### Prayer Perspectives from the Peninsula 12 ~ November 13th Ruach (Breath of Life) Ministries

"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors. The art of looking back is an act of recollection, of recalling past events, past blessings and anniversaries." (Edward Burke, quoted on the web site of Christian Heritage).

# Some thoughts on the concept of Remembrance Sunday

In the prophet Zechariah's day, people came to the prophet to ask if it was still relevant to maintain specific periods of mourning and fasting – their equivalent, perhaps of Remembrance



Sunday. (See Zechariah 7). The question is an important one for us today as we grapple with the issue of 'where does tradition serve a useful purpose and when does it become mere tradition for tradition's sake?

- Ø Remembrance Day ~ When does tradition cease serving a useful purpose and become mere tradition for transition sake?
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The Lord's answer through Zechariah provides an important pointer.

'Then the word of the Lord Almighty came to me: Ask all the people of the land and the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, was it really for me that you fasted? And when you were eating and drinking, were you not just feasting for yourselves? This is what the Lord Almighty says: `Administer true justice; show mercy and

compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. *In your hearts do not think evil of each other.*'

Wow – powerful stuff! What the Lord was doing was turning the matter away from the external ritual to the heart of the heart. So does the way we observe Remembrance Sunday do the same?

We attended one of two local gatherings in our village this morning. The village hall was well attended, but, we were about as young as it got – and I hit the 50 mark this week! By this reckoning we are into the orderly management of decline. The person preaching spoke very well, but apart from urging us to be 'heroes of the faith,' nowhere in the service was there any encouragement to think laterally beyond the confines of the two world wars.

How about remembering the millions suffering for their faith we looked at in the last send out? The plight of the British troops in Iraq would be another good starting point. Quite apart from the losses they have incurred, tabloid reports indicate that up to half of them are so distressed with their living conditions that they want to leave the armed forces. With a bit of thought, Remembrance Sunday could be made powerful and prophetic, rather than merely retrospective.

Ø Linda, wife of our dear friend Paul Meiklejon, the senior Elim pastor in central Scotland, passed into the Lord's presence last week after a long battle against cancer. Paul is missing her greatly. If you would like to contact Paul, his address is <u>rock21@talk21.com</u>

#### Heidi Baker ~ healed from a serious infection

Many of you will have been praying for Heidi Baker, who was in hospital with a recurrence of a very serious infection. The following report, dated October 26<sup>th</sup> is currently on numerous web sites, including <u>www.assistnews.net</u>.

Thank you for praying for me and believing God with me. The Lord has done marvellous things. I felt Jesus told me to go and preach in Toronto, and that He would heal me. I saw a specialist in South Africa last Wednesday. He said the antibiotics were able to keep the infection from spreading as long as I was on the IV drip, but they were not able to kill the MRSA bacteria. My only hope, according to the doctor, was to go to the States and check into a university medical centre where they would operate to cut out and drain the infection. He told me that after a month in the hospital they might be able to make progress.

I believed Jesus had another plan. I booked a flight and told the doctors that I was checking out to see a top specialist in Toronto, Canada. I think you all know Him!

When I arrived late on Thursday afternoon, I was very weak and in a lot of pain. I had to go almost immediately to the conference to speak. I worshiped in my weakness and believed Jesus for a miracle. When I got up to preach from the book of Zechariah, I felt the supernatural power of God flowing through me. The infection was literally being healed as I was speaking. At the end I felt Jesus call me to dance with Him. He poured His love and power through me! The next morning I got up early and went for a jog!! On Saturday I went to a famous hospital in California and showed the emergency doctors all my lab reports and the specialist's letter from South Africa. They got ready to admit me, but I asked them to please look at the "infection" first. The doctor said, "This is healing up well. You won't need an operation." Then I told him what Jesus did for me. He said, "Praise the Lord! This is amazing!"

