

Catholic Teachings that Oppose the Gospel of John

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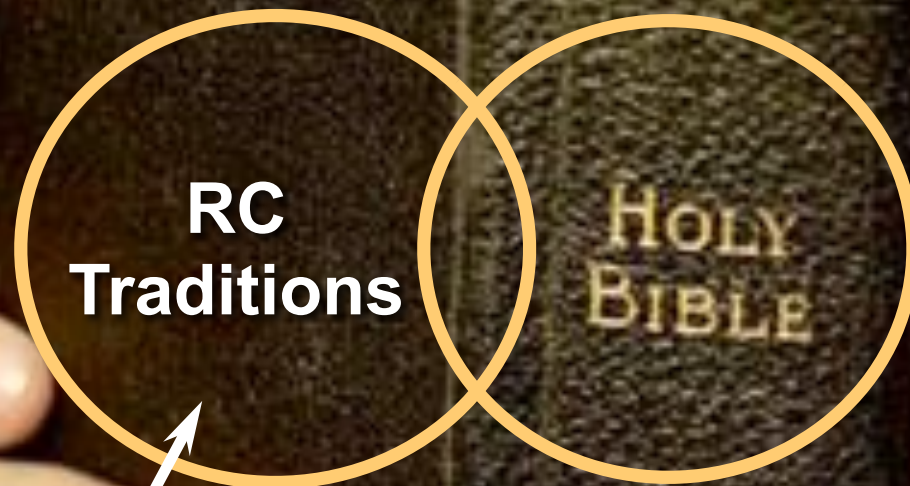
Omega Class

Objectives

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- Examine how Roman Catholic teachings distort the Gospel of John.
- Establish the Word of God as the supreme authority over the teachings and traditions of men.
- Develop discernment between truth and error.
- Glorify our Savior by proclaiming His Gospel to those who are perishing.

Many Catholic Teachings are Not in the Bible



These traditions nullify and distort the Gospel
(Mark 7:13)

Catholic Salvation Distorts the Gospel

- It is by faith plus...
- sacraments (1129)
- the Mass (1405)
- purgatory (1030)
- penance (980)
- indulgences (1498)
- baptism (1256)
- law keeping (2068)
- good works (2016)

**Catholic
Authority**

A hand is shown placing a brick on top of two other bricks. The top brick is labeled 'Magisterium'. The two bottom bricks are labeled 'Tradition' and 'Scripture'.

Magisterium

Tradition

Scripture

Catholic Teachings That Distort the Gospel of John

- **John 3 - How One is Born Again**
- **John 5:24 - Eternal Life and Assurance**
- **John 6 - The Bread of Life**
- **John 14:6 - One Way and One Mediator**
- **John 19:30 - “It Is Finished”**

John 3 - How One is Born Again

John 3:3

unless one is born
again

John 3:5

unless one is born of
water and the Spirit

he cannot see or enter the kingdom of God

Born of Water and the Spirit

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances” (Ezek. 36:25-27)

God's Sovereignty in Regeneration

“Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit” (John 3:7-8)

Jesus uses the illustration of **the wind that is sovereignly controlled by God**. In the same way God sovereignly chooses who He will cause to be born again.

Usurping God's Sovereignty

Rome teaches water baptism by a priest is necessary for salvation and the sacrament of regeneration.

Catholic Teaching on Regeneration

- “Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit. Through Baptism we are reborn as sons of God. It is the sacrament of **regeneration** through water in the word” (CCC,1213).
- “The faithful are **born anew** by Baptism, and receive, in the Eucharist, the food of eternal life” (CCC, 1212).

John 5:24 - Eternal Life and Assurance

- “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life (John 5:24).
- I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand (John 10:28).

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

not only does not teach the doctrine of Assurance of Salvation, it preaches and teaches against it. Why? The explanation is quite simple. As long as you are uncertain, you are dependent upon the Church, you are dependent upon the priests.

