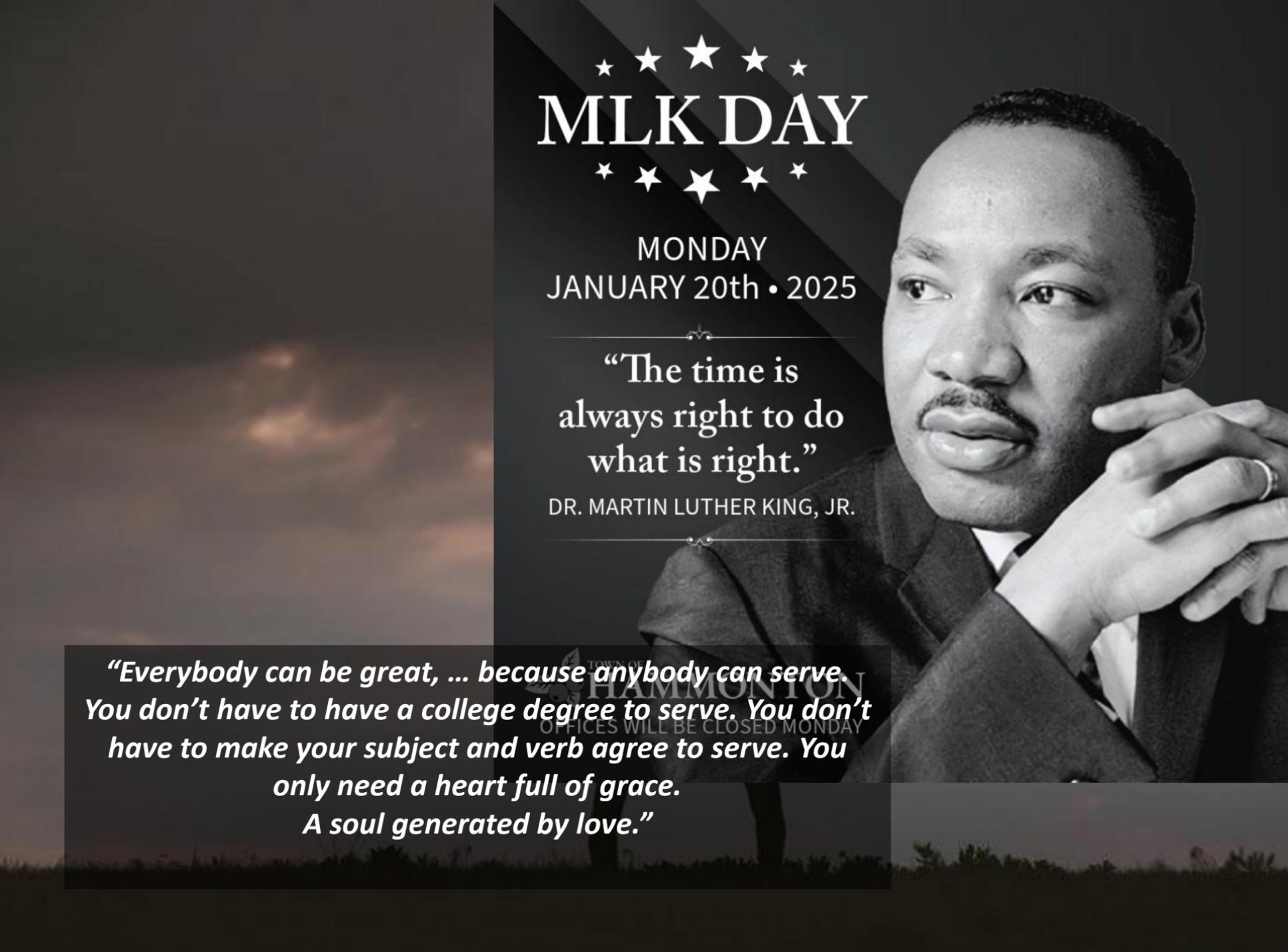




May God continue to bless America!





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MONDAY
JANUARY 20th • 2025

“The time is
always right to do
what is right.”

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

*“Everybody can be great, ... because anybody can serve.
You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t
have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You
only need a heart full of grace.
A soul generated by love.”*



"If a man has not discovered something
that he will die for, he isn't fit to live."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



Have you found something that you will die for?

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY
SUNDAY

TOGETHER

OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE



WHAT ARE CHURCHWIDE SUNDAYS?

Churchwide celebrations unite us to accomplish missions that no single church can achieve alone. On these designated days, United Methodists come together to reaffirm their commitment as God's people and to support special programs endorsed by the Church. To see how your contributions make a difference, visit UMC.org/yourimpact.

