THE GREAT COMMISSION.

"AND JESUS CAME AND SPAKE UNTO THEM SAYING, ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND EARTH; GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST; TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU; AND, LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAY, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD". MATTH 28:18-20.

"AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED; BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL BE DAMNED". MARK 16:15-16.

AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, THUS IT IS WRITTEN, AND THUS IT BEHOOVED THE CHRIST TO SUFFER, AND TO RISE FROM THE DEAD THE THIRD DAY; AND THAT REPENTANCE AND THE REMISSION OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING AT JERUSELAM. AND YE ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS. AND, BEHOLD, I SEND THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER UPON YOU; BUT TARRY YE IN THE CITY OF JERUSELAM TILL YE BE ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH." LK. 24:46-49

"THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THEM AGAIN, PEACE BE UNTO YOU; AS MY FATHER HATH SENT ME, EVEN SO SEND I YOU. AND HE BREATHED ON THEM, AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, RECIEVE YOU THE HOLY GHOST; WHOSOEVER SINS YE REMIT, SHALL BE REMITTED UNTO THEM; WHOSOEVER SINS YE RETAIN, SHALL BE RETAINED". ST. JNO. 20:21-23.

IN THIS WE FIND THE GREAT COMMISSION OF OUR SAVIOUR TO HIS APOSTLES, READY TO BEGIN THE GREATEST TASK THAT HAS CONFRONTED THE WORLD SINCE THE FALL OF MAN; SALVATION FROM SIN.

THIS WAS NOT LEFT TO THE RECOLECTION OF MAN ALONE, BUT THEY WERE TO BE GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; SO THERE WOULD NOT BE THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE FOR A MISTAKE. ST. JNO. 14:16-17; 16:7-15; 20:23; LK. 24:48; ACTS 1:6-8; 2:--.

NO WONDER OUR HEAVENLY FATHER WAS SOPARTICULAR THAT THE EXACT PLAN BE CARRIED OUT; FOR ON THE SACRIFICE OF OUR SAVIOUR RESTED THE SALVATION OF LOST MEN OF ALL AGES. EVERY SACRIFICE FOR EVERY SIN OFFERED IN THE PAST AGES HAD THEIR FULFILLMENT IN CHRIST.

THE TEACHING PROGRAMME WAS NOT TO END WITH THE APOSTLES; BUT WAS TO BE CARRIED ON DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS OF MEN.

"AND THE THINGS WHICH THOU HAST HEARD OF ME AMONG MANY WITNESSES, THE SAME COMMIT THOU TO FAITHFUL MEN, WHO SHAL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO." 2 TIM. 2:2.

"AND THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, COME, AND LET HIM THAT HEARETH SAY, COME-- --". REV. 22:17. AND WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

PAUL SAYS, "---YEA, WOE IS UNTO ME, IF I PREACH NOT THE GOSPEL". 1 COR. 9:16.

IT IS GOD'S POWER UNTO SALVATION. ROM. 1:16.

GOD'S "CREATURES"--IN "EVERY NATION", ARE PASSING OUT OF THIS WORLD, TO GO INTO ETERNITY TO MEET GOD UNPREPARED.: AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

PAUL WAS PURE OF THE BLOOD OF ALL MEN AFTER HE HAD DECLARED ALL THE COUNCIL OF GOD. ACTS 20:26-27. IS GOD A RESPERCTOR OF PERSONS? NAY, VERILY, HE SAYS HEC IS NOT IN HIS WORD. ACTS 10:34.

NOTICE, FAITHFUL MEN ARE TO TEACH, 2 TIM. 2:2; THE CHURCH, THE BRIDE, IS TO SAY "COME" REV. 22:17; THEM THAT HEAR ARE TO "SAY, COME". REV. 22:1, NONE OF US CAN DODGE OUR PART OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY--FROM THE ABOVE SCRIPTURES, THE RESPONSIBILITY IS ON EVERY ONE OF US.

IT IS WORLD WIDE, "TO EVERY CREATURE" IN THE SCOPE OF THIS ACTIVITY. SEE-MATTH. 28:19-20; MARK 14:15-16; LUKE 24:47; ACTS 2:6-8; 2 TIM. 2:2; REV 22:17.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN TO SIT DOWN IN A FEW FAVORED PLACES, AND BUILD PALACIAL HOUSES WITH MANY ROOMS FOR WORK AND WORSHIP; HIRE A PASTOR TO DO THE TEACHING; AND ONCE A YEAR HAVE A MEETING AND INVITE ALL TO COME OUT; AND THOSE WHO DO NOT COME OUT, LET THEM GO TO HELL.

