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FROM MY HEART



The book of 2 Kings Chapter 20 gave us an interesting account in the life of Hezekiah who was the King of Israel. The bible says that he was sick to the point of death. The cause of the sickness or the type of sickness was not recorded in this chapter. However, it was deadly enough to kill him and The Lord sent His prophet Isaiah to tell him that “This is what The Lord says, Put your house in order because you are going to die; you will not recover 2 Kings 20:1. Hezekiah immediately turned his face to the Lord and began to pray. He did not argue with the messenger, he did not look around for his physician. He turned to The Lord and pled his case before The Lord. The prophet Isaiah was told by God before he could leave the palace to deliver the message to him that he will be healed and his life extended by 15 years, he will also have victory over his enemies.

Now if you know the nature and character of God you will understand that He did not send the sickness to kill Hezekiah because the bible already gave us this insight in James 1:17 that every good and perfect gifts comes from God. He does not have sickness with Him. Everything good is from him.

But It’s interesting to see Hezekiah’s reaction regarding his illness when the prophet told him about his death. Hezekiah has been a King who prays. Could it be that this time around, he became perfunctory about it and God had to get his attention to get him to pray and plead his case so that He can move on his behalf?

What we know is that Hezekiah’s prayer turn the tide around. We believe our maiden edition of Faith of the winner magazine and the subsequent editions will minister life to you and give you the word that you need for that season of your life.

I love you.

Segun Idowu

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Give Your Future

A MEANING

BY PASTOR SEGUN IDOWU

Scientist tells us that in the future the number of centenarians will increase more than 50 times from 500,000 today to over 26 million by 2100. Humans are living longer relative to the last 500 years.

As important as this knowledge of the future so it's important for everyone to know that God has a plan for their future too. His plan for your future is good and you will get there by what you can see now - vision. God designed vision in order for you to locate the future He has chosen for you. Your path to your future or destiny begins with God and the desires and dreams He has placed inside you. The desire He has placed inside you is the catalyst that sets His vision for your life enabling you to discover your destiny. God has a specific vision and plan for your life. Your decisions now create that future.

You are never too old to get on the path to your destiny; you can fulfil God's vision for your life.

Firstly you need to be born again. Accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Savior is the prerequisite to discovering your God-given destiny and once you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and

Savior of your life and begin to seek Him daily in His word-the bible, He will begin to reveal your purpose and His vision for your life to you.

You must be willing to leave your comfort zone and step out on divine ideas and visions. Of course, hard work, discipline, patience, and faith are going to be necessary for you to accomplish the vision; however with God's help, you can do it.

When God gives you a vision for your future, it leads you on a path to a good and definite destination. Every detail may not be known all at once, but there is a defined course of direction which is always tied to that future. In order to give your future a meaning and plot your way. I identify 4 things in the bible that will help you.

1. It's Your Call

Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand Jeremiah 33:3. Amplified Bible

We have been given an invitation from God to call to Him and His response will be to show us those things that we do not know about our future purpose and destiny. This is an invitation to ask God questions expecting answers in His word and through Holy Spirit. You cannot receive or discover the vision God have for your life without Him. That is obvious isn't. But you will be surprised how many people in this day and age want to know God's purpose for their life without finding out from Him.

So It's your call. He wants you to call Him, how? By praying and listening to His voice. You have to believe He will talk to you, you have to receive those things He is saying to your heart, not your ears, your heart! Receive by faith the insights and ideas He brings to you and run with it. He stated what He will do when you call Him. Show you great things He has for you. Don't worry if you think what He is showing you are beyond you. It belongs to Him and He will do it with you.

2. God plan is good.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11 King James Version

Settle this in your mind and in your heart forever; God thoughts towards you are thoughts of peace, goodwill, success and not evil. God's plan for your future is always good! No matter where you are or your background. No matter what is in your past God is interested in your future... For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable Romans 11:29. God's love for you made Him to design a plan for your life that is unique to you with the intention to give you a glorious life and a wonderful future. Even if right now you do not have the vaguest idea of what His plan is for you or how the dreams and vision He has given you will come to pass, you must rest assure in His promise. He will never mismanage your life as you follow Him. It's His plan for you from the beginning and it's a good

plan.

3. Write the Vision

Then the LORD answered me and said:

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:2-3 New King James Version

Write down what God is saying to your heart. What you write down or record immortalises your thoughts, ideas, wishes, insights and plans. It was noted that people who write down their goals in life when they leave school eventually went ahead to achieve them compare to those who did not. God wrote down His plan for us in His Word - the Bible—so that we can know His will and pursue His plan. How much more do we need to write down our God-given visions, ideas and insights in order to run

with them? Imitate God and write down your goals today! Be specific, accurate and detailed about those dreams and vision that God gave you regarding your future. Writing down your goals crystallizes it and enable you to refer to it regularly and sometimes remind you when you forget. Write the dreams God has placed in your heart down. Keep it, work in line with what is written and preserve it for future generations. Write down your goals for your life, your family, your career, your

business and your ministry and you will have no confusion regarding the course of direction you need to take to pursue your future.