If you have assurance of salvation you do not need a priest, you do not need the help of the Virgin Mary, or the works of supererogation of the saints; you go directly to God through Christ.

Martyn
Lloyd-Jones

Eternal Life! It is Secured by the...

- Power of God – *1 Pet. 1:5*
- Promises of God – *John 6:37*
- Perpetual Intercession of Jesus – *Heb. 7:25*
- Proof of His Unconditional Love – *Rom. 8:35*
- Protection of the Shepherd – *John 10:28-29*
- Permanence of Divine Gifts - *Rom. 11:29*
- Plain Meaning of the word“eternal” – *1 John 5:13*

“Eternal” Has No End

Believers in the **eternal** Gospel have **eternal** redemption through the **eternal** Spirit who guarantees an **eternal** inheritance. *(Heb. 9:12; Eph. 1:14)*

Our **eternal** God's **eternal** purpose promises **eternal** life and **eternal** glory to His children in His **eternal** kingdom. *(Rev. 14:6; Rom. 16:26; 1 John 5:13; 1 Pet. 5:10; 2 Pet. 1:11).*

Questions for Those Who Deny God's Promise of Eternal Life



- How can one who has been made complete in Christ, become incomplete? (*Col. 2:10*).
- How can one, who has been born again of incorruptible seed, die again? (*1 Pet. 1:23*).
- How can one who is kept by the power of God ever fall away? (*1 Pet. 1:5*).
- How can one who has been perfected forever be found imperfect? (*Heb. 10:14*).

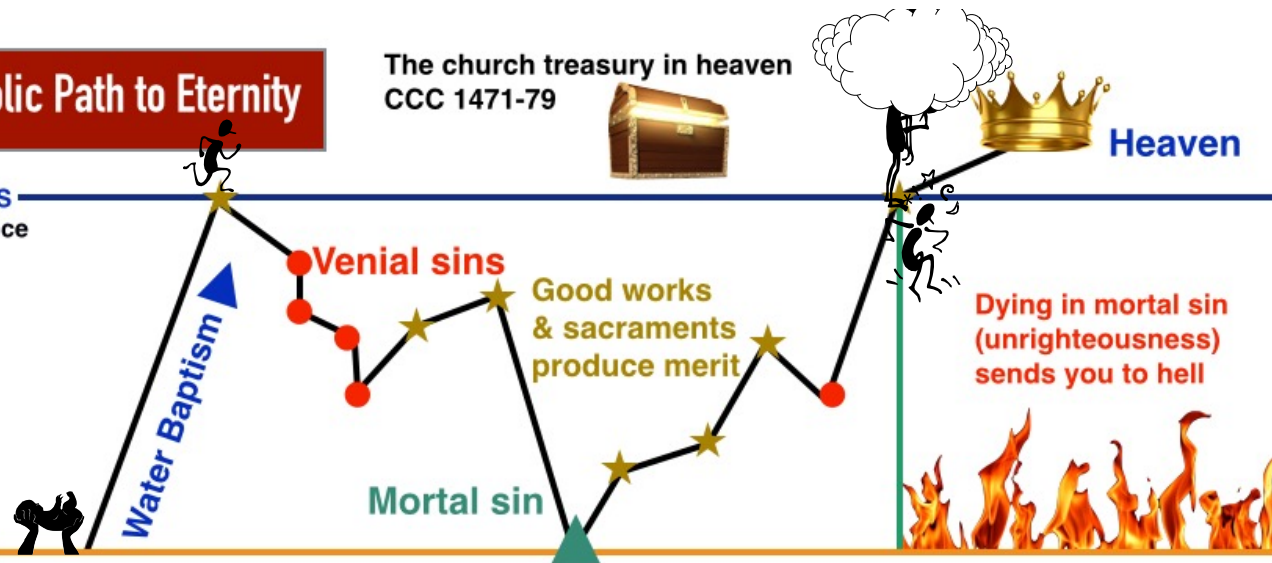
The Roman Catholic Path to Eternity

The church treasury in heaven
CCC 1471-79



(SELF) RIGHTEOUSNESS
Merited through obedience

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
Void of grace, destined for hell

