

Heal the Man, Heal the Land

Mountain View Community

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ARISE AND SHINE

— Pastor Rob

Something is profoundly wrong in our country. With all the violence in our major cities, it's like people are doing whatever they want to do.

*In those days there was no king in Israel.
Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
(Judges 21:25 ESV)*

God wants us to have insight and recognition of what is going on in our world today. There are individual believers who have insight and a spiritual understanding and **realize they need to clean up and make themselves ready for Jesus**. In contrast, there are others who are wicked and do not understand.

Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. (Daniel 12:10 ESV)

We have judges in our nation who are letting people off for their evil deeds. **The man of lawlessness, the Antichrist, has been unleashed on the earth** today and the time is short. We have unprovoked violence in our major cities.

Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. (Ecclesiastes 8:11 ESV)

Besides increasing major crimes, there is the threat of nuclear war. We are facing hyperinflation. Europe is now at 36% inflation and the people are having to decide between heating their homes or having food to eat.

BUT there's hope, good news:

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nation shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. (Isaiah 60:1-3 ESV)

There is darkness but also light. **We are in the end times and we need to get ready.**

God is moving despite what is going on today. Luke 4:18-19 is still in full effect.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

1 Corinthians 4:20 tells us: *For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.* In the King's domain, in His Kingdom, God comes with power to set captives free, to bring life to people who are held in bondage. This is the heart and goal of Jesus's ministry and it's the same today for each of us.

We are entering an age when the gospel of the kingdom is being proclaimed. It is not just the good news to get saved, but **the gospel of the kingdom where God is here to heal and break people out of their bondages.**



How to Make It Through a Bad Day

Pastor Rob Gross
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When your soul is full, you turn down even the sweetest honey. But when your soul is starving, every bitter thing becomes sweet. (Proverbs 27:7)

When our souls are full of the world, i.e., entertainment or what's on our phones, **we turn down the sweetest honey – the presence of God.**

Mayhem struck our family in 2018. Our youngest son's car was broken into. Our middle son collapsed on the floor. Our oldest son and wife got the flu and their son had a terrifying seizure. My wife also had heart attack symptoms.

I was overwhelmed and for ten weeks I soaked daily, praising and praying for God to take me to a place of rest.

I realized the enemy was attacking us because at that time we were leading a Healing Hearts session for 150 pastors from four different churches. **It was a spiritual attack.**

What does a spiritual attack look like? It's when the enemy comes against you to discourage, discredit or disconnect you from others in areas like your health, finances and relationships.

However, not all of our circumstances are demonic in nature as sometimes the decisions we make lead to adversity. When this is the case we need to take personal responsibility and own our mistakes.

When we're having a bad day, week, year or season we need to fix our eyes on Jesus.

Recently I had a warning dream where black smoke was billowing upwards. Families were stocking up food. Everyone was preparing for something serious that was about to happen.

A wise, shrewd person discerns the danger ahead and prepares himself, but the naïve simpleton never looks ahead and suffers the consequences. (Proverbs 27:12)

I hope I'm wrong, but Pastor Barb and I are stocking food. We can always give the food away for those who are struggling if we don't need it.

There's physical preparation and there's spiritual preparation.

When adversity strikes how do we typically respond? Do we go into self-pity or blame others or God?

Have you noticed that when you find yourself in a tough or unwelcome situation that you question God's voice, God's love for you, and God's goodness or provision?

What is the **purpose of adversity?** When adversity comes, we are **forced to face problems and pressures that are too big for us to resolve.**

Adversity is Our Friend

- 1. It reminds us of our weaknesses.**
- 2. It motivates us to cry out to God.**
- 3. It presents us with an opportunity for us to 'experience' God's amazing intervention.**

It's All About Perspective

In Acts 16 Paul and Silas were stripped, beaten and thrown into prison for casting an evil spirit out of a slave girl.

Paul and Silas **fixed their eyes on Jesus** not their circumstances. They located Jesus in their prison cell. **They chose to rejoice in the Lord. They chose to worship the Lord!**

It's Our Choice to be a Thermometer or a Thermostat

There is power in praise to change the spiritual atmosphere of your situation. A dark dungeon of despair can turn into a lighthouse of worship.

People are watching us when we go through adversity. We can be like Paul and Silas and **choose to rejoice and worship the Lord.** (Continues next page.)

Which one are you?



A **thermometer** gages the temperature, the atmosphere of a place.