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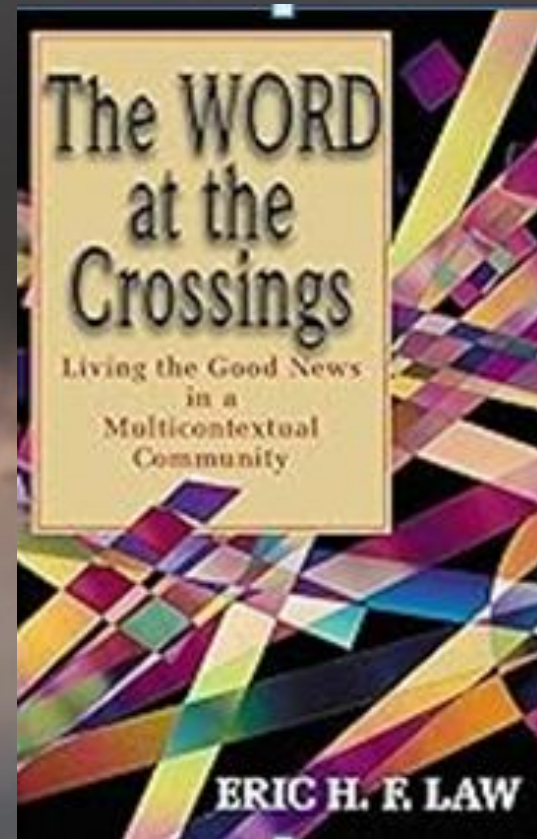
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- 1. Fellowship with the Father and the Son*
- 2. Walking in the Light*
- 3. Do Not Love the World*
- 4. Against Antichrist*
- 5. Be the Children of God*
- 6. Love One Another*
- 7. Concerning Committing Sin*



True Life among Us

1 John 2:15-17

The World Is Problematic

THEN WHEN LUST HATH
CONCEIVED, IT BRINGETH
FORTH SIN: AND SIN,
WHEN IT IS FINISHED,
BRINGETH FORTH DEATH.

JAMES 1:15



For all that is in
the world,
the lust of the flesh,
and the lust of the eyes,
and the pride of life,
is not of the Father,
but is of the world.

1 JOHN 2:16 KJV

1 John 2:15-17
Do Not Love the World!

Μὴ ἀγαπᾶτε τὸν κόσμον

**DO NOT LOVE
THE WORLD OR
ANYTHING IN
THE WORLD**

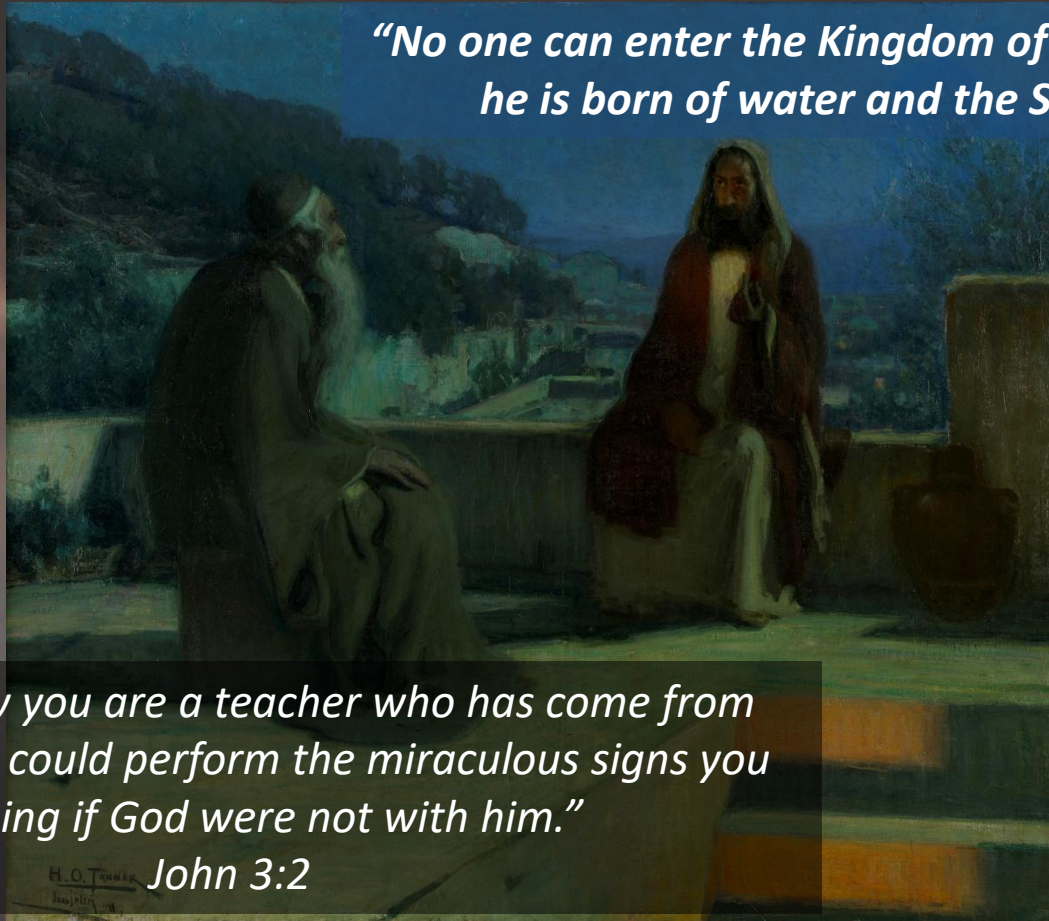
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μηδὲ τὰ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ.

1 John 2:15-17

You Belong to God's Kingdom!

"No one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."



