

(Dr. Tenney)

Folks, we have come to the end of our convention and those of us who came from Moscow are going back with the hope that this gathering has been as much of a benediction to each and every one of you as it has to us.

If I were asked to name the subject of last night's meeting I would take a suggestion from Dr. Robinson's talk and call it "Changed Lives." I think our meeting last night bore out that fact, that lives are being changed.

Now, in my preliminary talk may I ask, "What changes a life?" Some people still believe in chance and they write to Dr. Robinson asking for help with a sweepstake ticket, but we cannot cooperate in that way. At Moscow, Idaho, with fourteen churches, besides "Psychiana," a wise man of the University proved that men and women spent more on slot machines and marble games than all the church people spent on religion. Down in southern Idaho we couldn't have the state fair for farmers unless the farmers were allowed to bet on something. So, maybe chance does come in for a little consideration now and then.

Then, some people have resented it just a little bit, when Dr. Robinson speaks of us in the Lessons as being somewhat superstitious. We know that applies to some, but not to us, of course.

Some years ago, I heard a Chinaman address a meeting here in Portland. He said, "I want to thank you for coming to China and bringing light where once there was darkness. I want to thank you for clearing away our superstitions---" and I saw a look in that almond eye that I knew meant trouble, when he said "clearing away our superstitions," and yet I have never known a Chinaman who was afraid to kill a cat. I have never heard a Chinaman raise a big row with a hotel clerk if he wanted to put him in room #13 and I have never known an Oriental admit "23" meant "skidoo" for him until he had done his best to master the problem that was up for consideration.



Dr. Robinson gets many letters which say "It's hereditary--there's no chance..." I left Portland when I was told there was a tendency for tuberculosis. I left this country and went up to Montana.

In one of Dr. Robinson's old books I read about Chadwick, a man who was supposed to have inherited the same tendency. He married the woman of his choice and then things became worse instead of better. Every time that man started out his wife said, "Remember, don't take any chances--be sure and put your rubber boots on." But one day, he caught a cold and it settled on his lungs. The doctors said it was hopeless so one day his wife went down town, past the undertaking parlors and looked in the window to see which casket would be most suitable, when the time of his departure arrived.

So there he was. But one day it happened that the doctor was not there, the nurse was out and a lady came in and talked with his wife so he got just one chance to think by himself. Finally, with one hand on his "game" side he said, "Doctor says I'm a gonner, and the nurse says I'm a gonner, but I would like to finish that work before I go.....Wife says I'm a gonner, Doctor says I'm a gonner, nurse says I'm a gonner and I would like---by the nine gods I will finish that work!" He died twenty-eight years later and not from tuberculosis.

I wish we had more young people here tonight. It is very good for you if you want to start right. It makes a whole lot of difference the kind of a start you get when you are going to get some place. We had a song a long time ago, or our Grandfathers had a song called "Everybody's Doing It Now"---everybody's going to the dogs so we'll go with them.

"Whatsoever man doeth, he doeth to himself alone." I mustn't use use up too much time but I wish I could work in just a vision of that. Hate me if you want to but, folks, if you hate me until I come back here again, I'll look at a hateful audience-----for "Whatsoever man doeth, he doeth to himself alone."

Dr. Robinson, last night you told me to talk on "Changed Lives." I have given an inkling, will you please complete the story?



(Dr. Robinson)

I always feel a little bit downhearted at the close of a public meeting. There are a couple of things I know--one is that I have probably disappointed many people and the second thing is that I have done the best I knew how to do under the circumstances. So as we close this little gathering in this city, I should like if possible, tonight, to make up for any shortcomings for there is but one object behind this entire Movement and that is that men and women throughout this nation, throughout the entire world, may come to know the Power of God.

No man has been called an atheist any more than I have and yet, those who have sat through this convention and those who have happened in, know better than that. We may differ, and we do differ fundamentally, with orthodox theology and we have that right, but the last word Beloved, is never said about any philosophy. If a person thinks that he is in a position to say the last word on religion or any other philosophy, that man is badly fooled for God's eternal Truths are written on every page of nature and on human lives and that vast ocean of Spiritual Power will never be fathomed by any human being in this generation.

