW THE JUDGMENT IS COMING ON,AND WE HAD BETTER OBEY THE LORD AND BE SAFE THAN SORRY? YOURS IN CHRIST

J.S.BEDINGFIELD.

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BRETHREN,I HAVE RESERVED THIS SPACE FOR A TALK WITH YOU ESPECIALLY WITH THOSE WHO WISH TO HELP OUT WITH SENDING IN ARTICLES..
PLEASE,WILL YOU WHO WISH TO HAVE ARTICLES PRINTED,CUT THE STENCILS AND SEND THEM INSTEAD OF WRITTEN MANUSCRIPTS.YOUR MODE OF EXPRESSION IS DIFFERENT FROM MINE,AND I AM LIABLE TO MAKE A LOT MORE MISTAKES IN CUTTING STENCIL FOR YOUR MANUSCRIPTS THAN MINE. BESIDES THIS,I AM AWFULLY HARD PUT TO GET OUT THE STENCILS AND OTHER WORK THAT GOES WITH IT.
THE STENCILS COULD BE ROLLED AND PLACED IN A ROUND CARD BOARD CONTAINER AND SENT BY MAIL WITHOUT DAMAGE.THEN YOUR ARTICLE WOULD APPEAR VERBATIM AS YOU CUT THE STENCIL--NO MISTAKES TO CORRECT;AND A LARGE LOAD OFF OF MY SHOULDERS. OF COURSE IN YOUR REPORTS IN "CHURCH ACTIVITIES" I WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE STENCIL WORK THERE.
YOU SEE BRETHREN,EVEN IF I HAVE AN ARTICLE PREPARED AND STENCILS CUT, WHEN I RECIEVE THIS OTHER WORK,I MUST GO TO WORK AND CUT THE STENCILS FOR THIS ALSO;AND I AM AWFULLY HARD PUT TO PUT OUT THE WORK.
PLEASE COOPERATE WITH ME BY HELPING OUT THIS WAY WHEN YOU SEND IN MATTER. AND AS WE ARE PRACTICALLY ONE;BE CAREFUL NOT TO FIND OUT SOME "NEW THING" AND THUS DISTURB THE PEACE AND UNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

YOURS IN CHRIST

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