WHERE IS THAT SCRIPTURE ANYWAY? O, YES, WE HAVE BEEN VERY DILIGENT IN CONDEMNING THIS PRACTICE OF SOME OF OUR BRETHREN; AND SO WE SHOULD: BUT WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO CARRY THE GOSPEL TO "EVERY CREATURE" IN "ALL NATIONS"? HAVE WE SET BEFORE THEM THE SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLE FULLY CARRIED OUT? WILL THE LORD HOLD US GUILTLESS IN SHIRKING THIS DUTY JUST BECAUSE WE CONDEMED CERTAIN INOVATIONS AMOG OUR BRETHREN?

"I CHARGE THEE BEFORE GOD, AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE ELECT ANGLES THAT THOU OBSERVE THESE THINGS WITHOUT PREFERING ONE BEFORE ANOTHER, DOING NOTHING BY PARTIALITY". 1 TIM. 5:21.

IF YOU WILL NOTICE THIS CHARGE IS BEFORE THE HEAVENLY HOSTS; GOD, JESUS CHRIST, AND THE ELECT ANGELS; IT IS A VERY SOLEMN ONEAND WHAT IS IT?-- -"THAT THOU OBSERVE THESE THINGS WITHOUT PREFERING ONE BEFORE ANOTHER, DOING NOTHING BY PARTIALITY". ARE WE OBEYING THIS SOLMN CHARGE?

IN APOSTOLIC TIMES THEY TAUGHT DAILY IN THE TEMPLE AND IN EVERY HOUSE" ACTS 5:42. DO WE MAKE IT A POINT TO FOLLOW THIS EXAMPLE?DO WE MAKE IT A POINT TO AVAIL OURSELVES OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY, WHERE PEOPLE ARE GATHERED TOGATHER, BESIDES IN EVERY HOUSE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL?
YOU , MY BROTHER, WHO IS NOT A PUBLIC SPEAKER; HOW MUCH OF THIS "DAILY HOUSE TO HOUSE" WORK DO YOU DO? DO YOU DO IT DAILY?DO YOU EVEN DO IT ON LORD'S DAYS?
HOW ABOUT YOU, PREACHING BROTHER? I CONFESS I AM FAR SHORT AND TREMBLE AT SUCH PASSAGES AS2:1-3.
YES WE POUR IT ON THE OTHER FELLOW WHO MISSES SOME OTHER PART OF THE GOSPEL, AND PASS OVER THIS TEACHING ACTIVITY WITHOUT A BLUSH. SHAME!
THERE MAY BE CONGREGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS OUT THERE WHO ARE NOT GUILTY. I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT THEM; BUT MYSELF AND OTHERS WHO ARE GUILTY.
ARE YOU GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?
PAUL IN HIS SOLMN CHARGE TO THE ELDERS OF EPHESUE RECAPITULATES SOME OF HIS ACTIVITIES AS A GOSPEL PREACHER; HEAR HIM: "AND HOW I KIPT BACK NOTHING THAT WAS PROFITABLE UNTO YOU, BUT HAVE SHOWED YOU, AND HAVE TAUGHT YOU PUBLICLY AND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE". ACTS 20:20.
PAUL LEFT NO ROOM FOR ANYONE TO BE MISTAKEN; HE "SHOWED THEM"; HE "TAUGHT THEM PUBLICLY"; AND HE "TAUGHT THEM FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE".
BROTHER HAVE YOU ENDEVORED TO TEACH YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR? HAVE YOU TRIED TO "TEACH IN EVERY HOUSE" IN YOUR IMMEDIATE VACINITY? OR, ARE YOU WAITING FOR THE BIG MEETING? I REMEMBER ONCE BEMOANING THE SORRY CHANCE WE WHO HAD THE TRUTH IN TAKING IT TO LOST AND DIEING MEN. THE NEXT SUNDAY BROTHER A.C. STARK PREACHED FOR US, AND HE SINGLED ME OUT BY SAYING; BRO. BEDINGFIELD, WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR A CHANCE, WE ALREADY HAVE A CHANCE; JUST BEGIN WHERE YOU ARE WITH YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR. ALL OF US BEGIN WHERE WE ARE AND KEEP ON WIDENING OUT.
AND BROTHER, THERE YOU ARE; IF EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WOULD DO THIS; OBSERVING ALL GOD'S RESTRICTIONS; "EVERY CREATURE" IN "EVERY NATION" WOULD SOON HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD.
HOW DID THE IDEAGET STARTED, AND WHO STARTED IT; THAT THEXONLY WAY TO TEACH GOD'S WORD WAS ONCE OR TWICE IN PROTRACTED MEETINGS FROM THE PULPIT ?
IF EVERY MEMBER, "FAUTHFUL MEN", "HIM THAT HEARETH", HAD HIS SOUL ABLAZE WITH ZEAL AND LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD, WOULD BEGIN WHERE HE IS; AND DO THIS "HOUSE TO HOUSE" WORK; AND THOSE WHO CAN WOULD ALSO DO IT PUBLICLY; IT WOULD NOT TAKE LONG TO WIN OTHERS FROM THE MODERN INOVATIONS TO THE GOSPEL PLAN. BUT AS LONG AS WE SIT IDLY BY AND DO NOTHING BUT CRITICISE WE WILL DO NOTHING.
HOW FUTIL THIS EFFORT BY BUILDING PALACIAL HOUSES WITH MANY ROOMS, WOULD SEEM ALONG SIDE THIS GOSPEL PLAN TAUGHT AND EXEMPLIFIED BY THE APOSTLES OF OUR LORD.
I AM NOT SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT HAVING A PLACE FOR THE DESCIPLES OF OUR LORD TO ASSEMBLE; BUT THIS THING OF INVENTING A HUMAN INSTITUTION TO DO THE LORD'S WORK AND THEN SPENDING THOUSANDS, OF DOLLARS TO HOUSE IT TO TRY TO MAKE IT LOOK SCRIPTURAL IS A SHAME.
AND TO SIT IDLY BY AND CRITICISE THIS INOVATION, AND DO NOTHING ABOUT CARRYING OUT THE LORD'S INSTRUCTIONS IS ANOTHER SHAME. WHICH IS THE BIGGEST?
THE GOSPEL SAYS "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD" OUR PLACES ARE A PART OF AL THE WORLD; BUT THESE OTHER PLACES; FOR EXAMPLE "EVERY HOUSE" ARE AS MUCH A PART OF "ALL THE WORLD" AS THE PLACES OF WORSHIP.
"PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE"; NOT TO THOSE ONLY WHO COMES OUT TO AN APPOINTED PLACE--NO--BUT "EVERY CREATURE" IN "ALL THE WORLD".

