

Aug 29. 1911.
7 3 Davis St.
W. Newton Mass.

Dear Louise

I hope this will find you all well. I am sending you under an other cover your dress and some pieces to save for repairs on dress, and ribbon another scrap for dollie. Tell mother if dress is too long or too short let out tuck. if long put tuck in flounce. When I come home I want to teach you how to take measures correctly. Tell mother I have just made this months payment on my lots and have 75 cents left for rent. I will send you an other dress if I find there is enough in the piece that I have. We are having of fall wet and damp weather here and I will have to get a little coal as soon as I pay for my last winters coal which is ten dollars. We must all work hard

now so as to get out of debt and take
good care of our little Girl while
she is trying to get through school.
Who did they put in your fathers
place at school? where do you go to
school when it opens again?

write me real soon. how is my
son getting along? how is your
mothers face? has she had her teeth
finished? tell her I have one to be
fixed that is a boat to give me
trouble but I am not making any
money now. is Miss Matka Gordon
on Houston st sick? tell me about
her. what Mrs Carter was it that
died some time ago? it was not Miss
Arda's mother was it? Here is Miss Wilbur's
address Miss Mabel Wilbur The Littlefield
Hotel 1253 Beacon St Brookline Mass.
Now write her and thank her for the dresses she
gave you that is one that I am sending you.
Your loving Grand Nuddin. I B Beale.

Love to all.

From B. Lewis at
W. Newton Mass

Aug 29, 1911

Miss F. Louise Matthews.
399 Houston St
Atlanta Ga.

I suppose you all have heard
Joe Hamilton is married. Some
Mrs Goodloe of Ala. They are at
Miss Katie's. I had a letter from her
yesterday the other day. She said she met
your mama. Mrs Bird of Morris Brown
leaves to-morrow for little Rock Arkansas
where her husband is President of a school.
You certainly miss something by not letting
me know you were going away. All your
little friends said how sorry they looked to
have you away. Well I must close. Write soon
more with love & your
mamas and

Papa please
this meeting
as my job
is to add.
Opa, Lesly Thomas
is still happy.
first and
thousand all and
old days
#208 Houston St
Atlanta, Ga.
Aug 1914.

My Dear little Louis:
It's useless
to say how glad we were to
have a line from the sweetest
little girl in world to me.
I really do think so. Well we
are all very well. Gene and
Whit send lots of love to
you and your mama. We are
having lots of rain and plenty
of mosquitoes here.

Houston St have been right
lively for last wk or so
Mrs Amos Sister and her two
little boys from Washington are
visiting her. And she had lots
of parties in her honor. all
of Miss Garies houses are vacant
or in fact 3 on Houston Street and
all those on Auburn she went
on the rents and the tenants were
able to pay. Our Cousin has
gone we certainly do miss
her. Sol was here with cow
this a. m. he is alright. Ruth Lee
is going to get a piano to-morrow
she takes music from Mrs Cole
and is learning to fast her mother wants
something for her to practice on. Sadie
Jones Marshall has a little baby girl.
I hear Waverport Garies father is
going to marry Gertrude Williams.

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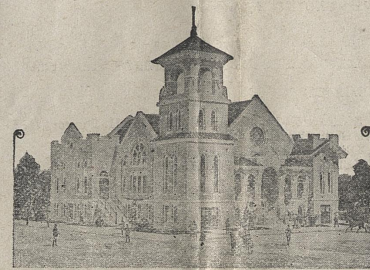
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(Take this Calendar Home with You and Keep It for Reference.)

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The Building is open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. for visitation consultation instruction and meditation.

ORDER OF SERVICE, SUNDAY, AUG. 23, 1914.

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6 A. M.—MORNING WATCH
11 A. M.—MORNING SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL "Holy, Holy, Holy" Dykes
INVOCATION
OPENING HYMN
RESPONSIVE READING (Standing)
GLORIA
SCRIPTURES
INTERLUDE
MORNING PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE
ANTHEM
ANNOUNCEMENTS
HYMN
MORNING SERMON—By the pastor, Rev. H. H. Proctor, D. D., Subject:
"Why We Go to Church."
OFFERING, OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER
CHANT, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE.