I am still committed to changing my lifestyle and spending even more time to rest in His glory Presence. I am forever grateful for all your love and prayers. Jesus did a mighty miracle! Love, Heidi

#### **Riots in the streets: France in Flames**

Many of you will be concerned about the situation in France. When I lived near Paris back in the mid 1970's I was so aware of how poorly integrated the large Algerian community was; not only holding down the lowest positions but also the poorest accommodation. The issue of poor tenement blocks has come to the fore throughout the year with the well-publicised conflagrations (attacks?) that led to numerous fatalities. The situation is even worse nowadays than it was a quarter of a century ago because French employment law make it so prohibitively expensive to employ anyone, that employers would rather employ machines than people. As a result, unemployment in the poorest areas is now at record highs.

We received the following report from sources in Germany. For reasons of space I have reluctantly left the French version out. (I'm sure you would have enjoyed the translation practice!)

#### **Tuesday Nov 8th; report by Samuel Rhein**

I have just returned from several days of ministry in France and discovered the extent of these riots. Last night 1400 vehicles were on fire. The average age of the rioters ranges from 16 - 17. Some are only 13 or 14 years, with 500 young ones under arrest are under 18. These were not organized riots but spontaneous, anarchistic, caused by a minority of individuals. The rioters tackle the vehicles in their own suburbs, the stores, public transport, the police force or the firemen. 36 wounded police officers last night and an estimate of 26 million euros of damage in the public buildings! Schools, crèches, town halls were burnt, and even two Catholic churches yesterday. Companies were destroyed, and several people (6 to this date) have died as a result of this blind violence.

The majority of the rioters are French-born, but of northern African origin, invited in to the country 30 or 40 years ago. All the large towns of France are touched, 274 at this point.

The comments of the media fuel the panic. The journalists from abroad are often submitting exaggerated reports, speaking about civil war, which is really out of order. Some speak already about 'intifada' or `jihad' in France because of the `allah akbar' that certain rioters were shouting.

The political leaders are still using the occasion to criticize each other instead of working together.

There are many reasons to explain the situation: unemployment, poverty, racism, school failure, lack of dialogue, ghetto of suburbs, hatred, boredom, missing education, not enough socialism, too much repression, not enough repression, the provoking

remarks of certain ministers, loss of motivation, the popularizing of violence, loss of moral values, ...

The episode that started these riots was the death of two teenagers in an electric transformer. (They believed they were being chased by the police after carrying out a robbery and taking refuge in this dangerous place they were electrocuted).

1 The crisis is serious and is worrying France at all the levels of society. The reason is a profoundly spiritual 'malaise'. The lack of purpose expressed by people stripped of any sense of direction highlights the spiritual vacuum.

2 In addition, the season of these riots corresponds to the end of the Ramadan (same date day for day), a period known to be favourable to spirits of violence.

3 It is in the context of the emergence of a generation of lawless people (1Tim1.9)

It that Paul exhorts us, **first of all**, to offer that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be offered for all men and especially for all that are in high places.

4 Republican values are not the solution but the rule of law and order must be respected, and law-breakers be restrained.

5 The law solves nothing except to restrain the troublemakers. Society without love always implodes or explodes. It is love which proceeds from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

#### **A Rescue Plan**

1 In 2004 the Lord gave us a plan: to make a Tour de France with tears. If my people who are called by My Name will humble themselves . . . I will heal this land. The tears sprinkle and enrich the ground in order that fruits may spring forth.

2 This year in several large towns of France, a plan of praise and worship was set so that the fire of God may come. 'Paris on fire', 'Lyon on fire', 'Bordeaux on fire'... These riots by fire seem to be a gesticulation of the Evil One to counterfeit this plan. It does nothing but confirm what the Spirit of God wants: a fire of love and worship. A confrontation by fire to show the 'God who answers by fire'. The Spirit of Elijah is being awakened in France but the false prophets must begin their gesticulations!

3 The people of God must awake and repent of having trusted too much in the State rather than in God. We have criticised our political leaders instead of covering them with prayer and sowing the message of the Good News into the nation. We must also repent of having preserved fear and racism in our hearts.

4 These serious social problems are a great opportunity for the sons and the daughters of the King to turn from their self-centred problems and understand their destiny in a society that waits for the revelation of the sons of God. Let us pray that a true mobilization in prayer results from.

5 Pray and worship, and then translate the prayer into action. Let us yield neither to fear, nor hatred, nor criticism but instead sow love.