YES, WE NEED A LOT OF GOOD GOSPEL PREACHERS WHO ARE WILLING TO "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD", TO "EVERY CREATURE"; AND WE OTHERS NEED TO DO A LITTLE OF THAT APOSTOLIC "HOUSE TO HOUSE WORK, AND NOT FORGET OUR DUTY TWORDS THOSE WHO ARE EVANGELIZING ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD.

SURE,PAUL WORKED WITH HIS OWN HANDS TO SUPPORT HIMSELFX AND OTHERS,AND CONDITIONS LIKE THAT STILL ARISE;BUT HEAR WHAT GOD HAS ORDAINED AND LETS TRY TO LIVE UP TO THAT ALSO.
"EVEN SO HATH GOD ORDAINED THAT THEY WHICH PREACH THE GOSPEL SHOULD LIVE OF THE GOSPEL". 1 COR.9:14.(READ FROM FIRST TO FIFTEENTH VERSES).
GOD "ORDAINED" THAT THEY WHICH PREACH THE GOSPEL SHOULD LIVE OF THE GOSPEL. JUST WHAT ARE WEGOING TO DO ABOUT IT? (SEE ALSO PHIL.4:15-18).
NOTE ESPECIALLY THE 16 TH VERSE--THEY "SENT ONCE AND AGAIN TO HIS NECESSITIES".THIS IS AN APOSTOLIC PRECEDENCE--WE KNOW IT WILL WORK FOR GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES.THEN,WHY NOT FOLLOW IT AND BE SAFE?
GET IT BROTHER,"GOD ORDAINED THAT THEY WHICH PREACH THE GOSPEL SHOULD LIVE OF THE GOSPEL" 1 COR.9:14.
THE PHILLIPIANS SENT ONCE AND AGAIN TO PAUL'S NECESSITIES.PHIL.4:15-18.
WHY CANT WE AS INDIVIDUALS,"TEACH FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE",AND DO ALSO WHAT GOD "ORDAINED"--"THOSE WHICH PREACH THE GOSPEL LIVE OF THE GOSPEL"?