12:30 P. M.—BIBLE SCHOOL

TOPIC—"The Wedding Feast." Matt. 22:1-14.

7:00 P. M.—Y. P. S. C. E.

TOPIC—"Lowly Service." John 13:1-17.

8:00 P. M.—EVENING WORSHIP AND SONG SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE For Fifteen Minutes
PROCESSIONAL
APOSTLES CREED IN UNISON
FAVORITE SELECTION BY THE CHORUS On Request
THE WORLD'S FINEST PIECE OF NEWS FOR THE WEEK IN THE
LIGHT OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES
HYMN TO BE SUNG BY THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION LED BY THE
CHORUS AND DIRECTOR.
EVENING PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE
ANTHEM
ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERING, OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER
SOLO "Thy Work to Do," Briggs Mr. W. J. Trent
EVENING SERMON—By the Pastor. Subject: "Horse Sense."
RECESSIONAL HYMN, No. 167, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"
BENEDICTION, with the "Amen" in the distance.
POSTLUDE.

Wednesday Evening Prayermeeting

8 p. m.—An hour of song, testimony and prayer, in which the whole church
is invited to take part. Meeting conducted by the Pastor.

Members Reported Sick

James K. Arter, 431 Auburn Ave.; J. O. Connally 115 Howell St.; H. W.
Woolfolk, 231 Hilliard St.

The Pastor's Services At Little Rock.

Dr. Proctor, on the invitation of pastor and people at Little Rock, Ark., spent the past week there in evangelistic services. Rev. A. T. Clarke and his people gave Dr. Proctor a most cordial welcome, and the entire city united co-operatively in the meetings. As a result there were over fifty conversions. Some of the meetings were very remarkable, and there were some remarkable cases of conversion. Little Rock is a progressive city; it is the Atlanta of Arkansas. Dr. Proctor will tell of this remarkable city and the meetings held there tonight at the closing service of the day.

Subscribe for The Congregational Worker

At the last meeting of the National Convention of Congregational Workers a paper was ordered published. Its name is The Congregational Worker. It is printed in your city, and our pastor is the editor. The subscription price is only 50 cents a year. It is brimful of news of the denomination, and should be in every family of the church. Get a subscription card, and get enrolled at once among the subscribers. No well informed member of the denomination can afford to be without it.

The Pastor Surprised

While at Little Rock the pastor was greatly surprised to receive a little package through the mail. Opening it, it proved to be an open-faced Hamilton gold watch, presented him by Mrs. Proctor and the children, "the Proctor bunch," in recognition of the 21st anniversary of their marriage, which occurred August 16.

What Church Going Means

Going to church is not merely a social affair, going there to meet with others. Nor is it merely going to hear some one speak, as going to hear an address. It is this, but much more. It is chiefly to meet the Lord himself. That was the beginning of the early church. They gathered once a week to meet their Lord. Around this idea grew the idea of the church. This gives the true idea of church going. It is an engagement with the Lord. As such it should take precedence of all others. The engagement should be regularly met. We should be prompt in meeting the engagement. Above all we should come in a true spirit, the spirit of worship.

The Closing of the Summer Season

As the close of the summer season draws nigh we should begin to ask ourselves if we have done what we had planned for the cause of the Kingdom this season. If we have not done so it is high time we should begin to get about it. Time is flying, and we must begin to get active or the opportunity will have gone by.

Something New on Foot

The Georgia Music Festival Association is planning something new for the fall season. Keep reading this calendar to find out what it is. It promises to be the best thing ever done by this branch of our Institutional work.

Our Fame Abroad

Our church is well known for its works all through the Southwest, and other churches in that region are planning to build after our pattern—the pattern shown us in the monument. Already churches are being built on this plan for our people in New England and the far West. This should encourage us to greater loyalty and devotion to the ideal we are working on here.