### **Progress in important Political Bills**

After being on the back foot for so long, we have good news on two parliamentary bills that urgently needed opposing. Is the tide beginning to turn? Justin Coldstream, of Wellspring, is by no means alone in thinking that something 'broke' in the heavenly places when people interceded outside the Houses of Parliament over the Racial & Religious Bill. There is good news too about the proposed Equality Bill.

The Equality Bill aimed to make it illegal for a public or state body to 'harass' an

individual on the grounds of their religion or belief. Pressure groups could use the threat of complaints under this law to ban prison chaplains talking to prisoners about the Christian faith, or to cut funding to Christian welfare charities because they say grace before meals. By removing the religious harassment law, the amendment will protect free speech and religious liberty.

#### **Blasphemy**

An amendment to the Religious Hatred Bill that would have abolished the offence of blasphemy was defeated in the House of Lords last night by 153 votes to 113. Lady O'Cathain spoke powerfully in support of the blasphemy law arguing that it, along with the Coronation Oath, is part of Britain's Christian heritage and cannot be considered apart from our constitutional settlement as a whole.

We give thanks to God that last night the House of Lords resoundingly rejected the Government's planned religious harassment law. Peers voted by 216 to 126 for Lord Lester and Lady O'Cathain's amendment deleting religious harassment from the Bill.

Under the Government's plans it would be illegal for a public or state body to 'harass' an individual on the grounds of their religion or belief. Peers from all parties warned the religious harassment law could be used to restrict freedom of speech and religious liberty. Many expressed fears that the law would encourage politically correct officials to stop public expressions of Christianity, such as evangelism or carol services, leading to more cases such as those we have seen in our newspapers in recent days. The sexual orientation provisions could even mandate the equal promotion of homosexuality and heterosexuality in state schools (which is effectively happening already in Scottish schools). **The Equality Bill now goes to the House of Commons. A battle for another day.** 

As expected, earlier in the day the Government accepted Lord Alli's amendment on 'sexual orientation'. The amendment (passed without a vote) obliges the Government to bring forward regulations at some point in the future to ban 'homophobic' discrimination in providing goods or services. We are opposed to this new law in principle and are saddened that it is supported by all three main political parties at Westminster.

Nevertheless, several Peers spoke of the need to include comprehensive protections for churches and religious bodies, to prevent, for example, churches being forced to rent out their halls to 'gay rights' activists.

We also fear that such a law could even mandate the equal promotion of homosexuality and heterosexuality in schools. The Government has promised broad consultation before the regulations are introduced to Parliament. This is a battle for another day.

**Prayer points (suggested by the Christian Institute)** 

\* Give thanks to God for the recent defeat of the religious harassment law.

\* Give thanks to God for Lady O'Cathain for all her work to defend our religious freedom.

\* Give thanks to God that many Peers spoke out in defence of religious liberty in the debate on religious harassment.

\* Please pray that many MPs would now be made aware of the problems with the religious harassment law, as the Bill proceeds to the Commons.

Please pray that the Government would be persuaded of the need to give substantial protections for religious liberty and schools in its future sexual orientation regulations.

The victory on religious harassment is a fantastic result. Thank you for all your prayers about this issue. Thank you also to the many people who wrote letters to Peers. Those letters helped to persuade Peers that this was an important issue of concern to real people.

# The Christian Medical Fellowship warn us not to be deceived by Lord Joffe's revised assisted dying bill'.

On the eve of the first reading of Lord Joffe's revised bill on assisted dying in the House of Lords, the Christian Medical Fellowship, which represents 5,000 UK doctors, has issued a warning to parliament and the public not to be deceived by this further move to legalise physician assisted suicide.

Lord Joffe had earlier stated his intention to introduce a revised Bill aimed at legalising physician assisted suicide (PAS) but not euthanasia along the lines of the Oregon model, after the debate on the House of Lords Select Committee Report on the Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

General Secretary, Peter Saunders commented 'We remain opposed to this move to make assisted dying more palatable. A lot of pressure has been exerted to convince peers and the public that PAS is not 'euthanasia proper'. But the key issue is intention. There is no moral difference between PAS and euthanasia. In both cases what the doctor means to do is to bring about the death of the patient. He or she is the moral agent without whom the death could not happen. PAS is simply euthanasia "one step back".