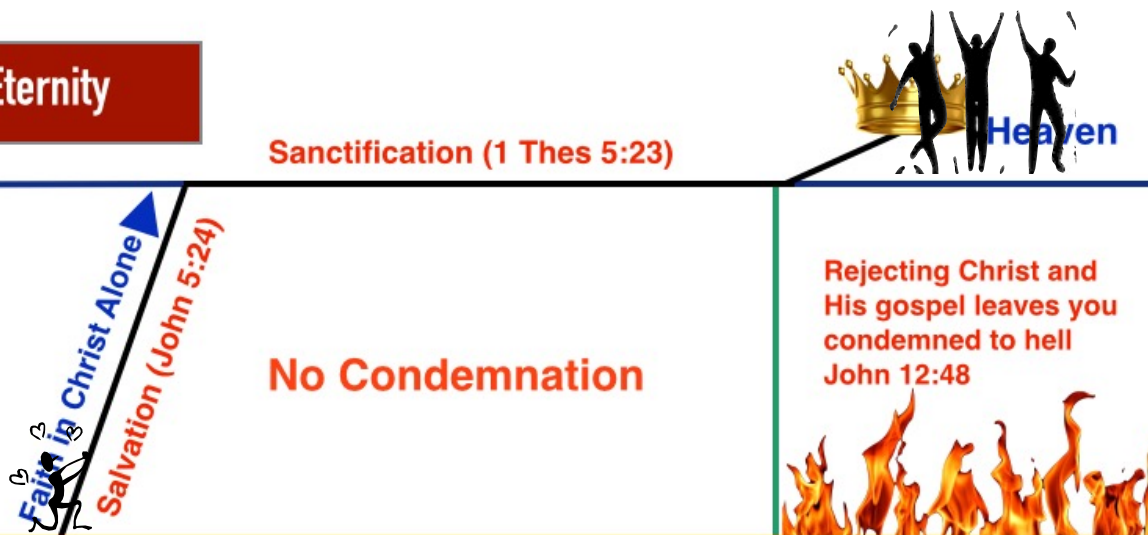


The Biblical Path to Eternity

Sanctification (1 Thes 5:23)

RIGHTEOUSNESS (OF GOD)
Credited through justification

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
Spiritually dead, destined for hell



No Condemnation

John 14:6 - One Way and One Mediator

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me (John 14:6).

Catholicism Denies Jesus is the Only Way

“The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims... together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day.”
(CCC, 841)

Mary is Co-Mediator

- “Without a single sin to restrain her...she became the cause of salvation for herself and the whole human race.” (CCC, 494)
- As Mediatrix, she “did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation.” (CCC, 969)

Catholic Priests are False Mediators



- **Priest** baptizes for regeneration and justification
- **Priest** hears confession and absolves sin
- **Priest** offers body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist
- **Priest** imparts Holy Spirit in Confirmation
- **Priest** gives Last Rites
- **Priest** offers Mass for souls suffering in purgatory