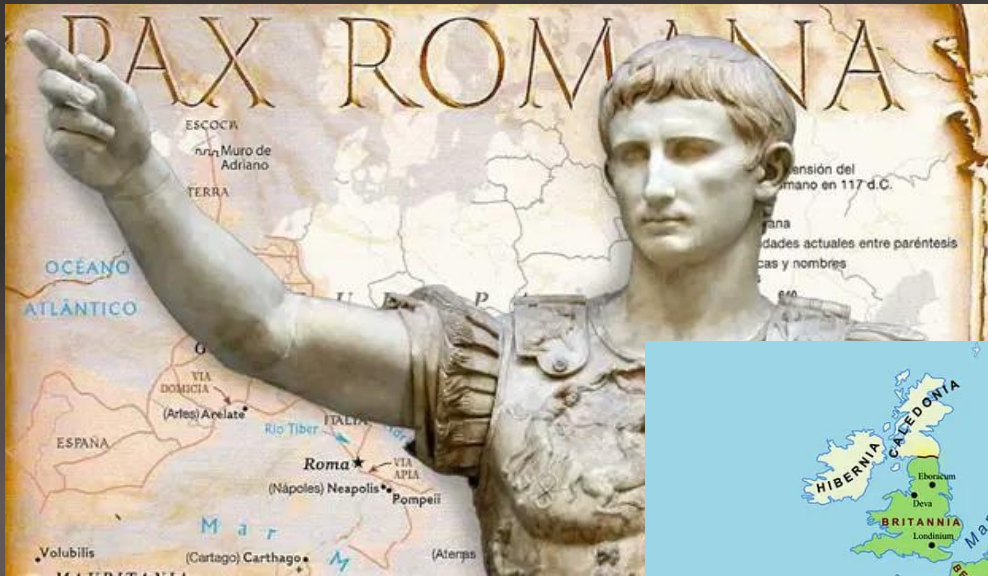
2:15

Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

John 3:2

1 John 2:15-17

Pax Romana Is NOT What God Wants



1 John 2:15-17

But God Still Loves the World

FOR
GOD
SO
LOVED
the
WORLD
- John 3:16

16 ^RFor God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have everlasting
life.

17 For God sent not his Son into
the world to condemn the world; but
that He that

Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9

1 John 2:15-17

Ministries of a Johannine Community



**BUILDING THE
BELOVED
COMMUNITY**

**but the man who
does the will of God
lives forever.**

1 JOHN 2:17 NIV



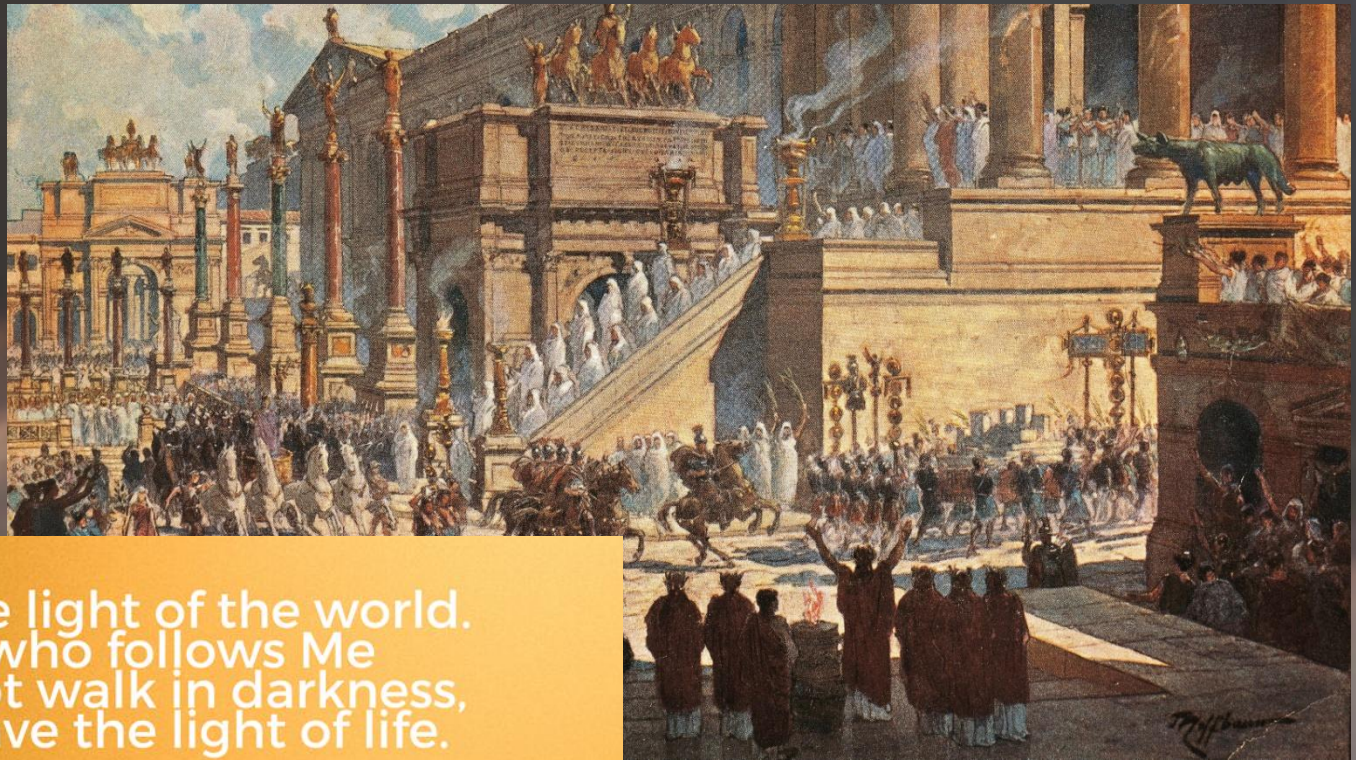
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Part 3. Do Not Love the World

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I am the light of the world.
He who follows Me
shall not walk in darkness,
but have the light of life.