4. He'll Prosper the work of Your Hands

And the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, of your cattle, of your land, for good; for the Lord will again delight in prospering you, as He took delight in your fathers. Deuteronomy 30:9 King James Version

Many people are not prosperous today because they do not set their hands to do anything! God promised to make you prosperous in every work of your hand. The vision He has given you for your future will come to pass when you work together with Him. God needs you to bring His vision for you to pass.

Isn't that something to think about that God will actually need us to do things? But it's true, He set it like that from the beginning of creation when He told Adam to name all the animals and He has not changed since. God has given you these ideas, insights and plans do not think that He will bring it to pass without you! His promise to you is certain, He delights in the prosperity of His own, He delights to bring your vision for your future to pass with you and bring you to a place of success and prosperity. Give your future a meaning now and live in the reality of God's plan for your life.

How To Know God

**DO YOU
KNOW
WHERE
YOU
STAND
WITH
GOD?**



I want you to know that God's desire is for you to know Him personally. God sent Jesus to the cross in order for mankind to know Him. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. God loved you so much that He gave His only begotten Son for you.

If you have never made Jesus the Lord of your life, then you are separated from God by sin. You are the reason God sent Jesus to the cross. Jesus came to earth as result of one thing; sin. Jesus died on the cross and went to hell to pay the price for your sin. He paid the price for your sin, rose triumphantly over Satan from the dead and settles the problem of sin once and for all.

God does not hold your sin against you for He had made Jesus who knew no sin to be sin for you. 2 Corinthians 5:21 Jesus became your substitute when He paid the price for your sin and it was recorded that the price for your sin has been paid for. However you and only you can make the choice to accept what Jesus has done for you. God has created you to be a free moral agent that can make choices. So despite the sin price being paid for you already, you can still go straight to hell when you choose not to receive Jesus into your life.

Your choice is set before you. But you can be born again by receiving Jesus into your life and receive a new person. Being born again is a spiritual rebirth. When you make Jesus the Lord of your life, you will be born of the Spirit of God by the Holy Spirit who was sent to

earth to cause your spirit to be re-created and become new.

The bible gives specific instructions you need to follow in order to be born again in Romans 10: 8-11

The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Jesus said if you come to Him, he will not cast you away (John 6:37). No matter what you have done you can go to Jesus and He will accept you. He will re-create you and you will be accepted before God as if you have never sinned!

So to be born again, you use your mouth and you use your heart. First, you believe in your heart that God's Word is true; then you confess it with your mouth because you believe it and you will be saved

I want you to know that salvation has nothing to do with how you feel; it has everything to do with what the bible says that you believe. You will have doubts sometimes after you made this decision but it does not change the fact that God's word is true.

So pray this prayer of salvation with me, say it from the depths of your being don't just read and when you finish you will be born again