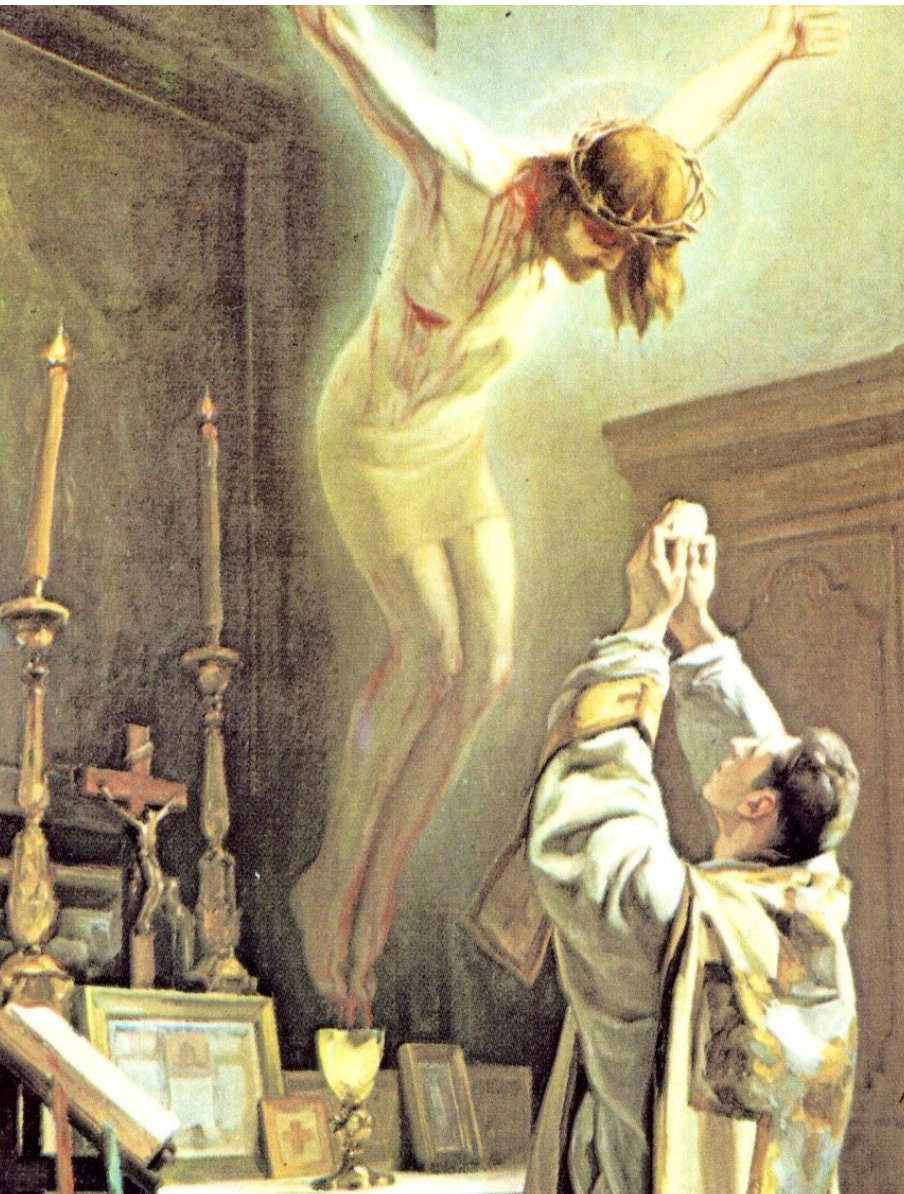
A wooden cross is silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky is a mix of deep blues, purples, and oranges, with scattered white clouds. The cross is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image.

John 19:30 - "It Is Finished"

When the Lord Jesus shouted these words in victory, the work of redemption was finished (Heb. 9:12). He died once for all sin for all time (Heb. 10:10, 12, 18).

“It is Finished” Speaks Volumes

**righteousness was perfected
divine justice was satisfied
blood was shed
redemption was paid and finished
sins were forgiven
reconciliation was achieved
death was conquered
salvation was secured**



Catholics Deny the Work of Redemption is Finished

Every time this mystery, the Eucharist, is celebrated, "the work of our redemption is carried on" and we "break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (CCC, 1405).

A photograph of John MacArthur, an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and patterned tie. He is speaking and gesturing with his hands. The background is dark and out of focus.

John MacArthur's Clarion Voice on Roman Catholicism

“In the long war on the truth the most formidable, relentless, and deceptive enemy has been Roman Catholicism. It is an apostate corrupt, heretical, false Christianity. It is a front for the kingdom of Satan.”

Catholics and Christians are Divided on...