We differ on fundamentals, and we differ very vitally but there is one thing we never differ on and that is the existence of the Realm of the Spirit of God. We can't quarrel with you there. I can quarrel with you, I can fight with you on dogmas, on creeds, and doctrines, but I'll never fight with you on the existence of God. Nor will I fight with you on your doctrine that the Power of the Spirit of God exists here and now as a vast ocean of dynamic Power, waiting to come into every single life. If you tell me, or if your doctrine teaches that I cannot possibly know God here, I will quarrel with you. If your doctrine teaches that no one can know God until he has passed beyond the tomb, I'll quarrel with you there for Beloved, this entire Movement was founded on, and exists upon an



utterly new conception of God.

The question may be raised, what right have I to efface orthodoxy and bring to the world a new conception of God. I have every right, the first one and the main one being the personal experience in this life and the Power of the Realm of God, which to me, as I stand here, is the most real thing I have ever known or ever want to know. That is my first right. My second right links with the first one. No man can know the Power or the beauty or the magnificence of the Realm of the Spirit of God without the first result and then wanting to tell others.

If I knew where in Idaho was a gold mine I would say to Dr. Tenney, "Come on, let's go and get the gold." I would pick out my friends and say, "Come on, here's a gold mine big enough to supply us all." So, knowing a Realm of Spiritual Power, I am constrained to come to you and tell you of that Power. It's not my privilege to very often appear in public for the simple reason that the size of this Movement is such that practically all of my time is very fully occupied in Moscow. I am only one man, and yet tonight in these United States, in 11,738 cities, towns, and villages, are anywhere from one to fifteen thousand Students in each. In other words, you cannot pick out a city, town, or village in America or Canada where this Teaching is not represented. Now don't please, misunderstand me. That is only due to one thing and that is not my personality or ability for I am very deficient in both but this Teaching has gone out only by mail and tens of hundreds of thousands of people, by mail, have read these simple messages and their lives have been changed. What could we not have accomplished with some buildings in which to preach this gospel. We have no buildings, but some day we shall have. We do not have them at this time but that is all the more remarkable Beloved, and is an absolute demonstration of the Power of the Spirit of God behind and back of this entire Movement. For there is no Movement of



this type teaching a fundamentally different picture from the majority of the religious organizations, which could ever grow to this size by any human efforts. But it can through divine effort, grow far larger than it is today and it will grow to that size.

As the world exists today, with all due respect to every religious organization on the face of the earth, there is something radically wrong. Either Beloved, one of two facts exist. Either the God preached to us is positively impotent to do anything for us or the true picture of God has not yet been brought to this world--one of the two. The first I cannot admit, knowing God as I do I can never admit the impotence of the Spirit of God. Therefore, it means that the true picture of God has not yet been brought to the world.

I am well aware of the fact that every religious organization operating today is absolutely and fundamentally honest, with very few exceptions, yet I ask you, what sort of a philosophy of God is it which after 2,000 years of its teaching finds the world in this condition today? And don't blame it on the world--please don't say the hearts of men are hardened, that they are more interested in a football game than they are in God. That is a fact but where does the blame belong for that situation? It must be placed squarely on the heads of every religious organization operating in this country. If it be a fact that men are more interested in the whiskey bottle, in a baseball game, or a dog fight than they are in the Spirit of God, that is a verdict of shame against every man and every organization operating in the name of God.

It is a different picture that I am trying to bring to this universe--a very, very different picture. We teach and prove that the great, dynamic Power on this earth today is the Power of the Spirit of God. We teach, as I said this afternoon, that all the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God is available to all men and not to just a few who subscribe



to a certain doctrine, and there can be no other true picture of God than that Beloved, for any picture which fails to include every created human being, is not a true picture and any philosophy of God which teaches that God failed in his creation of man, leaving man to die a lost soul in need of a saviour, is also a false philosophy. If man needs a saviour now and if he cannot find God without that, then man is in a hopeless condition. If it should be that man does need a saviour today, then all the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God is here, now, to bring to that man all the salvation he can ever need and that man can deal directly with the Spirit of God itself.

It is not necessary nor has it ever been necessary for anyone to intercede between God and man and the theory that it has been necessary discredits, if it does not disprove the existence of God.