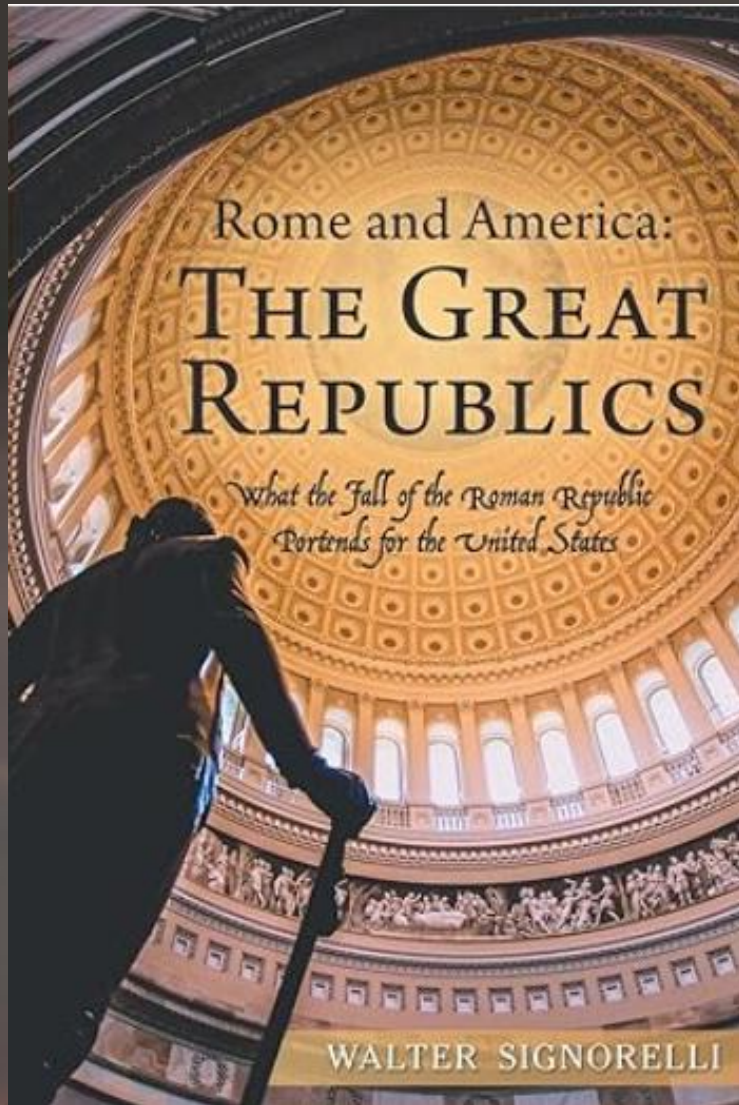
JOHN 8:12



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Is America a **descendant of the Roman Republic?**

Yet while America reflects the heights of **Roman structures, ideas, and principles**, we also now face a host of problems similar to those that

the Romans faced:

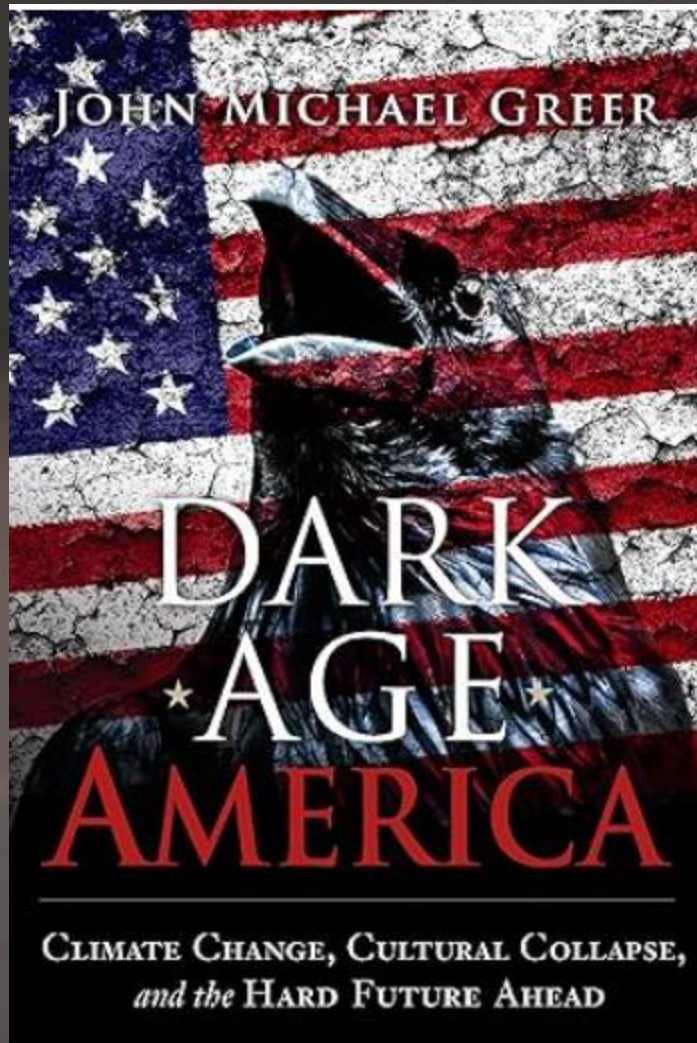
1. immigration and citizenship,
2. the consequences of slavery,
3. the growing divide between classes,
4. the conflict between conservatives and progressives, and t
5. he challenges of being a superpower.