Aug - 1, 1914

Miss Louise Matthews
1780 W. Chestnut St
Louisville
Ky.

met them at the door and saw the whole family she got speechless for a while. She was going to mow down stairs but I would not let her do so and had her get a cat from Mrs Welch and put in your room for one of the kids. so they made out very well. but your mother and father both would have been sick had they left their bed and gone down in that damp room so I stopped that. why it like to have taken the life out of your mother but after all we managed very well. All sends love to you. Mrs Guy Smith had a paralytic stroke but she is better now. lots of sickness here. Mrs Mrs mis is sick. all sends love to you
yours grand mother Belle.

Louisville Ky. March 11. 1916.
1720 W. Chest. St

My Dearest Louie.

I was so glad to hear from you. I should have written to see this but so many things to hinder me. now we are all well and hoping for the time when you will be with us. oh how we miss you from our Mido. but oh how your grand-mother pleads for you in her prayers both night and morn, and many many times during the day. now dearie be good and do not strive to do any thing that is not right. and do the things that would be pleasing to your Lord and saviour.

² your grand mother is writing so
hastily until you may not be
able to read it all. Mother and
papa are well. so many people
ask after you, and seem to be
so proud of your letters and cards
that you send them. Now my
dear be as good and as sweet
as you have always been. I
am so proud of your marks
in school, just keep on. My
little girl dont you see that
this country is all most in
war? did you know that 13 —
Nations are now already in war
and if this country and Mexico
should get to war there will be
15 nations at war. My dear you
had better lisson to what

³ your old grand mother tells you
and we be ready. The Lord your God
says the seventh day is the
Sabbath of the Lord thy God in it
Thou shall do no work. Now
read the last Chapter of Reu and
see what it says, About the
Commandments. Now dont
you think I am silly for I
am telling the truth. My love
to Willie. They seem to be about to
pass the segregation law on the electric
cars if that comes to pass I am ready
to go back to Boston.
We had a time with the fiddlers
Children for a few days, as we did
not know that they was to bring
the Kids, and when your mother

From 1720 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville Ky.

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Miss F. Louise Matthews.
Atlanta University
Atlanta Ga.

Wilberforce Miss
 Wilberforce 16
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My Dear Cousin:-
 I am now
 sending you just a word
 to let you know that I
 am well and getting along
 just fine and truly hope
 that you are doing the
 same. We have had some
 very fine weather this fall
 and I had enjoyed my
 self very much.
 Several Sundays
 ago, I had visited Spring-
 field and had the pleasure
 of meeting your dear friends,
 the Welbors. I like them very

I will willingly place my
 trust upon the office of
 justice which comes
 to display the claims of
 humanity, and when the work
 is done, I will give
 cheerfully my heart with the
 things that so dear to me
 from the power of your
 thank it you and the happy
 days we spent together in
 the glorious service of God
 abroad. I am going to
 read your me of my pre-
 sent situation and of
 several things which you
 would find much for
 you to read and see if
 you would. For my respects
 to your family and to
 your friends, good bye until
 next time.

Yours truly
 Wm. Welbore

much because they are so golly.
They said that they felt as though
they knew me because you had
talked so much of me. I spent
a very pleasant evening with them
and I expect to call again
soon. Helen told me of the
night she took you out and
of the automobile accident.

Everything has been very dull
around here this fall because
athletics have been on the
verge of the draft. I don't know
of anything of interest to tell
you because as you know every
one is worried over the great
crisis that our country now
faces. The question is now being
debated by our congressmen
concerning the second draft
which will select men between
the ages of eighteen and forty
five for a new National
Army.

This Army as you know shall
cross the great waters and go into
lands unknown to fight the
battles of freedom. And if I should
be selected one of the many,

Miss Florence Louise ~~Manning~~

Atlanta University.

Atlanta Ga.

North Hall.

Miss Cogswell
Wilberforce Hill
Wilberforce Q.

how ever I want to wait untill you
get home, but I am a feild of the
German's air ships, so I dont know
just what to do. I dont know a
bout you going back to school a
next year for I think we will
have offull hard times every where
when this war gets on good, I
think there will be an offul #
slaughter every way where.