SOME MAY SAY,BRO.BEDINGFIELD WANTS SOME ONE TO SUPPORT HIM WHILE HE PREACHES.BUT YOU GUESSED WRONG AGAIN.WHAT I WANT IS FOR YOU TO HELP MESUPPORT SOME OTHERSWHILE THEY PREACH THE GOSPEL.
WE HAVE BEEN CLEANING AWAY THE UNDERBRUSH BY FIGHTING INOVATIONS LONG ENOUGH: IF WE ARE EVER GOING TO REALLY BUILD,IT IS HIGH TIME WE WERE AT IT.
"BRUSH WHACKING"IS ALRIGHT TO REMOVE THE UNDESIREABLE MATERIAL,BUT DONT LOOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT WE ARE TO DO SOME BUILDING.
YES,I MEAN BUILD--NOT PALACIAL BUILDINGS WITH MANY ROOMS TO MAKE A MAN MADE INSTITUTION LOOK FEASABLE:BUT A GREAT SPIRITUAL HOUSE.1 PET.2:5; 1 COR.3:9. GOD HAS FURNISHED A SURE FOUNDATION 1 COR.3:11. WE ARE STONES IN THAT BUILDING 1 PET.2:5.WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD 1 COR.3:16.

WHY WASTE OUR TIME BUILDING PALACIAL BUILDINGS FOR OUR COMFORT ALONE, AND TO HOUSE AN UNSCRIPTURAL INSTITUTION,AND MAKE A LAME EFFORT IN A HUMAN WAYTO TEACH GOD'S WORD,WHEN HE HAS A PERFECT WAY THAT GOES FROM"HOUSE TO HOUSE" TO "EVERY CREATURE","IN ALL THE WORLD",AND THERE BY BUILDS THAT GREAT SPIRITUAL HOUSE GOD HAS WILLED THAT WE SHOULD BUILD AND BE?

I HAVE SEEN BRETHREN WHO WERE AFRAID TO GO TO OTHER RELIGIOUS EXERCISES FOR FEAR THEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO ITS SUCCESS.YOU WHO DO THAT,"DID YE NEVER READ" HOW THAT PAUL ONCE AND AGAIN ENTERED JEWISH PLACES OF WORSHIP,AND THEREBY OBTAINED A CHANCE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL? (SEE ACTS19:8).
YOU ARE PERFECTLY SAFE BROTHER,IN ADOPTING ANY PLAN THAT IS APOSTOLIC. THESE APOSTOLIC PRECEDENTS ARE FOR OUR GUIDANCE.

PAUL DISPUTED IN THE SCHOOL OF ONE TYRANNUS ACTS 19:9;BUT HE DID NOT GO ABOUT BUILDING THESE HEATHEN SCHOOLS NOR JEWISH SYNAGOGUES;BUT HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPORTUNITY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.SO ALSO WE,CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPORTUNITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE ASSEMBLED.
PAUL EVEN DISPUTED IN THE MARKET PLACES (ACTS 17:17) BESIDES TAUGHT PUBLICALLY AND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE.ACTS 20:20."IN EVERY HOUSE"ACTS5:42.
THIS IS APOSTOLIC EVANGELIZING--WE READ ABOUT IT IN GOD'S HOLY WORD--WE CANNOT GO WRONG WHEN WE FOLLOW THE SAVIOUR AND HIS APOSTLES.

WHY WILL A PEOPLE SAY "WE SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS AND ARE SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT" AND DRIFT SO FAR FROM WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS?
"HAVE YOU NEVER READ" WHAT PAUL SAID IN ROM2:1-11 ?
WE,WHO PREACH SO HARD AGAINST ONE GOING BEYOND,OR FALLING SHORT OF GOD'S HOLY WORD,AND YET,FAIL IN TEACHING GOD'S WORD ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN SET BY THE APOSTLES.
BRETHREN,LETS WAKE UP,WE HAVE BEEN IN A SEMI DORMANT STATE LONG ENOUGH.

NO USE TO KID OURSELVES IN THE IDEA,THAT GOD WILL DOOM OTHERS TO HELL FOR THEIR FALLING SHORT OF GOD'S WORD,AND SAVE US EVEN IF WE DO FAIL IN T THIS FUNDAMENTAL OF THE GOSPEL.
AS FAR AS OUR SINS OF OMISSION AND COMMISSION IS CONCERNED WE LOOK JUST LIKE ANY ONE ELSE WHO DOES THE SAME OR SIMELAR ACTS.
GOD IS NO RESPECTOR OF PERSONS ACTS 10:34.

THIS TEACHING MUSTBE DONE.JESUS COMMANDED IT,AND HE HAD IT DEMONSTRATED BY THE APOSTLES AND APOSTOLIC GHURCHES;IT IS AS PLAIN AS THE COMMAND,"BAPTISM FOR REMISSION OF SINS" OR "LET YOUR WOMEN KEEP SILENCE IN THE CHURCHES";OR ANYOTHER COMMAND. AND MAKE NO MISTAKE BUT WHAT GOD WILL REQUIRE IT OF US JUST AS MUCH AS THE OBEDIENCE OF EITHER OR ALL OF THE ABOVE COMMANDS.