When this Movement first started, I shall never forget the day. I have told you several times during these little meetings how I have sought for God. One afternoon I walked into a church, the White Temple, and I knocked on the door of the study and walked in. One of the finest looking men I have ever seen--a beautiful character, Dr. Walter Benwell Hinson said, "Come in." I sat down and he asked me what I wanted and I told him I wanted to find God. "Oh," he said, "you want to be a Christian, you mean?" I told him no, that I didn't mean anything of the sort, but that I wanted him to point me to God. And Dr. Hinson looked at me and I'll never forget the conversation that followed. Why, he said there was only one way to God and that was to be a Christian but if that be a fact I told him, it excluded 1,130,000,000 who are not Christians and that I wasn't willing to admit for one second that those men and women then were lost because they couldn't believe what he believed. So Dr. Hinson, in his wonderful way, said, "Would you like to get down and pray?" I asked him would I find God that way and he said to let him explain--that



here this afternoon you know in what sense.

But to state, Beloved, that the salvation of the entire human race hinges on the belief in the crucifixion of God, is to me heathenish. But is there not a far better picture than that? Is there not a truer picture than that? What has happened to this world after 2,000 years of that philosophy, what shape do we see it in? Does the Power of God exist on this earth today? I ask you, does the Power of the Spirit of God exist in human lives on this earth today, and if so, what manifestations does it make?

The true picture of God is this. Here is the human race, as I pointed out to you this afternoon, the greatest creation of God. I took a little flower this afternoon and I showed how the roots, buried under the ground, gave life to the flower which no scientist can duplicate. I took for example the bluebirds in my back yard and carried it up to the point where I showed you that man was moment by moment deriving his life from the invisible Realm of God, and I think you will admit that because if he is not doing that he is a mere automaton entirely separated from God and a creation of the four winds. But I wouldn't admit that either and that is because I found God and have seen tens of thousands of others find God too.

If the United States can catch this picture, this picture of God and the Power of God without any creeds, dogmas, or "isms" of any kind, and if the American people will use that Power, there will not be quite as many strikes and as many troubles as there <sup>are</sup> is now. For the whole world is trembling with fear for what the future may bring forth. It's certain the world cannot go on as it is today and it is equally certain Beloved, that there is no philosophy on the face of the earth today, nor is there any religion which has in the past demonstrated its ability to straighten out this world. They all have had a lot of time, but it has not been



done and the world has become worse and worse until I hate to think of what the next fifty years will bring forth. Let me repeat, there is no power on this earth today nor is there any organization on this earth today which in the past has demonstrated its ability or the ability of its philosophy to save this world. And if no human power can save it, that throws us back where we will have to get to a higher than human power and this world today stands on the threshold Beloved, of finding the most dynamic Power it has ever known. And more than that, it stands on the threshold of one of the greatest spiritual revivals this world has ever known and I would to God that that picture would catch fire in this auditorium. I don't know whether it will or not but when the human race has gone so far down that it can't help itself, God will produce the man, the woman, or the organization which can bring to the world the true picture of God and the Power which can and will straighten it out. How foolish to think that anything which has been offered to us to date is capable of pointing you and me to God.

A new method must be tried. We have tried every conceivable method the human mind can concoct. The world has followed this great religious leader and that, until today we have eleven major systems of religion operating on this earth with 1,400,000,000 followers and yet, does this world know God? I ask you, does the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God mean anything to you? Changed lives, Dr. Tenney said--yes, we see them by the score and by the hundred. Absolutely changed lives without ever seeing Dr. Tenney or myself but through the written word, but that word is packed by mighty Power.

Oh, I just wish you could get my vision for a few minutes--it would ring your soul. Here is the vision. The world as it exists today has a supreme Power waiting to be found and used, but blocked because of the various organizations which say, "You must find God my way or not at all." Oh, the travesty of such a situation. This Movement is not liked by the churches and every conceivable method and attempt has been made to stop



it and put the founder out of the way but the founder of this Movement stands tonight happy and supremely confident because he knows the Power of the Spirit of God. Perhaps some day others will catch the picture. I know one thing and that is that the seed has been sown and I know that regardless of the leader or founder of this Movement, it will be carried on indefinitely until it has accomplished its purpose. And what

And what is its purpose? It's a big purpose Beloved and is trying to bring down to men and women evidence of the Power itself which can be used by you for the overcoming of every single, solitary thing which stands between you and God. Oh, could there be any more blessed message than that? What do I mean? Just exactly that. Here is a man who has business troubles like we all have. I have mine, many of them--but he knows not which way to turn and he doesn't even suspect that the answer to his problems lie in the ever-present Realm of God nor does he know where to find that Realm. Do you know where to contact God? Let me illustrate please if I may.