Allowing PAS would effectively legalise euthanasia as well due to the need to provide 'help' to incapacitated patients not able to end their own lives, and, in the case of the well-highlighted problems achieving 'completion', requiring the doctor to step in and finish the job.

PAS would also inevitably introduce an element of coercion by placing pressure on patients to request PAS so as not to place a burden on relatives, carers or a society short of resources. This was the key argument that persuaded the last Lords' Committee considering the issue to oppose any change to the law in 1994. Lord

Walton concluded that it was 'virtually impossible to ensure that all acts of euthanasia were truly voluntary' and that 'any liberalisation of the law in the United Kingdom could not be abused'.

The 1994 Lords' Committee were also concerned that 'vulnerable people - the elderly, lonely, sick or distressed - would feel pressure, whether real or imagined, to request early death.' It is striking that of reasons given for people requesting PAS in Oregon, 35% indicated that they feared being a burden. This is why another dozen US States have rejected similar legislation - and why the Supreme Court is reviewing Oregon's law right now.'

'There is a real need' Saunders continued, 'for individuals to be informed of the issues and not to buy in to the deception that PAS is a softer option. We must persist in standing firm against a move down the 'slippery slope''.

The RCGP (Royal College of General Practitioners) Council, after a lengthy consultation seeking the views of members, in which responses were overwhelmingly in favour of rejecting a change in the law, affirmed on 16 September 2005 that 'with current improvements in palliative care, good clinical care can be provided within the existing guidelines and that patients can die with dignity. A change in legislation is not needed.'

Saunders concluded, 'The vast majority of calls for euthanasia and PAS are really calls for good medical care. Requests for euthanasia and assisted suicide are extremely rare when a patient's physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs are properly met. Our priority must therefore be to make the best possible whole-person care more widely available.'

#### **Missionaries Attacked in Southern Sudan**

We called for prayer for The Sudan a few issues ago. Friends of ours who work in the region for MAF sent the following very sad report.

On Saturday 5th November, Collin & Hedvig Lee from International Aid Services were attacked under gunfire by Rebels of the lord's Resistance Army (LRA) while driving on the road from Morobo to Yei, in Southern Sudan. Collin was badly wounded and shot in the neck & shoulder. Heavily pregnant with their first child, Hedvig was not so badly wounded that she could not walk on foot to Yei over a period of about 6-7 hours. Sadly, Collin died on Sunday morning in Yei. MAF airlifted the still internally bleeding Hedvig to Kampala. She arrived safely but is very shocked. Your prayers are valued for her. Also:

- Ø That other missionaries and Aid organizations in Southern Sudan /North East D.R.C. / Northern Uganda remain under God's special protection (Psalm 91).
- Ø That the Government / Military / UN forces be empowered by God to defeat and overcome those bringing destruction.
- Ø That the process of re-constructing this area will not stop, and those that are building roads, bridges and buildings will be protected, and that their efforts increase in good measure to prosper the region.

#### Feature I – The Real Heroes of Telemark: Ray Mears (Coronet Books).

The real life story that is far more interesting (and heroic) than the woefully inaccurate 1965 Hollywood Film of that name. This is a really good read!

Most people do not realise that, for much of the war, German scientists were way ahead of the Allies in the race to produce an atomic bomb and so win the war. Although they received set backs by the loss of top Jewish scientists, the heavy water that was being produced in a remote plant in Norway might well prove enough to enable them to develop this deadly weapon.

Against colossal odds, and despite staggering setbacks, British-trained Norwegian saboteurs accomplished two stunningly successful missions, firstly in destroying the heavy water at the plant, and then, after the plant had been repaired and stocks replenished, destroying the stocks once again as they were being transported by ferry to Germany. This book makes you reflect firstly on what 'heroes' are all about – not to mention on how good the Lord has been in preserving the West in the past from totalitarianism.