A **thermostat** sets it. **We need to set the temperature** where we are in the office at work, in our families, and in our prayers. **We need to speak forth and prophesy life to other people.**

God Has a Bigger Plan

The jailer feared execution, but Paul and Silas' focus was not escape, but sharing the good news. Blown away by God's grace he exclaimed, "What must I do to be saved?"

Acts 16:31 tells us God used Paul and Silas' bad day to save an entire household!

Let's repent of our complaining, blaming others, our fear and anxieties. Instead, **let's fix our eyes on Jesus, and be a thermostat. Let's ask God to give us opportunities to share the gospel and light of Jesus, and give hope to those who don't believe.**



Have You Crossed the Chicken Line?

The chicken line will manifest when the Lord taps you on the shoulder and whispers, "I want you to ask the waitress if you can pray for her" or when you feel like the Lord is giving you a word of encouragement for someone, but you're afraid to give it because the person might not receive it. Whatever the situation or circumstance is the Lord wants to encourage you to **'cross the chicken line'** and **bless others** when He prompts you to 'go for it!'

TIMES OF POWERFUL BLESSINGS FROM GOD

Last year my daughter, who oversees the management of the Kingdom Institute, informed me that there is a person who has given us strange amounts of money about twenty-five times. We found out the amount of money has to do with Bible verses. **The date and amount is important.**

My wife Donna slipped and fell, injuring her foot last year. While sitting in the Kaiser waiting room, there was a man who gave me \$54.17. The \$54.17 refers to Isaiah 54:17, "*No weapon formed against you will prosper...*"

Last Sunday, September 25 was Rosh Hashanah when the tabernacle was here and **God told us He will not just visit, but wants to dwell here** at Mountain View Community Church. When I went home and looked at my phone, I saw this man had given us another \$1601.

Rob texted me that it refers to 1 Chronicles 16:1: *They brought the ark of God and set it inside the tent...*

This morning I received a gift of \$364. We added the numbers and got the number thirteen. What does thirteen mean in the Bible? Abraham is given a promise and in thirteen years, the promise is fulfilled.

Genesis 16:15-16 tells us that Abraham was 86 years old when Hagar bore Ishmael. Then in Genesis 17 when Abraham was 99 years old, the Lord appears to Abraham and makes a covenant with him and reiterates His promise He will give Abraham a son by his wife Sarah. He will bless them and they will produce nations and kings.

[Stephen Gola, "Number 13 Meaning, It's a Powerful Blessing From God," June 29, 2008. <https://www.faithwriters.com/article-details.php?id=82702>]

I went back 13 years in my life to October 2009. All these words given then are being fulfilled. **Today is the fulfillment of the promise.**

I have never been in a church where **every day is miraculous.** How can we dare miss what's going to happen. Do we understand what God is doing? **These are signs and wonders.**

—Dr. Paul Cox



Speak Life

Pastor Jason Lehfelddt
October 9, 2022

Resolve to be a Refresher

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
(Proverbs 18:21 NIV)

We each wield a powerful weapon that can bring life or death in our life and our relationships. Words that speak life build up others, help people thrive, help people win, help others get infused with the love and the truth of God and the love we have for them. **The love of God is what helps people thrive.**

When we **speak words of life**, we will rescue those who are down in their souls. Speak life if you want a great marriage. Speak life to your kids if you want them to thrive and walk into the fullness of God's call and destiny. Speak life in your workplace if you want to succeed and prosper. **It's everything – your friendships, your ministry, advancing the kingdom of God.**

Be intentional. Is there anyone I need to speak life to? Pray, "God, show me how you see them."

Don't be deceived; silence kills. Express your love and appreciation even in everyday things and expectations. Here are some reminders as we resolve to be a refresher:

Three most powerful words are *I love you*. Other words that speak life are *Thank you*, *I like...*, *I appreciate...*, *You got this!* and *You're forgiven*.

Contentious Conversations

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.
(James 1:19 NIV)

There are times we need to be **slow to speak and zip our lips**. Press the pause button when your emotions run hot!

Be quick and learn to listen to hear the heart NOT to gain intelligence for your counterattack. Ask clarifying questions to identify and filter out the unspoken messages and avoid miscommunications.

Think your words through. Talk about your thoughts and feelings, and NOT what they said and did. Take responsibility and apologize for your hurtful, unkind and unloving words

Pick a good time and place to talk.

Win the War Within

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.
(Luke 6:45 NIV)

What is in my heart? Am I selfish, critical, angry, hateful, harboring unforgiveness, insecure, fearful?