Who are you? What are you? A creature of circumstance or are you God's highest creation? What on this earth is there which has demonstrated the Power of the Realm of God to a greater extent than that Power has been demonstrated in you? Now, this being a fact and you deriving your life moment by moment from the invisible Realm of all life, which is the Realm of God, do you not think perhaps there might be enough wisdom and intelligence in that Realm of Spiritual Power to guide that business man over this hurdle? I am telling you Beloved, tonight, that regardless of what your problem may be, the fact that you are what you are, God's highest creation, and the fact that the life of God, moment by moment is manifested in and through you is absolute assurance that all the Power of that Realm of God is available to you here and now and if you wish to find it, keep off your knees, stand on your feet, look up



to God and say, "I believe--not in any organization's dogmas or creeds but I believe in God." And when this nation or this world comes to the place, and it will inevitably have to come to it, when man is thrown back on God, all creeds, dogmas, and rituals will go out with the wind and God and man will unite and God will do it today. God would do that today if men would let him--like the gold mine, it's there but men will not and organizations will not even allow their followers to put one foot outside of their own square wall.

You go to your preacher tomorrow and ask him whether this definition of God is true or not and he will tell you, no, because under this definition men and women in the quietness of their own homes and of their own lives, can make that Spiritual contact which should be a sacred secret between you and God. It should be, I say, a sacred secret, your communion with God.

The Galilean Carpenter, what did he do in the hour of his greatest triumph?...."You stay here and I am going down to be alone with God." And when you and God are alone no one else is there and then what happens? God immediately makes his presence known to you and as you become more acquainted with that presence your life begins to change.

Here happens to be a telegram. I have a lot of them which came in today but I won't read them all. Let me read this one--it comes from San Mateo, California--"Enthused with your every meeting. You are having your greatest triumph now. Spirit of God-Power being felt." That comes from Mabel Waugh, one of my first Students. Here is one from Chicago--"Power of Spirit of God being manifested in this home. Success to the 'Psychiana' convention."

This one comes from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania--"Wishing 'Psychiana' convention every success. The Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God is being felt here."

Los Angeles, California--"Old friends like old wine grows more precious with age, so here's a toast to our friendship, to this the day of your birth."

The birth of this Movement is referred to here.



Now what I mean is this and I wish I could bring this picture to you. It's a pity that God did not pick a man more able than I to carry this message for he must have been able to find him. Why should he go to a drug store and pick out a drug clerk? Perhaps God knows best. Perhaps there may be a fighting streak in this man and perhaps God knew that though he were hampered by lack on every hand, that there was one thing in which he would never fail and just as long as I am able to draw a breath or write a line or address an audience, my story to this world will be the present existence of the Realm of the Spirit of God. You know Beloved, to be able to say that in less than ten years this Movement has spread as it has, is absolute proof of the truth of this Teaching. How or when this Movement will catch fire and men and women will flock to find the Power of God, I don't know. I know this, that just as long as Dr. Tenney and I keep our feet firm, keep our faith bright, and our lives linked with the life which is God, that at the proper moment men and women will catch this picture and catching this picture, nothing will be impossible.

The great prophet of Galilee said, "The things that I do, shall ye do also." Mohammed said practically the same thing, and Chrishna of India said the same, identical statement which was uttered 1500 years before the Galilean Carpenter was ever heard of. Every religious leader and every religious prophet, worthy of the name, is preaching and has always preached God and man together. That was the religion of Wesley in the main and that is the message of this humble religious leader and you will find that the logic, the sense of the argument will appear to you and that message is God and man with nothing in between. You don't have to kill God to make his presence known to the human race--Oh, those horrible philosophies blighting and hindering millions of men and women from finding the Power of God today, but what is a poor man



to do? What can he do? He trusts this man, he trusts that man, he trusts this organization, he trusts that organization and finds they fail because there is not a single organization on the face of the earth today, that I know of, which is capable of demonstrating the Power of the Spirit of God in human lives. But he trusts them and it is right that he should to this stage of the game, but they fail and the hunger for God still remains.