### Feature II: Lieutenant-General Sir William Dobbie

Many historians have marvelled that Malta never fell to either the Italians or the Germans, despite their overwhelming superior firepower. This article will hint at the reason why . . . I have extracted it from John Westmacott's article – available at: <a href="http://bible-christian-heritage.co.uk/sir%20william%20Dobbie.htm">http://bible-christian-heritage.co.uk/sir%20william%20Dobbie.htm</a>

The defence of the island of Malta during the Second World War was amongst the most heroic passages of that great conflict, for when Italy declared war in the summer of 1940, it seemed inevitable that the island fortress would fall. Just a few weeks earlier, a retired army officer had been invited to become its Governor, and on 28 April the officer, Lieutenant-General Sir William Dobbie, landed with his wife and daughter to assume his new responsibility. For almost two years he marshalled the defences of the island against the repeated and prolonged assaults of the enemy, until, in the summer of 1942, the attempt to take the island was abandoned.

What was it that prevented this almost defenceless island from being overwhelmed by the might of the Axis forces? General Dobbie had no doubts - it was the merciful and protecting hand of God.

At thirteen William won a scholarship to Charterhouse school, where in November 1893 he put his trust in Jesus Christ. Many years later he recalled how he realised that "the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world for the express purpose of giving His life so that He might bear, and pay the penalty of my sins, so that I might go free ... I then, that night, accepted the Lord Jesus as my Saviour, my Companion, and my Lord ... and from that day to this through all the ups and downs of Army life, I have never been able to doubt the reality of that transaction ..."

After commissioning from the Royal Military Academy as a second lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, he was posted to South Africa, where he received his first military

decoration. In April 1904, Dobbie married the daughter of a Royal Artillery officer, a marriage that was truly blessed of God. In later years he maintained that any measure of success that attended his work was largely due to the inspiration and help which he received from his wife. Service in Bermuda followed during which they determined together to establish and keep a firm separation from worldly things, even though they realised that such a stand might adversely affect his career. Many years later when addressing young people, Lady Dobbie would urge them to take a stand early in life for the things of God.

In August 1914 Dobbie was sent to France, becoming immediately involved in the retreat of British troops from Mons, as a result of which he was awarded the French Legion of Honour. Further decorations followed as well as several mentions in dispatches. His faith was severely exercised at this time. On one occasion he was required to move a division urgently to face an imminent enemy assault. This required railway transportation, but he was told that none was available. The situation was so critical that it seemed likely that the enemy would break through, with disastrous results. Dobbie fell on his knees in the office and prayed for God's intervention. Shortly afterwards, the railway officer reported that a supply of rolling stock had mysteriously become available, more than sufficient for the need, and the reinforcements were immediately sent to save the situation.

In 1928 he was appointed Commander of the Cairo Brigade where his wife and daughter were able to teach at the school run by the London Mission to the Jews. Many children were converted and took the gospel back to their homes. From Cairo he was ordered to Palestine to suppress Arab disturbances. Whilst there he was asked to write a foreword for inclusion with a despatch of New Testaments to be sent to the troops. He gladly agreed and wrote:

"You are stationed at the place where the central event in human history occurred, namely, the crucifixion of the Son of God. You may see the place where this happened, and you may read the details in this Book. As you do this, you cannot help being interested, but your interest will change to something far deeper when you realise that the event concerns you personally, and that it was for your sake that the Son of God died on the cross here. The realisation of this fact cannot but produce a radical change in your outlook and in your life, and the study of this Book will, under God's guidance, help you to such a realisation."

Another example of God's intervention in answer to prayer took place at this time. A large body of armed Bedouins were advancing on Gaza, where many British women and children lived, and a hospital staffed by British nurses was situated. No soldiers were available to defend the city, and though efforts were made to turn the enemy aside, Dobbie knew that his only course of action was prayer.

Reports continued to come in of the advance, until suddenly the Bedouins turned aside and the city was left unharmed. Some years later, Dobbie met the senior doctor from the hospital at the time, whose wife and family had been in Gaza. He was away in Jerusalem when he heard of the danger but immediately fell on his knees in prayer. As they recalled the events they realised that they had both been petitioning the throne of grace at the same time. "If two of you shall agree on earth..." For his efforts in restoring order he was awarded the CBE, and on his return home in 1933 he was promoted Major-General. On one occasion he was invited to address a conference of Protestant army chaplains in Malaya and spoke to them of their duty towards the men.