David was a man after God's heart. **Do we deeply desire to be a person that pleases God!**

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14 NIV)

We need to **clean our hearts**. David cried out, *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* (Psalm 51:10 NIV)

We need to have that conviction, that **deep desire to have clean hearts and please God.**

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (Proverbs 28:13 NIV)

We need to clean our hearts through confession, renounce the sin, ask for forgiveness, keep repenting and turn around and change. Ask Him to release His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, self-control to **begin to speak life** back into our relationships. **God wants us to thrive and prosper** in our relationships, our marriage, our family, and in our workplace to **advance the kingdom of God** in this state, nation and wherever He sends us.



Come Back to Your First Love

Karen Lewis
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Seasons come and seasons go. For centuries it has been a constant ebb and flow. But in this season **it's a season of urgency**. It's a 911! It's an emergency! **The shofars are blowing and the clarion call is being released to come to the battle**, to be inducted into the front lines.

However, **there is a prerequisite. The prerequisite is to come back to your first love for there you will find the joy of the Lord will be your strength**. You are my sons. You are my daughters. How **I adore you and treasure you!** How proud I am of the things you have walked through in your life. And **how proud I am of the hunger and thirst you have for my Spirit**.

In this season I am asking you to **trust me**. I am asking you to come forward and stand on the edge of that deep, deep pool that looks like **all the things in your life that God wants to remove because they've held you back**. These things have capped your ceiling as to how far and how high you can go. These are the **mindsets, the besetting sins, and the things that overwhelm you of this world**. All this stuff we have to do to be here.

Know that it is important to come back to your first love. **God is calling you back to your first love**. For the **joy of the Lord will be your strength**. So do you trust Him to step out, to start dealing with those issues in your life, those hurts, those traumas, those things you may not even know are there? He says, **"Come to me and trust me, and I will meet you. For I want you to come in and walk in the fullness of your destiny."**

But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. (Revelation 2:4 NASB)

*The joy of the Lord is your strength.
(Nehemiah 8:10 NIV)*

Is Your Heart Clean?

Rob Gross and Paul Cox

The linen man is here. Jesus is the man clothed in linen in Ezekiel chapters 8 - 10. Linen is a symbol of moral purity. **His fire is here to clean us up and burn up a lot of stuff that needs to be cleansed in our hearts**.

We don't know when Jesus is returning, but that is not the point. **The point is we are supposed to be ready in case He returns. The question is "Are you ready? Is your heart really clean? If Jesus were to come tonight, are you ready?"**

We know when we are ready and when we are not. **Are we ready in every area of our lives – moral purity, our relationships, the way we deal with our finances? Are we following the Lord, the word of God?**

You know when you really love God, you won't hurt Him because it is difficult to sin against love and God is love. Jesus said if you love me, you will obey my commands.

*If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
John 14:15 ESV*

If anything, we are in the beginning of the end times. We are in it. We need to be ready. That is what revival is all about. **It's about getting cleaned up so we can move forward in what God wants for us. Let Him cleanse you today.**

I will thoroughly purge away your dross and remove all your impurities. (Isaiah 1:25 NIV)

Ezekiel 10:2 says the linen man takes the fire from the wheels of the cherub and He throws them on the city. He wants to take new fire and throw it on us to purify and cleanse us.

*And He spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, "Enter between the whirling wheels under the cherubim and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." And he entered in my sight.
(Ezekiel 10:2 NASB)*

"Hawaii 5-0: God's Christian State" Part II

Senior Pastor Rob Gross

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The Last Shall Be First

Jesus said in Matthew 20:16, “So the last will be first, and the first last.”

During every presidential election cycle, Hawaii is the last to vote because of its time zone. By the time we line up to cast our choice for the next president, the election has already been determined. Although this is frustrating for many of us, we still stand in line to exercise our constitutional right to choose our nation’s next leader.

Although Hawaii was the last state to join the United States, we have been a part of several firsts, some good and some not so good:

- Hawaii was the first state to pass legislation in 1970 giving women the right to have abortion on demand.
- Hiram Fong was the first Asian—American to serve in the U.S. senate from 1959-1977.
- King Kalakaua was the first reigning monarch to circumvent the globe, and the first foreign head of state to speak before a joint session of Congress in 1874.
- Hawaii elected Ben Cayetano as the first Filipino-American governor of the United States in 1994.

