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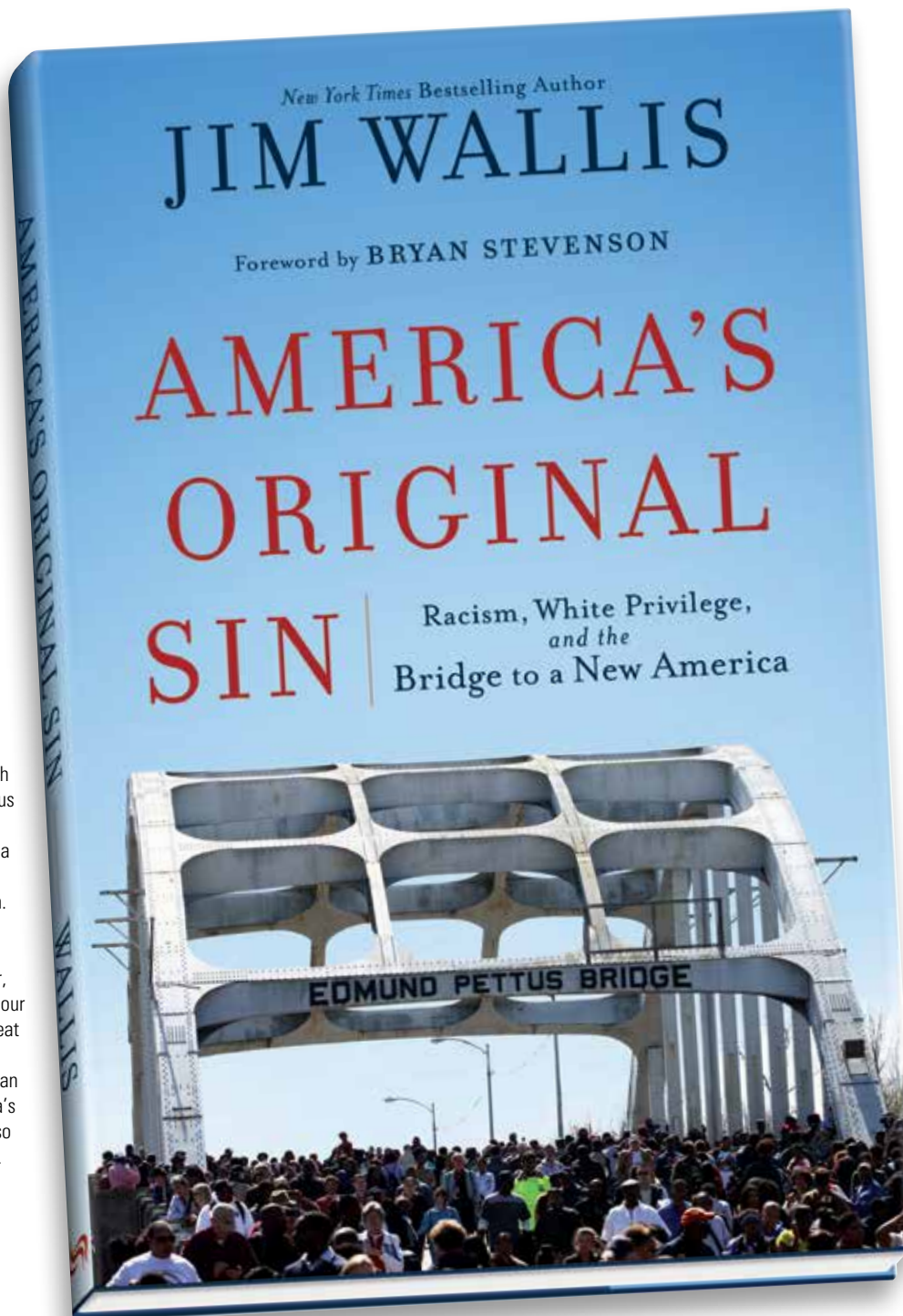
The title *America's Original Sin* is unsettling and perhaps provocative. We first introduced the phrase in our 1987 cover story for *Sojourners* magazine. This language and insight helped me understand that the historical racism against America's indigenous people and African slaves was indeed a sin and one that we started this country with. And that helps to explain a lot. Because if we see the sin still lingering, we can better understand the issues and deal with them more deeply, honestly, and even spiritually—and decide to try to fix them now.

I wrote this book to talk honestly about America's original sin and how it still lingers in our criminal justice system and too many other areas of American life. The original sin is clearly not over and done with in a new "post-racial" America. And dealing with what lingers as a sin that can be repented of and changed is a deeper way to solve the problems that still remain, rather than simply seeing them as political issues.