Consider the successes and mistakes of the Romans and their implications for American society today.

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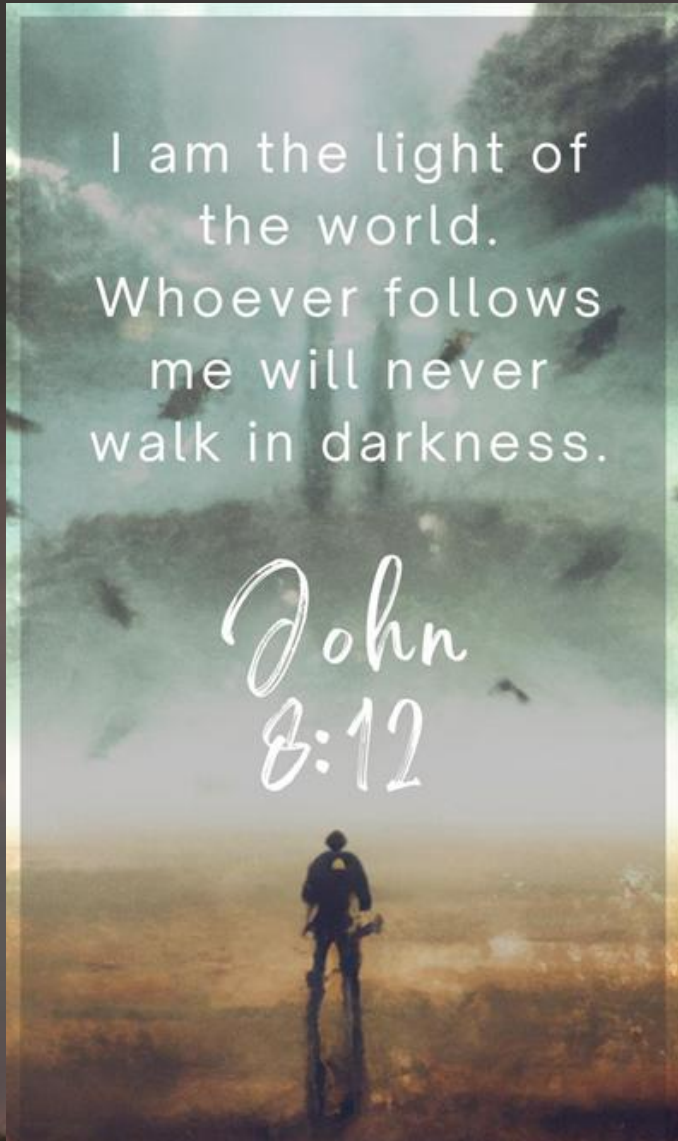
*After decades of missed opportunities, the door to a sustainable future has closed, and the future we face now is one in which today's industrial civilization unravels in the face of **uncontrolled climate change and resource depletion**. What is the world going to look like when all these changes have run their course?*



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"True Life among Us"

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1. Do not love the world and anything in the world.

A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have
loved you, so you must love one
another. By this everyone will
know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.

—
John 13:34-35



Raymond E. Brown, S.S. (1928-98)

THE COMMUNITY OF THE BELOVED DISCIPLE

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WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION BY
Paul N. Anderson

The Life, Loves, and Hates
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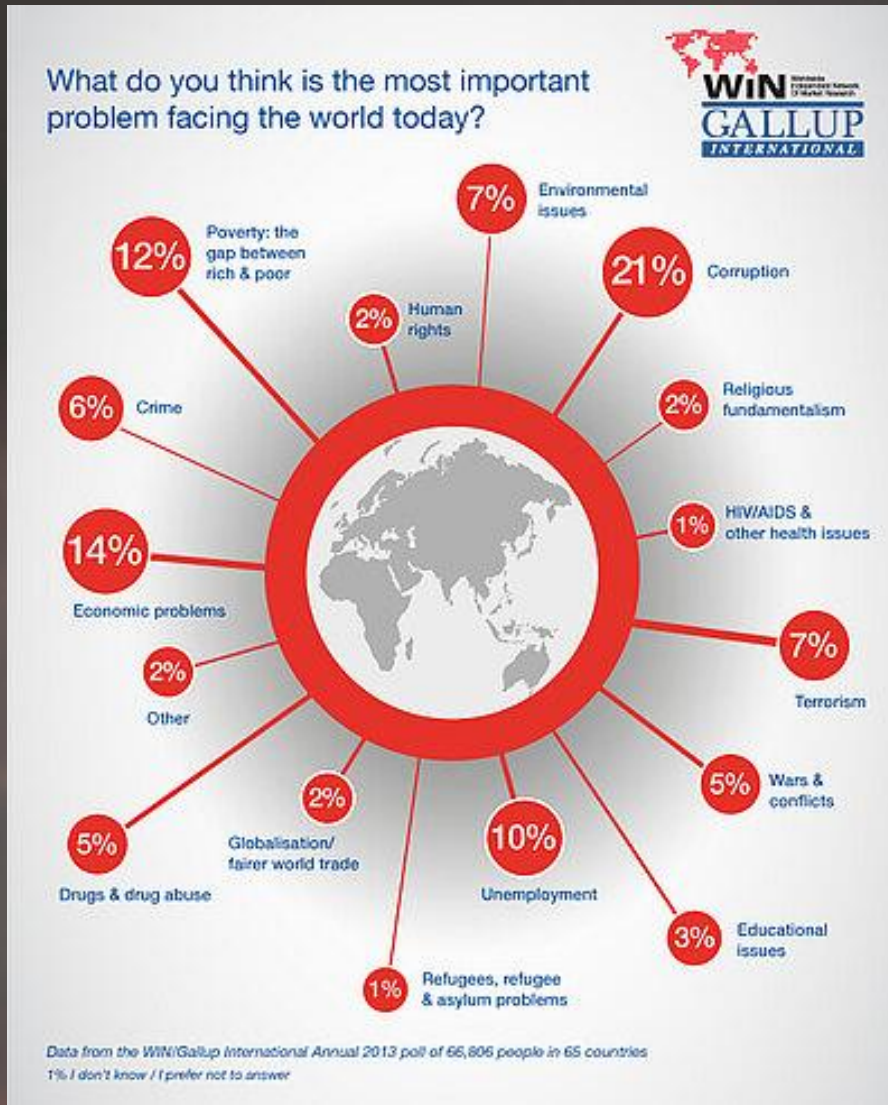
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- 2. The world and its desires pass away.*