Given these ‘firsts,’ it is not unfathomable to believe, by faith, that Cindy Jacobs’ word about Hawaii becoming the first all-Christian state could come to pass.

The Little League World Series: Power, Unity and Grace

On Sunday, August 28, Hawaii won the International Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania for the fourth time. As I watched the team from Hawaii win the title on ESPN, the Lord began to speak to me about two things that are unfolding in the Hawaiian Islands.

“And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.” (Acts 4:33)

“And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.” (Acts 6:8)

The Little League team from Hawaii put on a dazzling display of power during the World Series. In six games – all victories – the closest margin was four runs. Hawaii outscored their opponents 60-5! They started off the tournament with an 11-1 (0 HRs) win over Washington, 12-0 win over New York (4 HRs) and 6-0 win over Texas (2 HRs). The team then crushed Tennessee, 13-0 (5 HRs), to reach the U. S. title game. They beat Tennessee again by a score of 5-0 (1 HR) on Saturday to earn its spot in Sunday’s championship game against Curacao (2 HRs). In summary, the team hit a total of 14 HRs – that’s ‘power’ baseball, especially for eleven and twelve year olds, and because of the 10 Run Rule, four out of six of Hawaii’s games in Williamsport ended early.

I believe that a special grace rested on this team as some were saying that the 2022 squad from Hawaii could possibly be the greatest Little League team ever to play in the World Series tournament since its inception in 1947. My point here is this: **The team from Hawaii moved in an unusual display of hitting power to defeat their opponents.** If you don’t believe me, watch their games on YouTube.

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"I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3)

There was a second thing that the Lord showed me in the spirit as I watched the team from Hawaii defeat their opponents 60-5. **There were no stars on the team. From top to bottom, every player on the team contributed to their championship title.** Multiple players hit home runs, pitched and fielded well.

God is not birthing an 'all-star' movement of five-fold leaders in Hawaii. **He's birthing an 'all saints' movement, where every Believer will contribute their gifts and callings to the Lord.** This will not look like a renewal or revival meetings of the past, but it will be a **revolution where God raises up and sends out His army into our communities to transform the islands and beyond.**

We, Greater Than Me!

During one of the games, I listened intently to an ESPN broadcaster who shared what Hawaii's team motto was: "We, greater than me." Later, I read the following quote by a sports reporter in a newspaper article:

The players' names do not appear on the back of these jerseys. That is just the way Honolulu likes it because it has never been about the individual for this powerhouse league which followed up its 2018 world title by reaching last year's semifinals. The league's motto is, "We, greater than me."

And you'd better believe this team lives those words.

"The most important thing is our whole culture of we greater than me. We always put that in the dugout. It doesn't matter whose name is on the back of the jersey, it's about the team," coach Keith Oda said while filling in for manager Gerald Oda who returned from COVID protocol for Wednesday's winner's bracket final against Tennessee. "We pound it into their heads that way. It's not about you, it's about the team. It's about whatever it takes for the team to do well. If you're not starting or you're hurt be the best cheerleader, be the best guy shagging balls. Do something to the 100th percent of the support for the team.

The above T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) philosophy has helped Hawaii Little League become one of the world's most tradition-laden programs. Our team is great, not because of its individual players, but because all of our players compete as one.

With One Accord

In the Book of Acts there is a key phrase mentioned ten times; it speaks volumes as to why the early Church was so vibrant and fruitful. The phrase is "With one accord," which is rendered from the New Testament Greek word "homothumadon."

Below is a list of verses where the phrase homothumadon is mentioned in the book of Acts. Interestingly, just as homothumadon can be used in the context of righteous unity, it can also be used in the context of unrighteous 'oneness', or 'mob unity':

1. Acts 1:14
2. Acts 2:46
3. Acts 4:24
4. Acts 5:12
5. Acts 7:57
6. Acts 8:6
7. Acts 12:20
8. Acts 15:25
9. Acts 18:12
10. Acts 19:29

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Prior to the Holy Spirit falling on the day of Pentecost, 120 New Testament Believers gathered in the upper room “with one accord” to pray for the fulfillment of Luke 24:49 (Acts 1:14-15). Days later, they assembled once again and the New Testament Church was birthed (Acts 2:1-4). When we lock arms together with the same purpose, like the Hawaii Little Leaguers, God will manifest His presence and power because we are on the same frequency (a ‘sound’ like a rushing wind) as Heaven.

Acts 5:12-16: “And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And Believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”

God Did It Before, He Will Do It Again!