So we will try to look truthfully at the underlying racial injustices, misunderstandings, and tensions that are still with us in America and that continue to hold us back from being the country we can and should be. The book also describes how a new generation—of all races—is ready for us to deal with America's original sin.

We need to look at the past in a way that helps take us forward so that we can together cross the bridge to a newer, better, and freer American future where our growing diversity is experienced as a great benefit, not as a great threat.

I hope that you will take this book as an invitation to explore the truth of America's racial past, present, and hopeful future so that we might all become freer together.



Social Activist Offers a Personal and Prophetic Call to Overcome Racism in America

- Wallis is the author of many important books, including two *New York Times* bestsellers
- Author frequently appears on MSNBC, FOX News, Meet the Press, NPR, and The Daily Show, as well as in The New York Times and The Washington Post
- Offers the church practical steps with which to discuss race and work toward justice and healing

America’s problem with race has deep roots, with the country’s foundation tied to the near extermination of one race of people and the enslavement of another. Racism is truly our nation’s original sin.

“It’s time we right this unacceptable wrong,” says bestselling author and leading Christian activist Jim Wallis. Fifty years ago, Wallis was driven away from his faith by a white church that considered dealing with racism to be taboo. His participation in the civil rights movement brought him back when he discovered a faith that commands racial justice. Yet as recent tragedies confirm, we continue to suffer from the legacy of racism. The old patterns of white privilege are colliding with the changing demographics of a diverse nation. The church has been slow to respond, and Sunday morning is still the most segregated hour of the week.

In *America’s Original Sin*, Wallis offers a prophetic and deeply personal call to action in overcoming the racism so ingrained in American society. He speaks candidly to Christians—particularly white Christians—urging them to cross a new bridge toward racial justice and healing.

Whenever divided cultures and gridlocked power structures fail to end systemic sin, faith communities can help lead the way to grassroots change. Probing yet positive, biblically rooted yet highly practical, this book shows people of faith how they can work together to overcome the embedded racism in America, galvanizing a movement to cross the bridge to a multiracial church and a new America.

America’s Original Sin

Jim Wallis



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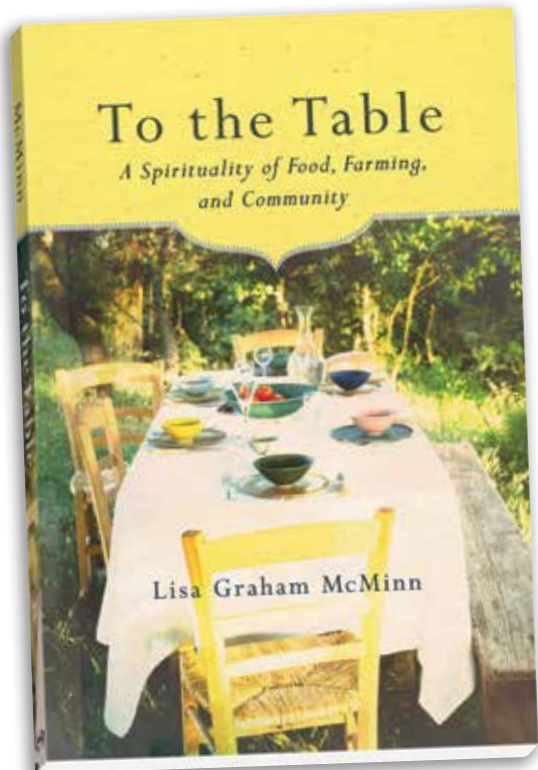