Now, what is the alternative? Is not man driven back upon God? To whom do men and women pray in moments of supreme joy or depression? Is it to the Catholic Church? Do they say "Oh, Methodist Church, save me...?" No, they say, "Oh God," because they know that the only Power which can help is the Power of God and yet today they will tell you and me that "This is the way, the only way, my way and there is no other." But when all that sort of thing is out of the way, man and God will be left together and this world will be a paradise.

I am expecting the day to come in my lifetime when the majority of religious systems will put to one side anything immaterial and preach and demonstrate the Power of God. Half of the Protestant Church ministers believe that Christ was God and half say he wasn't and if they can't agree among themselves what right have they to tell us that our salvation is dependent upon a belief of that sort. But whether or not that is a fact, God still exists. Suppose that all the creeds, rituals, confessions of faith, etc., were untrue? God still exists over and above that.

We hear talk of a unification of churches. I wish that could be. I wish that could happen but first of all, let's be sure that we are unified on the right thing--let's be sure that we are painting the true picture to a dying world. There may be a question about the truth of the Hindu religion, there may be question about the truth of the Mohammedan religion, there may be a question about the religion of Confucius and



there may even be a question about the Christian religion but there cannot be any question about two things. One is the present existence of the Spirit of God and the second thing is your absolute dependence upon that Power. Illness? We have never made any claims to be a healing organization--I don't want to ever have that said to me, and yet when human beings first began to get hold of that Power of God, less than ten years ago, the very first things that happened were healings of cases absolutely at death's door, by the thousands. Well, I have now at this moment received more than 50,000 such letters. Are they hypnotized? I have never seen these people, are they all mistaken? Or, have we got something in Moscow? I think we have something. How many think so? How many know that we have?

You know, there is an old hymn that has just flashed into my mind and I wonder if it wouldn't work for an illustration here. "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform.." He does and it couldn't be otherwise for the Realm includes the whole human race and what a cosmopolitan race it is and God would have to move in a mysterious way to reveal himself to all. By the very nature of God, He has created a Realm of Spiritual Power and said to this world, "Here, come and take and be satisfied," and thank God tens of thousands of people are doing that. The only ones who fight this philosophy are those who are professing religion but who are utterly unable to drop back on God. Any time this Movement cannot drop back on God, I will go back to the drug store counter.

You may say, "How does the Power of God operate in a human life?" May I tell you? I pointed this out to you this afternoon, but when you came from the hand of God, you came perfect, for a perfect God is not capable of creating an imperfect creation. Regardless of what you have been told about the fall of man, the atonement, and all that, I still maintain that God created a perfect man when He created him. To admit



anything else would be to admit the fallibility of the God-Power behind this universe. We must have something infallible, for certainly the human race is not, but God is. When God shines into fallible human lives they take on that infallibility. How? Well, how could it be otherwise? When I allude to God as He, I only do it as a matter of grammatical form for God cannot ever be a personality, nor was God at any time ever embodied in human form, to the exclusion of the rest of us. But your invisible life comes from God and you are in essence, vitally linked and in vital contact with the Realm of God all the time, just as long as you manifest as a physical body.

Now, we learn how to find and use the Power of God and what happens? Several things--the first, that your nature begins to change. How does it begin to change? It begins to take on more of the life which is God, and you change. If I run around with Dr. Tenney for the next ten years I will take on some of the attributes of Dr. Tenney. I hope I don't take them all, but some of them I will take on. But you can't keep in tune with God without taking on some of those attributes.

What is the first thing that comes? Infinite love--a deep-seated infinite love which drives you back to the source of Spiritual Power until you can't get away from it, and then what? You first begin to wear a smile and there comes an infinite peace and it continues to drive you back to the Realm of God until, as the months and years go by, there is only one place where you feel that you really belong and that is in fellowship and communion with God.