At the tail end of the Second Great Awakening (from about 1795 to 1835), a Presbyterian pastor named Titus Coan arrived in Hawaii, and under his leadership and ministry, Hawaii became known as a Christian nation. In 1846, the Christian faith was established in this statement: “The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ shall continue to be the established national religion of the Hawaiian Islands.”

Coan was converted in a Charles G. Finney revival meeting in about 1828, and later graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary in 1833. In 1834 he married Fidelia Church and sailed for Hawaii. He then began to serve the Lord in a town called Hilo on the eastern side of the island. In 1836, the church he pastored in Hilo had only 23 members.

That same year, Coan made an extended evangelistic tour of the island which produced dramatic results. “In 1837 and 1838, thousands flocked to Hilo for days and nights of fervent preaching, prayer, and manifestations of the power of the Spirit” (*see Biographical Dictionary of Christian Missions*).

When Coan mastered the Hawaiian language, he visited every resident of Hilo (totaling 16,000 people), recording notes on each person so that he could pray strategically in the future.

Later, he revisited each person to check in on how they were doing. During this amazing outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Hawaiians fell under conviction of sin, and soon revival was roaring across Hilo. Coan wrote, “...in places where I spent my nights they filled the house to its entire capacity, leaving scores outside who could not enter.”

Coan’s congregation, known as the Haili Congregational Church, became the largest Protestant congregation in the world in 1841, surpassing over 10,000 members. To become a member, a convert had to show a genuine life change over a period of several months.

After the 1837 to 1838 tour, admissions to the church across the island averaged nearly 2,000 conversions annually. Those who received Jesus during this time included drunkards, adulterers, robbers and murderers. There were scenes of repentance of sin everywhere.

By 1853, over 56,000 people – out of an island population of 71,000 – had given their lives to Jesus. In 1882, Coan passed away after having served the Lord for many years.

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"Hawaii 5-0: God's Christian State" Part II Conclusion

What Goes Up, Must Come Down!

“And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel’s hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.” (Revelation 8:4-5)

For the past few decades, the prayer intercessors of Hawaii have been calling out to God to reopen the wells of revival and pour out His spirit upon us once again. **It is important to reiterate, before I close, that Hawaii was a Christian nation over one hundred years before it became the 50th state in 1959.**

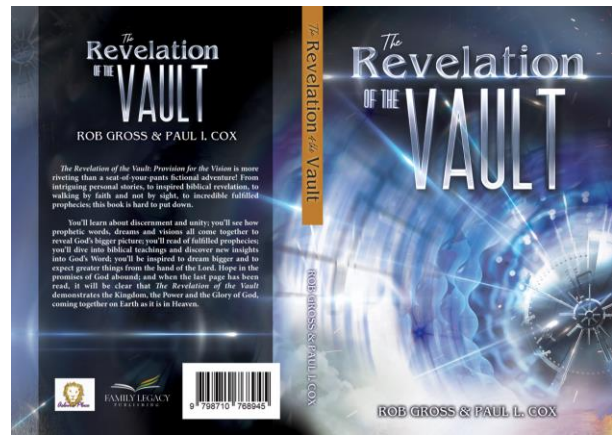
God did it before, and he is now birthing another powerful move of the Spirit that will sweep the multitudes into God’s House and transform our local communities.

The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.
(Haggai 2:9 ESV)



DVG Jiu-Jitsu, a Faith Based Gym

Two full weeks in and fifty students later... shout-out to Bradley Anagaran and Garrett Whitman for putting in the work behind the scenes and for our students for your early support! Big Mahalo everyone! #dvgjiujitsu



The Revelation of the Vault

Rob Gross & Paul I. Cox

The Revelation of the Vault: Provision for the Vision is more riveting than a seat of your pants fictional adventure! From intriguing personal stories, to inspired biblical revelation, to walking by faith and not by sight, to incredible fulfilled prophecies; this book is hard to put down.

You’ll learn about discernment and unity; you’ll see how prophetic words, dreams and visions all come together to reveal God’s bigger picture; you’ll read of fulfilled prophecies; you’ll dive into biblical teachings and discover new insights into God’s Word; you’ll be inspired to dream bigger and to expect greater things from the hand of the Lord. Hope in the promises of God abound; and when the last page has been read, it will be clear that The Revelation of the Vault demonstrates the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory of God, coming together on Earth as it is in Heaven.

OPPORTUNITIES

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