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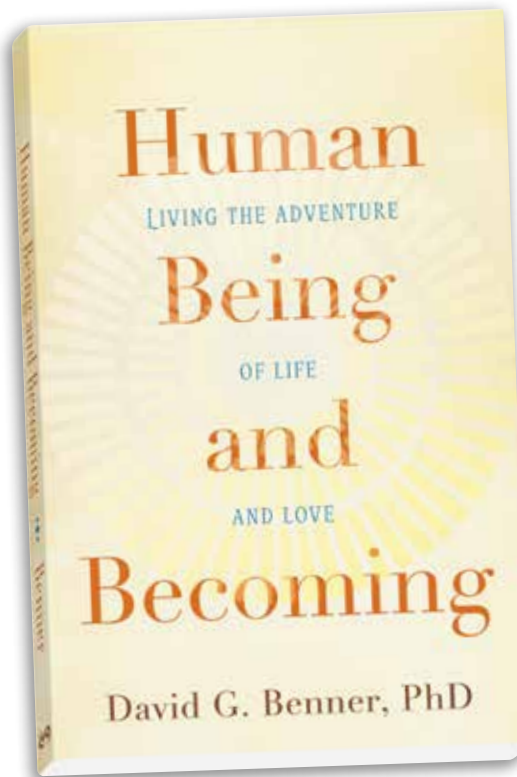
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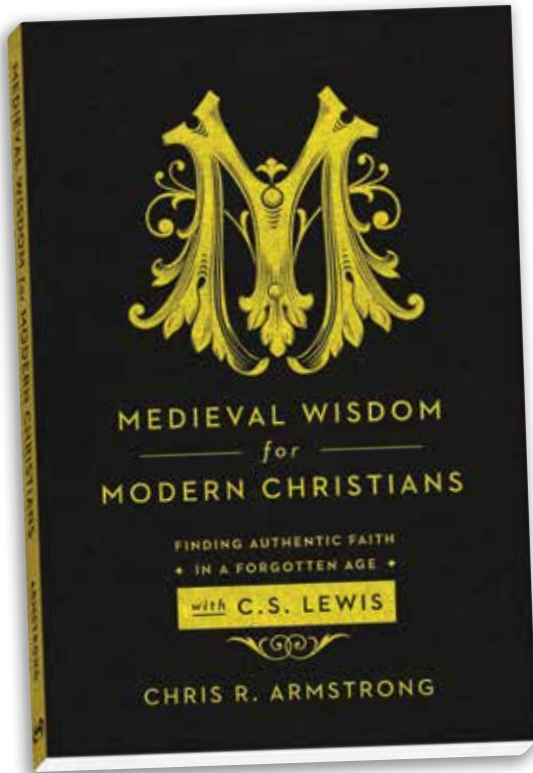
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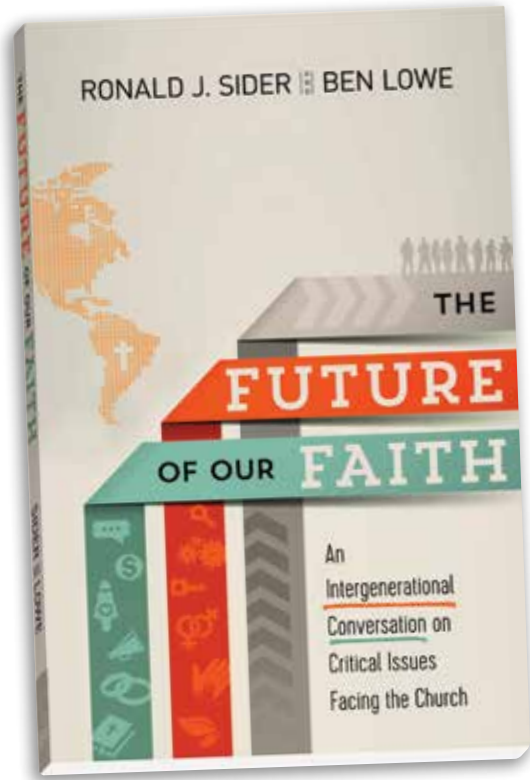
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Intergenerational Perspectives on the Future of the Church



Younger Christians are leaving the church in droves. Many of them—and many older Christians who stay—are frustrated and disillusioned by the track record of American Christianity on a number of fronts. The generations don't see eye to eye on many things. Here two evangelical leaders forty years apart in age discuss some of the biggest issues challenging the state and future of Christianity, such as marriage, homosexuality, creation care, and politics. The authors model and cultivate an intentional, charitable, and much-needed intergenerational dialogue. Each chapter includes sidebar reflections from notable Christian leaders and individual and small group study questions.

