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Defenders,

Thank you for coming to the *Defend '19* conference! We are thrilled to welcome you to New Orleans and to the NOBTS campus! We know that your time is valuable and we hope this week is filled with knowledge and insight to an ever-growing faith. We have a world-class lineup of speakers and intend to do all we can to make this a world-class experience for you.

We believe that *Defend* is the premier Christian Apologetics conference for preparing Christians to "make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Here are a couple of things to keep in mind this week as you enjoy the conference:

1. It is not too late to register for class credit! Since all assignments are post-conference, you may register through Friday, January 11. If you are interested in learning more about studying at NOBTS, please talk to anyone on the *Defend* Hospitality Team you see. They will get you in touch with the right people to help you register for class courses.
2. The whole conference is recorded and is available for no extra charge to everyone who registers and attends the conference. This will be made available to you by Feb 17, 2019.

Finally, thank you so much for your participation! Without you *Defend* would not be possible. We are praying that this will be a life-changing week for you. If you have any needs or questions, please do not hesitate to bring them to the attention of the appropriate people.



To God be the Glory,

The *Defend* Team and NOBTS Family

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MAP

1. Chapel
2. Cafeteria
 - a. Creole Room
3. Hardin Student Center
 - a. Cafe New Orleans
 - b. Lifeway
4. Providence Guest Housing
5. Bunyan

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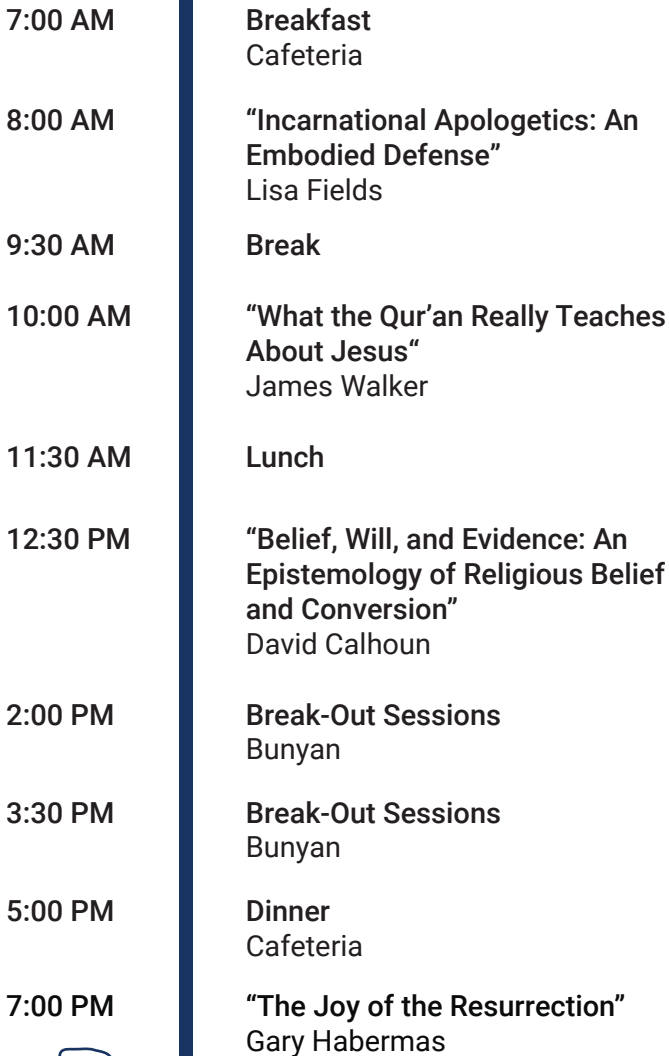
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MONDAY JANUARY 7

7:00 AM	Breakfast/ Check in Cafeteria
8:00 AM	Welcome and Orientation Bob Stewart
8:20 AM	“The Most Important Thing in Christian Apologetics” Bob Stewart
9:35 AM	Break
10:00 AM	“The Bible Has Problems, and It’s a Good Thing, Too!” Robert M. Bowman Jr.
11:30 AM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
2:00 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
3:30 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
5:00 PM	Dinner and Campus Preview Meet and Greet at the Cafeteria
7:00 PM	“Fearless Prayer” Craig Hazen