Mother is well also father he
looks fine some times almost
hansom. Well as I have to run to
answer the bell so often I must close.
old mother is up town now, and
will go from there to parent teachers
meeting. I dont know where from there.
She was at pictures last night and the
goodness knows where before that time.

Dr. Whidbee is Real sick. your mother
was a little bit afraid of him yester-
day she bid him to take car and get
home and in bed as quickly as could.
I smash this letter up as soon as you read
it. I dont know anything about the
way things are spelled in it. my regards
to Willie. I was to see her mother yesterday she
was out.
Sincerely yours G. mother. J. B. Beale.
Be good.

April 5th '17 Louisville Ky.
1720 W. Chestnut St.

My dear little Guly.

I was just thinking of writing to you
when your sweet letter came. Oh how
glad I was to receive it. now dearie
as Chip would say - I am writing to
you because I want to hear from you
by letter some time when you are
not too busy, though we all are so
very glad to hear from you through
little mothers letters that you sends
to her. We are all fairly well.

Now my dear what do you think
of wars and Rumors of wars,
now you see they are right here on
us now. Friday 6th 1917. again
I try to write this letter, so I take the
pen and a little ink. since I com-
mence this part of the letter, way is
on, now you trust in your God
for we nor any one else know what
will be the result of this great
world war, Please read the 16
Chapter and sixteenth verse of Rev.
Rev 16: 16. and if you wish to

know more about the sayings of the Lord let me know and I will point you to the scriptures that you may read for your self. now if you wish to have the Lord show you the true light that you may be able to escape what is coming upon this earth - ask me any questions you might wish to know and I surely will try to show you the truth as it is written in the Holy book of God, for He tells us that which was written in olding times was written for our learning. now my dear little girl do not be deceived but study the Bible closely and be wise in the right way. Now do not think your Grand mother is silly, for so thought the people of Noah's time, and of Sats time and of Christ time and so of our time. they are still making fun of the very things that they should look into but sin is blinding the people of to day as of old. so you may read, back as far as you will and you will find the highest learned people, that all ways seems to be unbelievers in the word and writings of the Lord, and it is the same to day as yesterday and all times. Now my dear you read for your self, and watch and pray enough for this time. you might read Matt. 24: 2 Timothy 3: and Rev. 22: read carefully and pray for a full understanding. Well we have a new pastor now, his family is still in Washington, he is here, his daughter will finish the school there in June. She is 18. and he has one 14 years old. I would like to write more but must stop as I have to get dinner since your Mother is such a Club woman she is in most every thing. She and Dad is out both day and night at diffrence places. I do believe I will have to run away.

1720 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Apr 5, 1917

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

To Willie and Rufus,
Now all the nice spelled
words you find in my
letter just over look them with
out any comment. Marie Richerson
ask to be remembered to you.
Joy and send Goodie a card
or a letter. I will try and
write you a better letter the next
time. I am sending you a
little silent message in this
letter dont throw it a way, but
read it, and find the verses that
it refers to in the Bible.

Now bye bye. Sweet heart. Remember
me to Aunt Julia also to Mildred &
Gaines. your Grand Mother.
J. B. Beale.

Dear Lizzie:

[1917]