The Future of Our Faith

Ronald J. Sider and Ben Lowe



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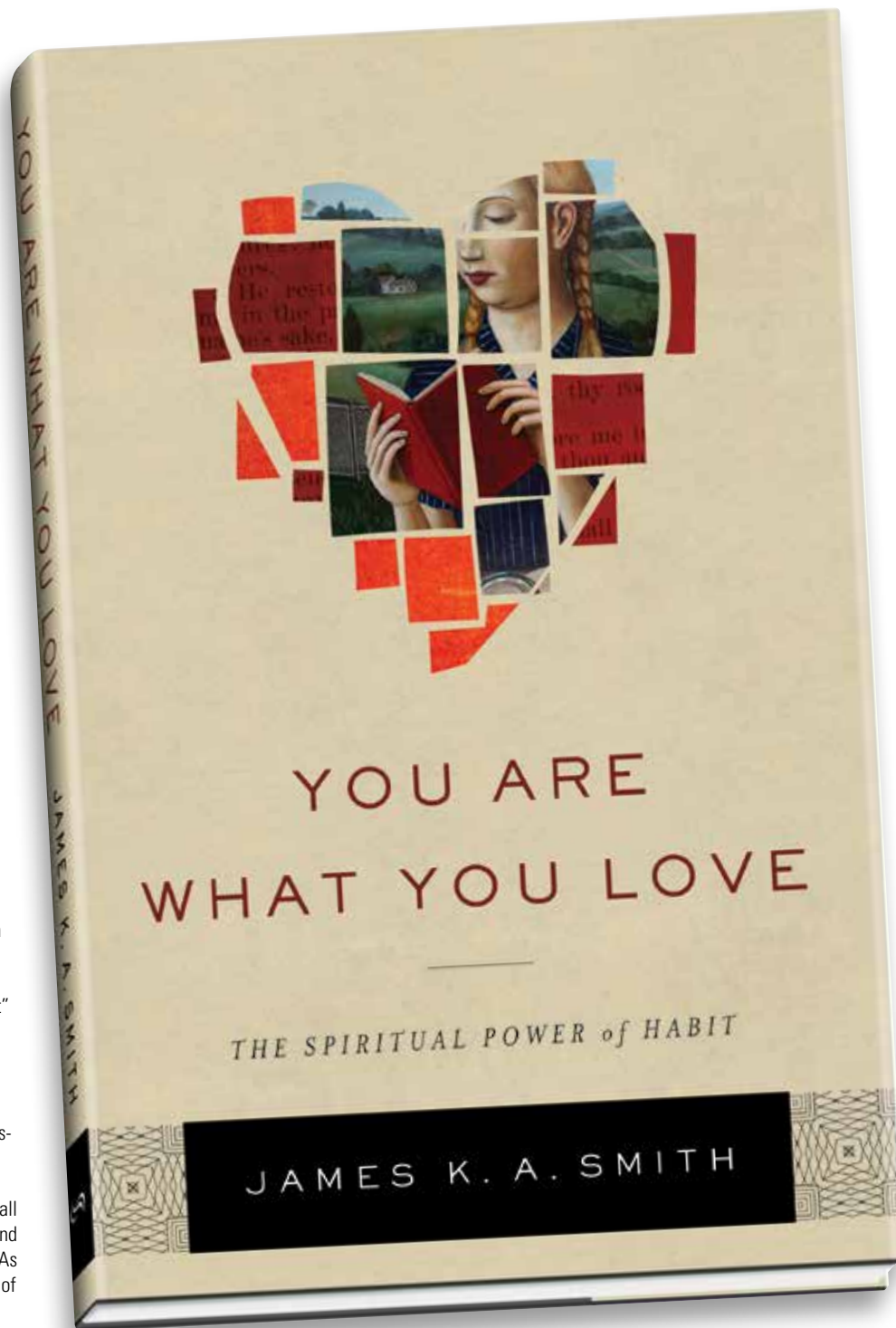
Do you ever experience a gap between what you know and what you do? Have you ever found that new knowledge and information don't seem to translate into a new way of life? Ever had the experience of hearing an incredibly illuminating and informative sermon on a Sunday, waking up Monday morning with new resolve and conviction to be different, and already failing by Tuesday night? You are hungry for knowledge; you thirstily drink up biblical ideas; you long to be Christlike; and yet all of that knowledge doesn't seem to translate into a way of life. It seems we can't think our way to holiness. Why is that? Is it because you forgot something? Is there some other piece of knowledge you still need to acquire? Is it because you're not thinking hard enough?

What if it's because you aren't just a "thinking thing"? What if the problem here is precisely the implicit model of the human person we've been working with in this whole approach to discipleship? What if Descartes was wrong and we've been hoodwinked into seeing ourselves as thinking things? What if we aren't first and foremost "thinkers"? Then the problem isn't just our individual resolve or our lack of knowledge. The problem is precisely our thinking-thing-ism.

But what's the alternative? If we question the primacy of thinking and knowledge, aren't we going to slide into an anti-intellectualist embrace of emotion and feelings? And isn't that precisely what's wrong with contemporary culture? We've embraced an "if-it-feels-good-do-it" rationale that encourages us to "follow our passions" and act on whatever whim or instinct or appetite moves us. Isn't that precisely why Christians need to focus on thinking—to acquire the knowledge necessary to counter the culture of impulse?