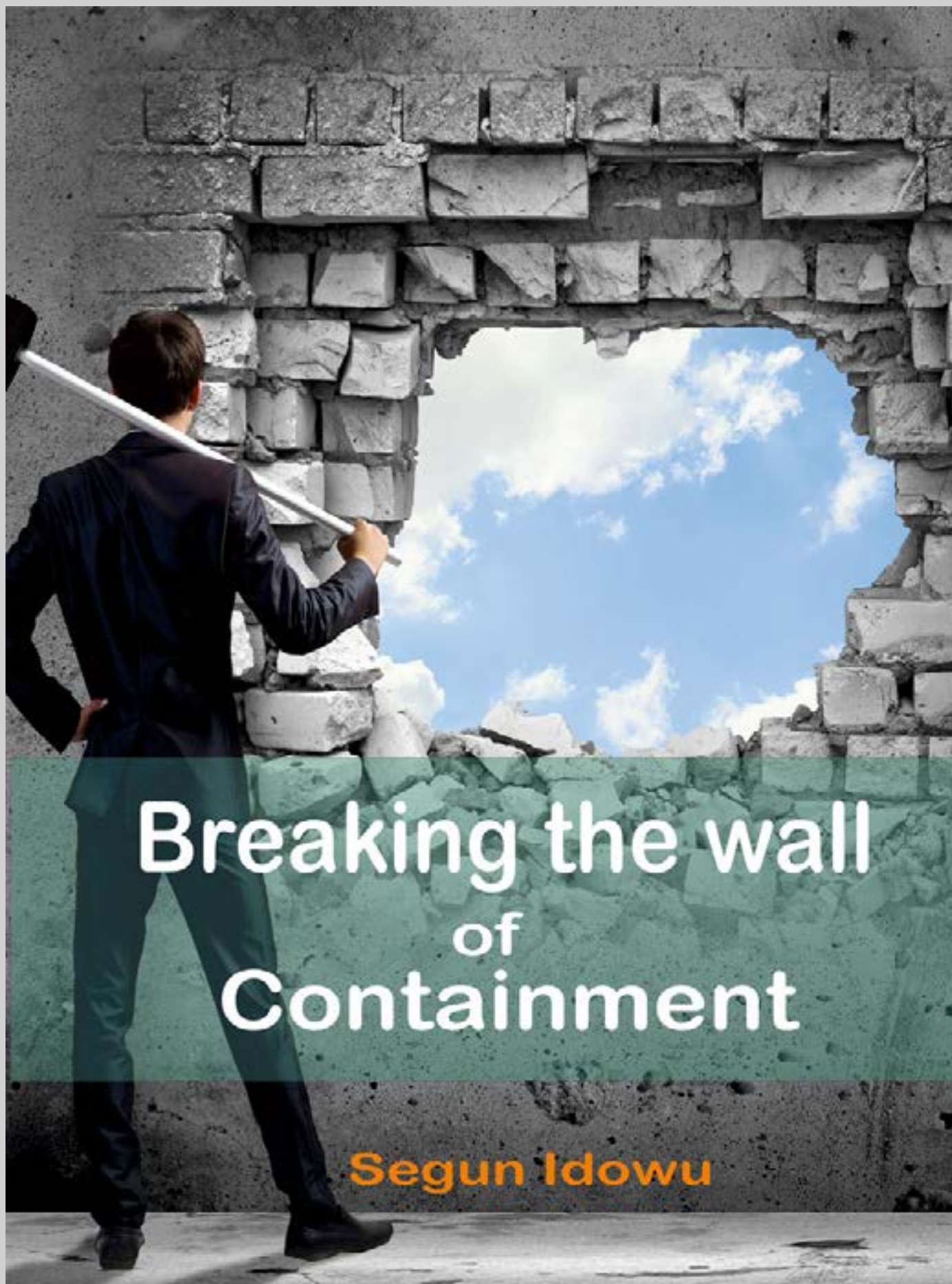
Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, I come to you today, you said in your word that whosoever come to you, you will not cast away.

I pray and ask Jesus to be Lord over my life. I believe it in my heart that Jesus is Lord and I say it now with my mouth that "Jesus has been raised from the dead." This moment, I make Him the Lord over my life.

Jesus, come into my heart. I believe this moment that I am saved, I say it now: "I am born again. I am a child of Almighty God."

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LADY VICTORIOUS

(Inspiring Words From Scriptures)

- Pastor Anne-Mary Idowu

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Genesis 1:23 KJV

At some point in history, bible recorded that there was a time that the earth was without form and void, and also there was darkness. But God did something, He said what He wanted. Even though the Holy Spirit was present, nothing. No change was seen until words came out of God's mouth. God did not say what He saw, not for once.

He only said what He wanted.

I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

Psalms 82:6 KJV:

Let this be in our mind and heart
it's important we use our word
saying the right things like

God. Words that create.

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17 KJV

Who is he that is joined to the Lord? The bible says the moment we give our lives to Christ; He came into our heart to live there. He became joined to our spirit man

And this same verse say we are one spirit with Him: Isn't that wonderful: Meditating on these give us confidence in who we are.

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

John 14:20 KJV

We are one spirit with God. So when we decide to not walk in the flesh but to walk in the spirit, we have access to the mind of God. We have access to the mind of God. This is huge.

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with

rejoicing.

Psalms 107:22 KJV

Giving thanks to God is not about feelings,
It's what we choose to do and yield ourselves to do. Thanksgiving kind of relaxes our nerves, it produces a feeling of happiness. It feels us with joy. At the moment of thanksgiving we forget trouble. But sometimes we don't feel like praising God. It's not that we don't want to praise God, it's not just coming.

We know God is ever good but at that moment of trouble our emotions is going otherwise. So what do we do? The bible says in all things give thanks so we just open up our mouth and start declaring His praise, we continue to speak regardless of how we feel. After few minutes we will start to flow in.

And as we continue the Spirit of God is at work in us takes hold with us powerfully.