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2. The world and its desires pass away.



Corruption
Economic Problems
Poverty: The Gap between Rich and Poor
Unemployment

66,806 of 65 Countries

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2. The world and its desires pass away.

Problems	Percentage	Causes	Percentage
Wars and armed conflict	16.05%	Political corruption	15.30%
Terrorism	10.75%	War and political instability	12.74%
Violation of human rights	9.93%	Unfair world economy	9.84%
Economic crisis and unemployment	9.26%	Discrimination and social inequality	9.68%
Political corruption	9.10%	Rich government policies	8.19%
Inequality of gender	6.20%	Unemployment	7.61%
Inequality between rich and poor	6.04%	Lack of access to education	6.87%
Lack of access to education	5.71%	Multinational policies	5.29%
Individualism and loss of values	4.55%	Lack of democracy	4.63%
Lack of access to food	4.22%	Historical reasons	3.31%
Lack of access to health care	3.89%	External debt	3.23%
Climate change	3.72%	Insufficient legislation and stability	3.14%
Degradation of the environment	3.31%	Decisions of big lobbies	3.06%
Lack of access to drinking water	2.89%	Labour laws	2.48%
Migration	2.73%	Vulnerability to natural disasters	2.40%
Natural disasters	1.65%	Low national income	2.23%

Most serious problems in the world today and their causes (choose three of each).

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2. The world and its desires pass away.

*“For all that is in the world,
the lust of the flesh and
the lust of the eyes and
the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”*

1 John 2:16

*When the women saw that the fruit of the tree was **good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it.
She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.*

Genesis 3:6

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- 1. Do not love the world and anything in the world.*
- 2. The world and its desires pass away.*
- 3. The man who does the will of God lives forever.***



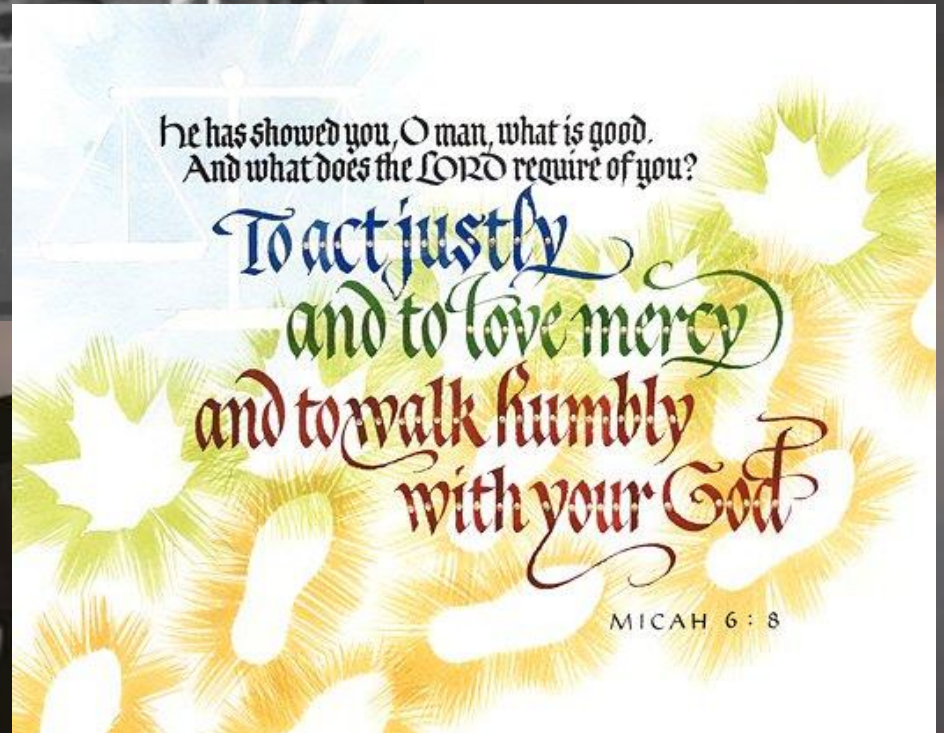
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3. The man who does the will of God lives forever.