I am criticized for mentioning material blessings, although I don't know why I should be. The world is certainly in an unequal condition tonight. There are some men who will probably sleep outside and others will sleep in a bed. That's rather unequal even though the men sleeping outside are doing so from the effects of their own attitude. But put



God in their lives and instead of loafing around pool-halls and whiskey joints, where will they be? They will have their eyes closed, off some place, communing with God. That's due to the presence of God manifesting itself to them. You can get down on your knees and pray and ask God for this, that, and the other thing until the crack of dawn, but you will receive no answer because God does not operate in that way.

Of what use is God to the world? Keep what life of God there is in you and keep the vital Power of this invisible Realm of God, for those things have already been placed at your disposal. You shame God if you think God is withholding something from you so that you have to get down on your knees and ask for it. I would rather stand on both feet and looking up, say, "Lord, I believe and I am going to show my belief by accomplishments," than I would by saying, "God, be merciful to me, a poor sinner," and it's a sorry day for this world that the word "sinner" ever was discovered. Not sinner, but saint, if you want to use that word because the Power of that Realm exists here and now, for you.

It's going to be pretty hard to give up the old inborn-sin doctrine. Some would not be happy unless they were trying to escape from hell-fire. If some people I know were to ever find God, they would not know how to act. They would be so lonesome they would say, "Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner," once more. I don't intend to speak flippantly about religion. I am pretty much in earnest that men and women know the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God. As I said before, God probably could have chosen a better man than I, but whatever mistakes I make you will have to overlook, as the Truths of this message will sink into your souls. There isn't a man or woman in this house who will get away from this message regardless of who you may be or regardless of to which organization you belong.

I love every religious organization. There is much error in a



lot of them and I would like, if possible, to bring them a more intense and a more beautiful picture of God than the worship of a dead God. I prefer to live with a living God than to spend all my time worshipping one who died 2,000 years ago.

You notice how much publicity the papers give me when I come here--none at all, outside of the News-Telegram. The Journal carried about an inch and a half piece and the Oregonian about two and a half inches. But that's all right, I am not looking for any publicity but at the same time it just goes to show you how hard this is being fought. But why? Because it's wrong? If it were wrong, they would leave it alone. But, if it continues and men and women continue to find God, the hollow sham of some religious systems today will be shown up.

What was the first thing the great Galilean Teacher did? He went into the temples, into the churches, and drove them all out and said they were all money-changers and I am not so sure if he came back tonight that he wouldn't do the same thing over again. But, we must not ridicule, we must not be destructive. We must try to preach and teach and live in the Power of God and if we will do that, just leave the future in the hands of God. It's going to take this world some time to grasp the picture, for, to my knowledge, this is the only Movement on the earth which is teaching the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God, here and now. These other organizations will not come to this philosophy over night. Sooner or later they will though, because what they have, fails to satisfy in that they fail to preach a Power which can help, here and now.

Here is a case of illness. Do you not think that the Power of God, here and now, is able to check that, if the physicians can do nothing? Of course. Do you not think that in a case of financial stress, that the God-Law cannot tide you over that? Close your eyes, be quiet, and recognize instantly the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God. That closeness is



more powerful than you will ever dream of. That's our message!

When I first started this Movement, I had no money, nothing but faith in God, so I charged for the Lessons as that was the only way to operate. However, I have made a radical change and on September 1st, after ten years on that basis, I took off the charge. I know more now than I did then, so now the Teaching goes out and any amount you want to give, is the only charge. My overhead last year was over one hundred thousand dollars and I still went thirty thousand dollars in debt at that. So that story in the Oregonian about my making so much money was a pure falsehood. You probably also noticed that the article was headed "P. T. Barnum"-- I ask you tonight, whether I am P. T. Barnum or not.

But there is only one important thing and that is the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God and now, knowing more about God than I ever knew, I am just throwing the whole Movement wide open. The first thirty days have shown that more people are responding under this system than ever before.

In closing, and in parting--I don't know who you all are. I wish I did, but I would like to say to you who are not Students--take this message home. It will sink in and you won't get away from it. If you would like to study this and join with us, all right. If you want this Teaching, say so. If not, throw it in the waste basket. If it changes your life, do your little bit to support this Movement. After ten years of operating on an absolute money-back guarantee, I have returned less than one tenth of one percent, and that is putting the thing on its own basis. But Beloved, God is behind this Movement and I want you to know that Power.

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