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BY SEGUN IDOWU

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REASONS WHY COVID - 19 IS NOT FROM GOD

By Pastor Segun Idowu

It's no news that there is COVID-19 pandemic in the world, it's notable that about half of the world is in lock down of one form or another where people are advised and in some cases compelled to stay at home by authorities and not go out except for essential reasons like food, medication etc. Many businesses

and organisation have to find a new way of working by adapting to the pandemic dictates and working from home.

Now, if you are one of the people who thinks that this pandemic is from God. Let me be clear, it is not. And if you are in doubt I believe the following 5 reasons from the bible will change your

Every good and perfect gift comes from God.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1:17 The bible is expressly clear that every good gift in this world comes from God.

Corona virus is not a good gift. It is not a perfect gift.

God gives gifts and His gifts are great and perfect. God is the same always, He does not change His word or His will. He said there is no reason why He would change His mind about giving a perfect gift to you. Now you might think that your sin can make Him change His mind? Not at all, He gave you

Jesus when you did not have a clue how to get to know Him or please Him for your salvation. Why would He now give you something else after coming to Him.

If you receive a package and it's from God, it will never be corona virus. Now go ahead and unwrap His package of health and healing that He has earmarked for you ratified by the blood of Jesus and assured by His word.

God's will is that we prosper and be in health.

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. 3 John 1:2

Corona virus infection leads to

sickness but God's will is for you and I to be in good health.

That promise from God holds no matter what is happening on earth today. It's rock solid and unchangeable. If you are in sickness of any kind especially the virus. Know this that it is His will that you stand up from that bed of sickness and be healed. In fact His will is for you to be healthy all the days of your life.

Can you dare to believe that? Yes you can because it is true. when you know God's will it remove doubts from your mind and lies from the devil that this virus is God's idea of punishing or judging the earth.

God's plans for your future is good, it's not to harm you For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

The devil has come to kill and steal your future but Jesus said He came so we may have life and have it in abundance. Many people in the world had died from this pandemic and the devil has killed and stole many people's future.

But be clear about this, just because that happened does not mean that it is the will of God. Every seconds, every minute in time, what God said about your future is the truth, His thinking and His plans for your future is to have peace not evil, to be successful not fail. Your future has not been destined by God to be truncated and destroyed by corona virus infection. If the devil is trying to put fear in your heart about this pandemic, put your foot on the ground and refuse to give in. You have a glorious future. You have a corona virus-free future.

God promise that no plague will come near your dwelling place There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. Psalm 91:10

Corona virus is a plague infecting hundred of thousands of people worldwide. Now if you are a believer, you can't think like the world in this season. Whilst the medical guidelines of taking the precautions and health safety is important, you must put your trust in that. You must release your faith to believe God's word that no plague will come to your house.

There is a story about a minister

called John G Lake, a minister of healing in Early twentieth century who was a missionary in South Africa from 1908-1913. At this time there was bubonic plague which killed many and Lake buried many people with the plague. The plague was extremely contagious and if the plague touched another living person, their death was certain.

When it was noticed by doctors that neither Lake nor his assistant were affected, he was asked what his secret was. Lake said "The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the Law of Sin and Death Roman 8:2 I believe that just as long as I keep my soul in contact with the living God so that His Spirit is flowing into my soul and body, that no germ will ever attach itself to me, for the Spirit of God will kill it." In order to test what He told them, Lake suggested the doctor take a sample of the foam from the mouth of a victim and observe it under a microscope which they confirmed the plague was very much alive, Lake took some of the foam in his hand and held it under a microscope. The plague bacteria instantly died in Lake's hand. Why? Lake believed the Word of God is stronger than any sickness or any disease. No plague of any kind can withstand the power of God in you just as no devil can withstand the resistant authority you have in Christ Jesus.

God promise to preserve you from all evil. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. Psalm 121:7

The word preserve means to maintain (something) in its original or existing state without a decline in quality such as trying to preserve

your good health by eating well and exercising regularly.

Corona virus is evil, God's plan is to preserve you from it's manifestation and expression. He will preserve you from the associated problems of corona virus. It's no news that because of the pandemic, many businesses have collapsed and people are in dire financial straits despite unprecedented financial stimulus from governments around the world.

Now the promise of God is sure, He will preserve you from all evil, that means that you will not be engulf by the devil by corona virus and it's manifestation and after effects. He will preserve your minds and through His word you will walk fearlessly and succeed in these times.

Someone said Pastor, how do I walk in all this now I know that COVID-19 is not the will of God.

I am glad you asked!

Firstly, purpose in your heart that you are going to believe God no matter what you hear, no matter what happen.

Declare over yourself the promises in the word of God without wavering and doubts continually.

Don't give up. Stay there, someone would give way at the end of the day. It would be COVID-19, not you.

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