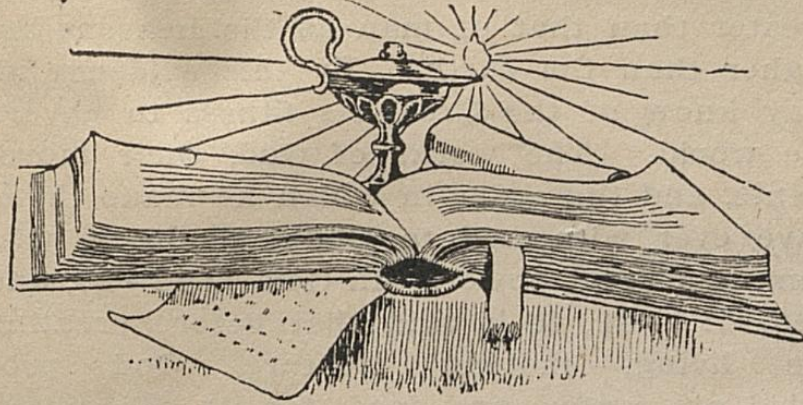
I am now thinking
of you while I am alone to-
night, Papa and Mother have
gone to 257 Shepards to night
for a while. your mother has a
cold and was feeling badly
yesterday, but she is O. K. to
day, we have had a few
heavy frosts since you left, so
I think the hay fever will soon
disappear from our home.
we are getting on nicely as
mother is sweet to all, see?
you must write to papa sure, a
letter all to himself do you understand?
Oh little girl - how I do miss you!
but you are such a brave little -

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2) trick to go off like you did and hold up so well with out weeping your eyes out. you did so much better then your mother did when she left me for Fisk, for

she wept down before she left. Now be good get all of your lessons and stand high in your class. make friends with Teachers and scholars, but dont let any body impose on you by no means, my love to Willie I saw her mother this after noon standing at her gate as if she wanted a letter from will. Louise so many people ask after you, I am so proud of my little girl to see people take such an interest in you. Now dont forget what I told you to do pray often and with faith and earnestness. and the Lord will surely hear and answer you, that is the whole secret of my success all of my life.

Now remember you have my prayers in your behalf all the days of my life, weather you are with me or not, just feel sure of that. Now you please remember - us when you pray. you write to me when ever you can. Lovingly your Grand mother. all sends love to you. Remember me



FAITH

Faith is as real as the things we see, hear, taste, touch, and smell. Very much of our every-day life is made up of faith. Without faith the farmer would sow no seed, nor the merchant give or receive orders for goods. In daily life we show in many ways that we have a measure of faith. We also have capacity for increasing faith through reliable evidence, which is its foundation. Because God has given us a measure of faith we are justly accountable for an intelligent use and consequent increase of it.

All of God's thoughts and acts are tempered in love, for God is love; and the knowledge of this constrains men to love and obey God.

The Foundation of Faith.

The life of God extends into the past and future beyond history and prophecy and imag-

ination even. Nature testifies to a Creator of knowledge, wisdom, and power, as much greater than that of man as the heavens are higher than the earth. By this evidence all may know of the Creator's fitness to govern the world. The works of God, their movements, and the order in which he made them, have ever witnessed to God's goodness, wisdom, and great power. In Gen. 1: 11 - 30, and Gen. 2: 8 - 10, it is said that before creating the living, moving creature, God provided air, water, and food, for its necessities, and things to gratify the creature's senses. This witnesses that all that is said of God's holy character in the beginning is truth.

Some do not believe in the miracles recorded in the Bible, because they think God cannot do things so great. Consider that the much greater work of creating the heavens and earth, and giving motion to all the planets, prove Him abundantly able to perform miracles.

Because of lack of faith, and because of ignorance we disagree with God and cannot see as He sees. Therefore some change must take place in us to bring us into agreement with God. For the same reason there is disagreement between children and parents. Though a father's knowledge is not perfect it is much greater than that of his child. But in God there is perfect knowledge and also eternal experience, while a man at his best has but the imperfect knowledge that this short life and an imperfect world can give him.

We must learn to see as God sees. How? — By faith. Faith fills the gap that makes men

disagree with God. By an inner sense a child knows that he is not alone, that he has a helper. That helper is his father or mother. The child becomes acquainted with his father by his father's words and actions, which teach the child to have confidence in the father. Thus the child learns to believe any promises the father may make, and is willing and ready to be taught by the father. This is faith. And while learning this lesson of faith the child learns to see as the father sees, thereby seeing beyond his own knowledge and experience. So it is in our relation to God. He speaks to us through the host of things in nature, in its many forms and life, and through the Bible, that we may learn to know Him. According to our faith we see through God's eyes into the past, present, and future. By faith in God's Word we get views of the whole world from its beginning to its end, and of many of the glories of heaven.