- how one is born again
- the exclusivity and promise of the Gospel
- the finished work of redemption
- who mediates between God and man
- the efficacy, sufficiency and necessity of Jesus Christ

The Fields Are White for Harvest

- Many Catholics unsure about who or what they they can trust because of their pope's bizarre teachings.
- They are seeking an authority they can trust. Let us take advantage of this opportunity to point them to Christ and His Word.



Our Royal Privilege is to Serve the King

As ambassadors for Christ, God is making His appeal through us, to reconcile the world to Himself through Christ (2 Cor. 5:17-20).



Discipline Yourselves To Be Spiritual Doctors

"It is not those who
are healthy who
need a physician,
but those who are
sick" (Mat. 9:12)

Give people the true
diagnosis. They
inherited a ***fatal***
disease called sin.

There is more bad
news - there is no
human cure.

Overcoming Fear of Failure

Replace your fear of men with a
reverence for God to motivate you.

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“Woe to me if I do not preach the
Gospel!” (1 Cor. 9:16)

You are successful every time you
deliver the Gospel.

We Must Speak the Truth in Love

**If we truly love people, we will tell them how
they can escape the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10-14)**

We must tell them...
they have broken God's Law
they are condemned by God's justice
they deserve God's wrath
they need God's mercy
their only hope is God's Son

A person wearing a dark suit is shown from the back, with their hands clasped behind their back. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with warm tones. The title text is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

We Must Lovingly Confront Those Who Are Being Deceived

- Satan deceives the world with fatal errors often hidden beneath a thin veneer of truth.
- People do not know they are deceived until they are confronted with the truth.



Show People You Care by Asking Questions

- What is the most important decision you face in this life?
- What is the greatest gift you've ever received?
- Where will you spend eternity?

A man with a beard, wearing a dark suit and tie, is shown in profile, resting his chin on his hand in a thoughtful pose. The background is a dark, textured grey with several white, hand-drawn style question marks scattered around him. The title 'More Engaging Questions' is written in a bold, orange-yellow font at the top center.

More Engaging Questions

- Why did Jesus have to die?
- Are you ready to meet your creator?
- Why do priests continue on an altar what Jesus finished on the cross?
- Why do you need purgatory since the blood of Jesus purifies all sin?

A photograph of two young women sitting on a grassy lawn with fallen yellow leaves. They are positioned in front of a large tree trunk. The woman on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing a dark blue jacket over a black top. The woman on the right has long dark hair and is wearing a grey jacket over a black top. They are both smiling and looking down at an open book held by the blonde woman. The background is a soft-focus view of more trees and foliage.

Witnessing is an Awesome Responsibility

You are...a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9)

Let us Exhort the...

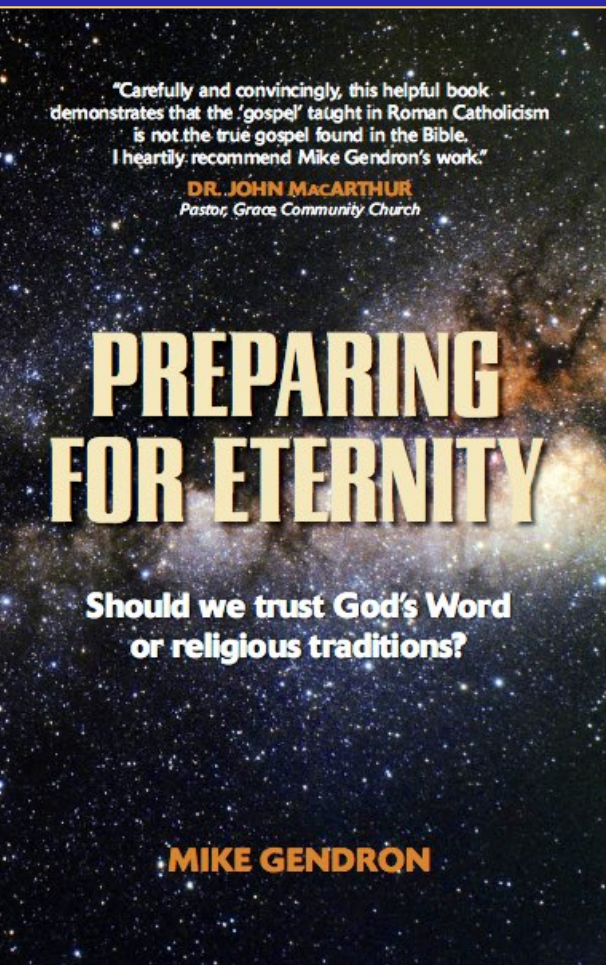
- **Ignorant** - They need to know Jesus and why He is the only hope of salvation (Acts 4:12).
- **Religious** - They need to exchange their religion for a relationship with God (Phil. 3:4-9).
- **Blind** - They need to turn to Jesus so the veil of blindness can be removed (2 Cor. 3:16).
- **Procrastinators** - They need to know God doesn't promise tomorrow (2 Cor. 6:2).