THE IDEA THAT IS INTERTAINED BY SOME IF WE DO NOTHING WE SURE WILL NOT DO ANYTHING WRONG;IS SIMPLY DECEPTIVE.

IF YOU LEFT OFF BAPTISM BECAUSE SOME WANTED TO SPRINKLE;WOULD YOU BE EXCUSED?WE ALL KNOW BETTER THAN THAT.WE ALL KNOW A WILFUL OMISSION OF GOD'SCOMMANDS IS CONDEMNED JUST AS WELL AS A TRANSGRESSION OF THEM.

THE FACT WHEN WE WILLFULLY OMIT ONE WE HAVE TRANSGRESSED.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ENTERED THE VINEYARD(MATTH.#0;-) WERE LABORERS AND NOT IDLERS.

BRETHREN,I DO NOT WANT TO OFFEND ANYONE;BUT ASK YOUR SELF,WHEN YOU FALL SHOT OF GOD'S COMMANDS WILFULLY;AM I A LABORER IN ITS TRUE SENSE?

WHEN ETERNITY WILL HAVE DAWNED,IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO CORRECT OUR MISTAKE. LET US DO IT NOW WHILE TIME AND OPORTUNITY IS OURS.

TIME IS SHORT;MOST OF THE PROPHECIES OF THE BIBLE ARE ALREADY FULFILLED. WE SEE THE FIG TREE SHOOT FORTH,WE KNOW THE SUMMER IS NIGH LK.21:29. WE SEE ALL OF THE GREAT MEN OF EARTH,THEIR HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR FEAR AND LOOKING ON THOSE THINGS COMING ON THE EARTH LUKE21:26.

IN TWO GREAT WORLD WARS WE HAVE BEGAN TO SEE THE SEVENTH OF THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES BEING POURED OUT UPON THE EARTH REV.16:17.READ THE REMAINING VERSES AND SEE HOW VIVIDLY OUR TIME IS DESCRIBED.

YES,AIRPLANES,LIQUID FIRE,DISSEASE GREMS,BOMBS,ATOMIC BOMB,ATOMIC RAY, ALL ARE POURED UPON THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH FROM THE AIR;AND ARE MUTE REMINDERS TO US THAT TIME IS SHORT. HOW SHORT?NO ONE KNOWS;BUT WE DO KNOW IF WE ARE EVER GOING TO AWAKE TO OUR DUTY TO GOD AND OUR FELLOW MAN;IT IS TIME TO BEGIN.

KNOWING NOW THE TERRIBLE WEAPONS THAT HAVE BEEN DEVISED TO DESTROY MAN, IT IS EASY FOR US TO UNDER STAND THE PROPHETIC STATEMENT OF THE APOSTLE PETER IN 2 PET.3:12. LET US LIKEWISE BE "DILEGENT TGAT WE MAY BE FOUND OF HIM IN PEACE,WITHOUT SPOT,AND BLAMELESS'. 2 PETER 3:14.

CAN WE SEE OURSELVES "BLAMELESS" IF WE FAIL TO CARRY THE GOSPEL "TO EVERY CREATURE","IN ALL THE WORLD"? MK.16:15-16.

MAKE IT AS SURE AS YOU CAN-- YOU CANNOT DO TOO MUCH IF YOU STAY WITHIN GOD'S HOLY WORD.

YOU CAN LIVE AN ORDINARY MORAL LIFE HERE IN THIS WORLD,AND AWAKE IN THE JUDGMENT,UNPREPARED TO MEET YOUR GOD.

DONT FORGET THE BOOKS ARE GOING TO CONFRUNT US IN THE JUDGMENT.REV.20: 11-12.THE GREAT COMMISSION OF OUR LORD WILL STILL BE IN THE BOOK AND WILL CONFRONT US. 2 TIM.2:2;REV.22:17,WILL STAND OUT BEFORE US.

WILL THEY CONDEMN US BECAUSE WE DISOBEYED THEM;OR WILL WE BE SAVED BECAUSE WE OBEYED THEM TOGATHER WITH GOD'S OTHER COMMANDS?

MAY GOD HELP US TO DO OUR DUTY NOW WHILE WE CAN ,FOR LIFE IS SHORT,... WE CAN SEE TIME IS ALSO SO SHORT.

YOURS IN CHRIST

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