Intuition is a help to faith. We have a natural desire for worship and a hope for help from a supreme and all-sufficient Being who knows us fully and has power and a disposition to help us. This is intuition. The custom of men everywhere to worship something illustrates this truth. Our inclinations and experiences teach us the existence of good and evil, from which we reason that good and evil have a source. This agrees to the teachings of the Bible, which reveals that God and Satan are the sources of good and evil.

We have some desire naturally for a better character, better than we can get from the world. This desire comes from the Source of

good, or God. He knows that holy character is necessary for peace now and for happiness hereafter. We must form this character while in this world. For our present and final good God permits such trials to come upon us as will teach us to know Him as a being who cannot do wrong, because He is righteous. Believers in the Bible know that such scriptures as Ps. 145: 17; 2 Tim. 2: 13; and Rom. 10: 17, teach this. Read these scriptures. So, from a measure of faith, our faith will increase and become simple and absolute, like that of Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Job, Moses, Daniel, Paul, and the apostles after Pentecost. Only such faith can satisfy a sincere mind, for which reason God requires it.

In all that God says, and all that is said of Him in the Bible, He always approves of good and disapproves of evil, which is the greatest and clearest proof in all the Bible that He is good. Again, every man may rest fully assured that the Bible is still and ever will be a true revelation of a knowledge of God and the way of salvation. It has not been destroyed by burning, nor its teachings by translating it into other languages, because God's watch-care is ever upon it to preserve it.

The Purpose of Faith.

Faith takes God at His word. It is a door to all truth and power, and by it we obtain a hope, sure and steadfast, a refuge and help in God in every time of trouble. Ps. 46: 1, 2.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11: 6. Jesus always pleased God (John 8: 29); His perfect obedience proving his faith.

He is set before us as a perfect example of simple, unwavering faith.

Living Faith.

We walk (live) by faith, not by sight. By sight we may know much of God, but by faith we may know Him and His will concerning us according to all that is written of Him. Thus, though we cannot see God, we may learn to know and understand His motives and actions from afar.

Because God is love His every thought and act are prompted by love. Therefore He requires a faith that works by love. Such a faith God cannot but bless with success as we work for the salvation of others, and with peace and the supply of all our needs.

"Do not look forward to what might happen to-morrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you to-day will take care of you to-morrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unflinching strength to bear all. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."

Faith in Present Truth.

The Scriptures foretell a time when faith (faith in God) will scarcely be found in the earth. Luke 18: 8. That time is upon us, and it is a sign of the soon coming of Christ. Prophecy gives us many other signs of this event. 2 Tim. 3: 1 - 5, shows the state of the professed church of the last days; and Luke 21: 25 - 27, the state of the world. By prophecy we may know in advance, that the meaning of the increasing wickedness and destruction

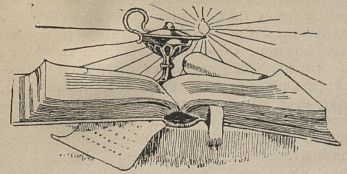
of life and property all over the world is, that the end is very near. Men who think deeply feel fearful as they view the present state of the world. The more frequent visitations of earthquakes, tidal-waves, volcanic eruptions, storms, floods, fires, and great preparations for war are plain evidences of the world's awful insecurity. These things are signs of the soon coming of Christ, and judgments to instruct and warn men to repent of sin and obey God.

When Christ was upon earth He taught that men should seek first the kingdom of God. Matt. 6: 33. Naturally men first seek the things of this world, not esteeming the wisdom of Christ, which is the true wisdom. Let us heed His words, that God may be our peace and refuge in these times of increasing trouble.

Rev. 14:12 refers to the company of redeemed people mentioned in verses one to five. These, like Jesus, have perfect faith in God, keeping His commandments. By faith they have passed through the world's last and greatest trouble. See Dan. 12: 1. These are the living righteous, who, when Jesus comes, having been gathered out of our generation, will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. All this is for our learning, to perfect our faith that we may be ready and among the saved when Jesus comes.

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