**Which Body
of Water
Describes
Your
Witnessing?**



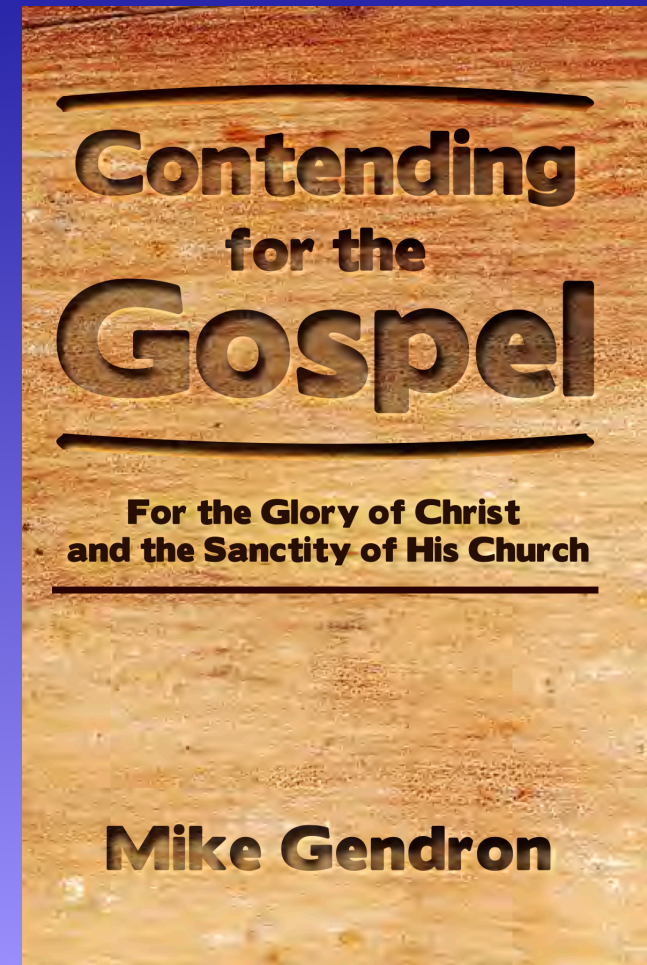
**One is full
of life with
water
flowing in
and out.
One has
no life
because
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in but not
out.**

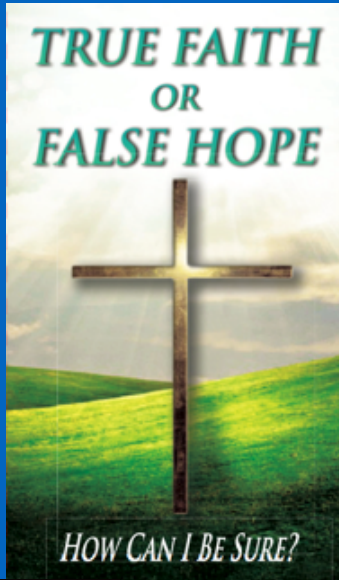
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