The inauguration of Jimmy Carter as the 39th president of the United States was held on Thursday, January 20, 1977, at the East Portico of the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. This was the 48th inauguration.



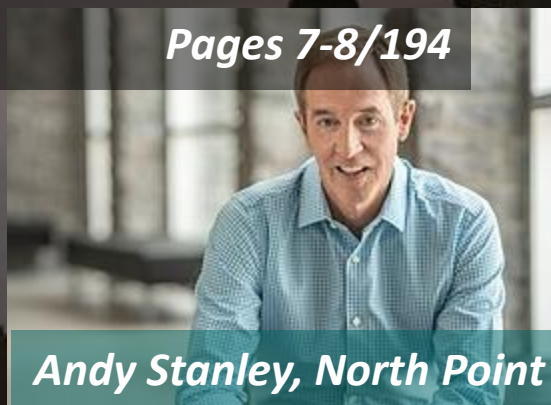
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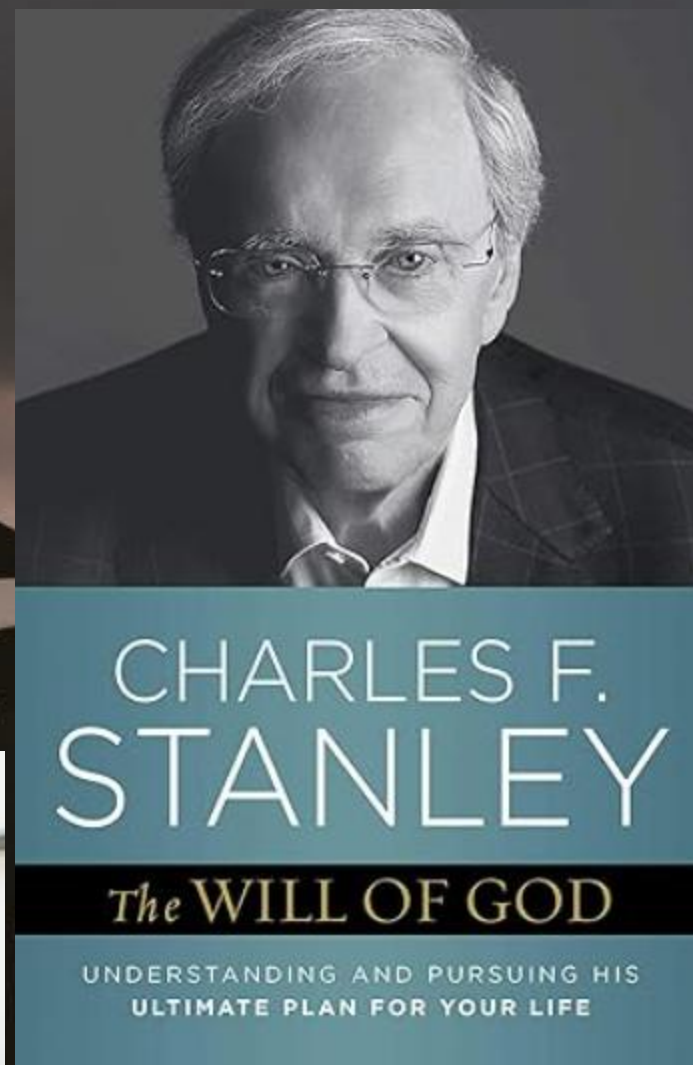
***JESUS is the ultimate key
to knowing and living God's will.***

- 1) *He provides you with access to the throne of grace (Heb. 4:16)*
- 2) *He is your example of the life of faith in every way (Rom. 8:29)*
- 3) *His Spirit guides and empowers you (John 16:13-14)*
- 4) *His prayers sustain you (Heb. 7:25)*
- 5) *His words provides a light on your path (Psalm 119:105)*

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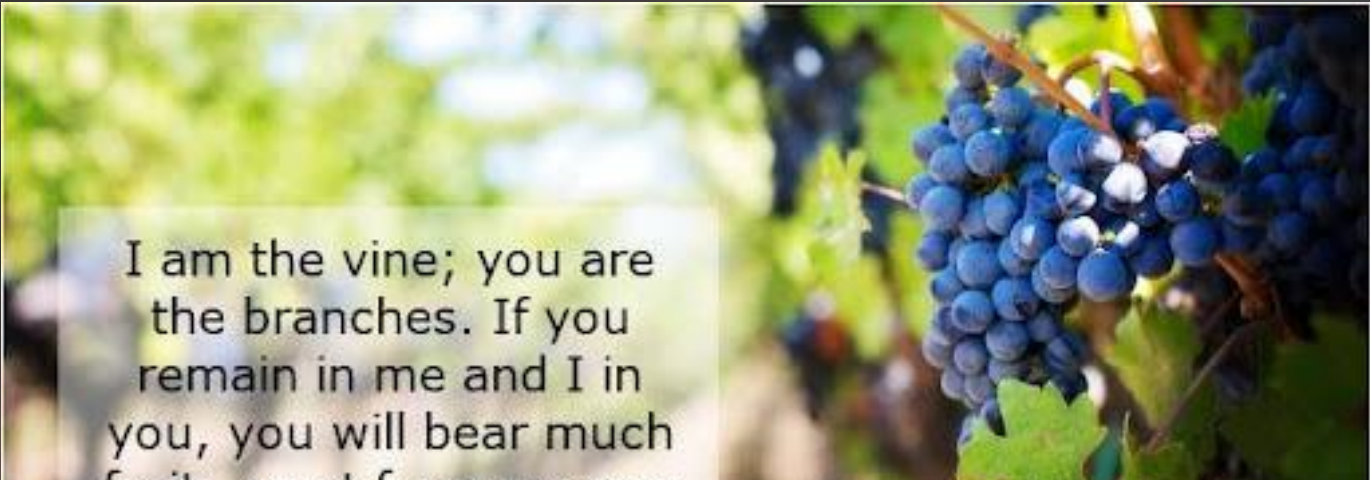