"I order the men to march to church each Sunday," he said, "I must therefore insist that they get something worth having when they attend. The soldiers want the real thing. They want you, their chaplains, to tell them what Jesus Christ means to you. They want to know about the help He has brought to you in your own experience. When you speak in this way, straight from the shoulder, about Christ as your own Saviour and Lord, then you will be giving the men what they need, and what they are seeking for. Only then will you be pulling your own weight in the Army."

This message was later reproduced in the Army Chaplains' journal and distributed throughout the army. In August 1939, Dobbie, now sixty years old, was retired from active service. When war broke out in September 1939, Dobbie immediately offered himself for service. Six months later came the invitation to Malta, where his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ was tried more severely than ever.

One of his first actions was to issue a special Order of the Day calling upon all officers and men "humbly to seek God's help, and then in reliance upon Him, to do their duty unflinchingly." At about the same time he received a telegram from General Ironside quoting Deuteronomy 3:22 *"Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God He shall fight for you."* Dobbie wrote later that this was a very welcome and timely reminder of a great and well-proved truth and meant much to him.

The first air raid on Malta took place on 11 June 1940, and by the time Dobbie left in May 1942 more than two thousand raids had been endured. Miracles abounded throughout this period as Dobbie and the people sought the Lord's help. On one occasion, a task force that included the new aircraft carrier *Illustrious* had escorted a convoy of merchant ships into Malta, and were preparing to return when they were attacked by German bombers. The carrier was badly damaged and limped into the harbour for such repairs as could be carried out. The following day more damage was inflicted by further bombing. Dobbie was advised that the dockyard would need four days to effect repairs so long as no further damage was caused. Specific prayer was made to God, and though bombers came back each day, they missed their target.

On the evening of the fourth day *Illustrious* was able to leave for Alexandria. This incident made a big impression on Dobbie and many others as they saw the hand of God at work. Life in the Governor's residence was simple and unpretentious. Very early Dobbie began the custom of holding a daily after dinner prayer meeting to which visitors and staff were invited, and many were impressed by his simple faith as he brought the needs of the island and its people before God. He also maintained regular Bible readings for the officers.

Shortly before he left Malta, King George VI awarded the George Cross to the entire island as a mark of their heroism, and it was the Governor's joy to explain to the people what this meant – the only time an entire community has been so honoured. On 10 May 1942 Dobbie, his wife and daughter returned to England. The Prime Minister,

Winston Churchill, welcomed him back in a radio broadcast, and wrote of him as "a Cromwellian figure at the key point", whilst the King made him a Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George.

Almost at once Dobbie was taken seriously ill and for some days his life was in the balance. However in the providence of God he was restored to health and prepared for his next undertaking. Whilst convalescing, his wife asked what he would like to do after his retirement, to which he replied, "The thing I should like to do most of all would be to witness to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ everywhere." His prayer was answered, and for two years he travelled throughout England speaking of his experiences, and of his faith in Jesus Christ. Furthermore, he was invited to North America.

Between January and June 1945 he and his wife travelled over 15,000 miles addressing ten times that number of people. They were received at the White House, addressed businessmen's breakfasts, spoke at universities, ministered to military leaders, and attended simple prayer meetings and tea parties, everywhere being heard with eager anticipation and enthusiasm. One reporter wrote, "I have just met a great man. I've met several great men in my span of years, but outside the clergy, it is seldom that one meets an individual, particularly a soldier, who is neither ashamed, embarrassed, nor afraid to express in public a deep, unshakeable faith in God Almighty and love for His Son, Jesus Christ."

Dobbie died on 3 October 1964, his wife having pre-deceased him by two years. In the foreword to a little book in which he recorded his experiences, he wrote

"During the course of a long, varied and interesting military career I have had many tokens of God's goodness to me. I have experienced His help in all sorts of circumstances. I have seen His overruling control in my life, and His guidance in my affairs. I have been amazed at His faithfulness to me, in spite of much unfaithfulness on my part to Him. I have been especially impressed by His forbearance, and patience with me ... I desire to emphasize ... that it is a *practical* and intensely *real* thing to let Christ come into one's life, and that to-day, as ever before, it is no vain thing to trust in the living God."

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