Well, how's that working out for you? Aren't we right back to our problem? Has all of your new knowledge and information and thinking liberated you from those habits? As anyone who has ever attended a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous well knows: "Your best thinking got you here."

To question thinking-thing-ism is not the same as rejecting thinking. Recognizing the limits of knowledge is not to embrace ignorance. We don't need less than knowledge; we need more. We need to recognize the power of habit.



Identifying What We Worship and How It Shapes Our Hearts

- James K. A. Smith is an award-winning author and a nationally known speaker
- Author's BPG titles have sold over 75,000 copies
- Translates the acclaimed ideas in *Desiring the Kingdom* for everyday readers
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You are what you love. But you might not love what you think. In this book, award-winning author James K. A. Smith shows that who and what we worship fundamentally shape our hearts. And while we desire to shape culture, we are not often aware of how culture shapes us. We might not realize the ways our hearts are being taught to love rival gods instead of the One for whom we were made. Smith helps readers recognize the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices. He explains that worship is the "imagination station" that incubates our loves and longings so that our cultural endeavors are indexed toward God and his kingdom. This is why the church and worshipping in a local community of believers should be the hub and heart of Christian formation and discipleship.

Following the publication of his influential work *Desiring the Kingdom*, Smith received numerous requests from pastors and leaders for a more accessible version of that book's content. No mere abridgment, this new book draws on years of Smith's popular presentations on the ideas presented in *Desiring the Kingdom* to offer a fresh, bottom-up rearticulation. The author creatively uses film, literature, and music illustrations to engage readers and includes material on marriage, family, youth ministry, and faith and work. He also suggests individual and communal practices for shaping the Christian life.

You Are What You Love

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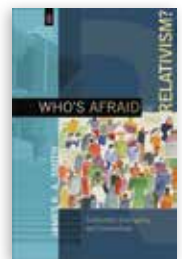
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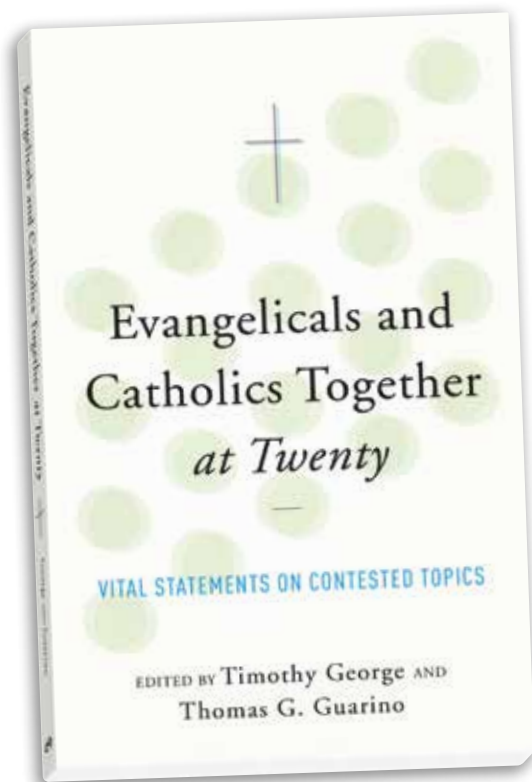


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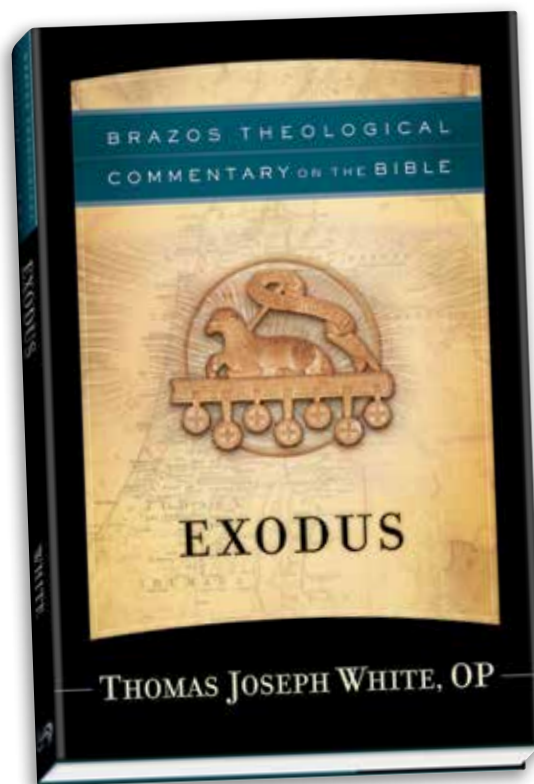
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