Andy Stanley, North Point



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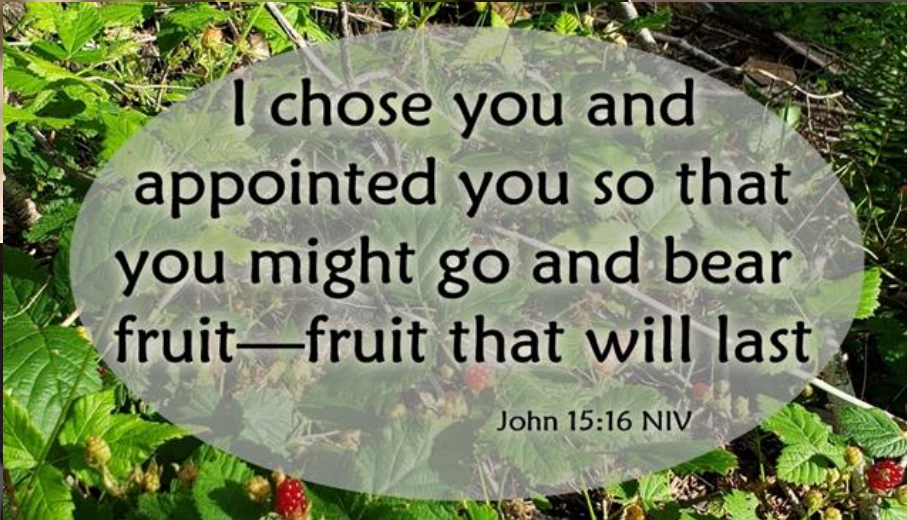
3. The man who does the will of God lives forever.



I am the vine; you are
the branches. If you
remain in me and I in
you, you will bear much
fruit; apart from me you
can do nothing.

John 15:5

Daily Verse



I chose you and
appointed you so that
you might go and bear
fruit—fruit that will last

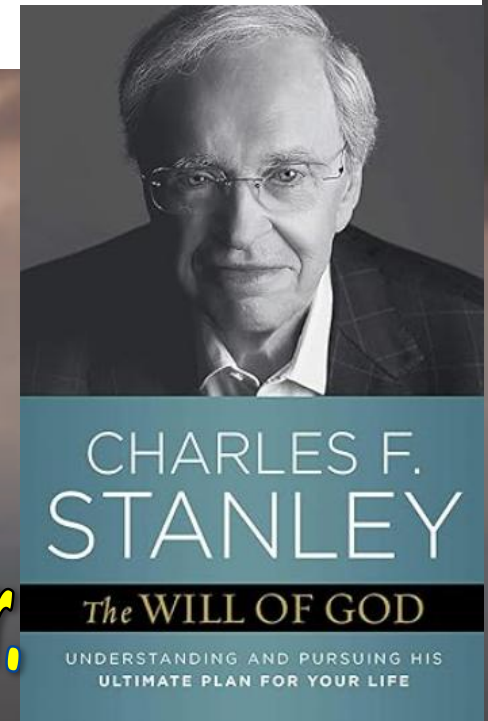
John 15:16 NIV

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3. The man who does the will of God lives forever.

Lord Jesus, I come to You asking You to forgive my sins and save me from eternal separation from God. In faith, I accept Your work and death on the cross as sufficient payment for my transgressions. I also confess that You are Lord. Help me to turn from my sins and live in a manner that is pleasing to You.

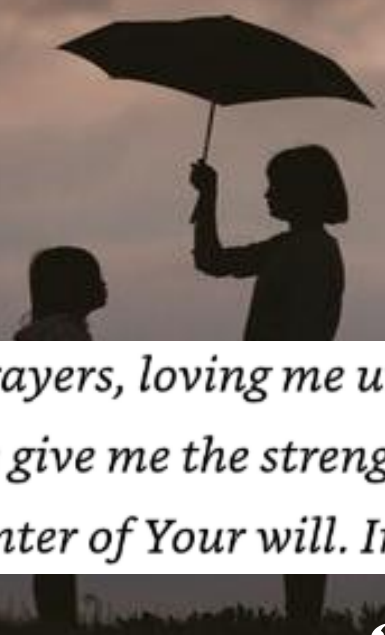


Let's begin a journey with prayer.

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3. The man who does the will of God lives forever.

I praise You for providing the way for me to know You and to have a relationship with my heavenly Father. Through faith in You, I have eternal life and I trust You have prepared a home in heaven for me. I acknowledge that trusting You as my Savior is my first step into understanding and living out God's will.



Thank You for hearing my prayers, loving me unconditionally, and leading me in God's plan. Please give me the strength, wisdom, and determination to walk in the center of Your will. In Jesus' name, amen.

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