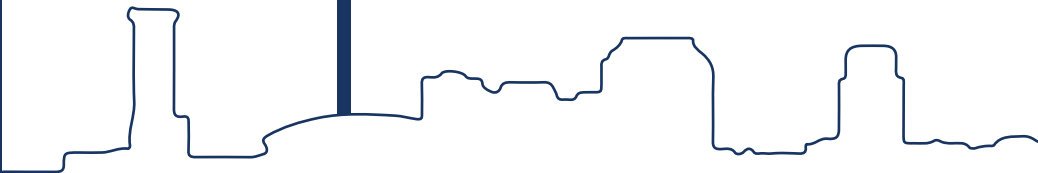
TUESDAY JANUARY 8



7:00 AM	Breakfast Cafeteria
8:00 AM	“Incarnational Apologetics: An Embodied Defense” Lisa Fields
9:30 AM	Break
10:00 AM	“What the Qur’an Really Teaches About Jesus” James Walker
11:30 AM	Lunch
12:30 PM	“Belief, Will, and Evidence: An Epistemology of Religious Belief and Conversion” David Calhoun
2:00 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
3:30 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
5:00 PM	Dinner Cafeteria
7:00 PM	“The Joy of the Resurrection” Gary Habermas

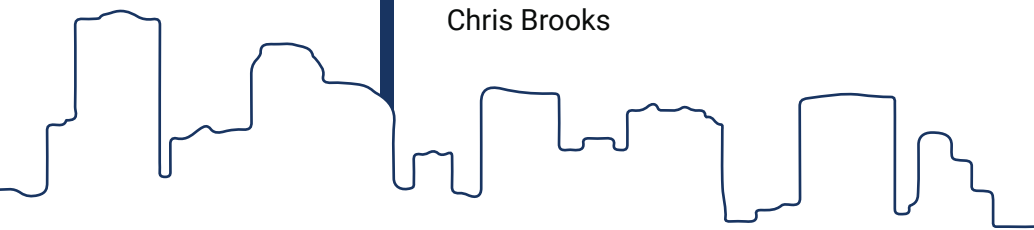
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9

7:00 AM	Breakfast Cafeteria
8:00 AM	"The Worst Suffering We Will Ever Face" Gary Habermas
9:30 AM	Break
10:00 AM	"God Fading Away" Richard Howe
11:30 AM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
2:00 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
3:30 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
5:00 PM	Dinner Cafeteria
7:00 PM	"I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist" Frank Turek



THURSDAY JANUARY 10

7:00 AM	Breakfast Cafeteria
8:00 AM	"Stealing from God: Why Atheists Need God to Make Their Case" Frank Turek
9:30 AM	Break
10:00 AM	"Christ and Sexuality" Chris Brooks
11:30 AM	Lunch
11:30 PM	Accelerated M.Div. Meeting for College Groups Creole Room
12:30 PM	"Critical Theory, Social Justice, and Christianity: Are They Compatible?" Neil Shenvi
2:00 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
3:30 PM	Break-Out Sessions Bunyan
5:00 PM	Dinner on the Town
8:00 PM	"Communicating Across the Cultural Divides" Chris Brooks



FRIDAY JANUARY 11

7:00 AM	Breakfast Cafeteria
8:00 PM	"Islam's Grand Central Question and the Gospel's Answer" Abdu Murray
9:30 PM	Break
10:00 PM	"How the God-Man: A Defense of the Incarnation" Mark Rathel
12:00 AM	Check out Leave Your Key! See You Next Year!

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Bob Stewart serves as Professor of Philosophy and Theology and Greer-Heard Chair of Faith and Culture at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he directs the apologetics program. He has authored or edited numerous books and is the general editor of the Studies in Christian Apologetics monograph series from B&H Academic. He has also published articles in numerous books and journals and spoken in university settings in North America and Europe.



Robert M. Bowman, Jr. has a B.A. from California State University, an M.A. in Biblical Studies and Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies at South African Theological Seminary. He is the author of a dozen books and about sixty periodical articles, including *Faith Has Its Reasons*, *20 Compelling Evidences That God Exists*, *Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ*. Rob has lectured extensively on apologetics, theology, world religions, philosophy, and biblical studies at Biola University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Catherine have two sons and two daughters.



Craig J. Hazen is Professor of Comparative Religion and Christian Apologetics at Biola University and Founder and Director of the Christian Apologetics Program. For nearly twenty years he was the editor of *Philosophia Christi*, one of the top philosophy of religion journals in the world. He has authored or contributed to a range of scholarly works including *To Everyone an Answer*, *Apologetics Study Bible*, his breakout novel *Five Sacred Crossings*. His most recent book, *Fearless Prayer: Why We Don't Ask and Why We Should*. Hazen holds a Ph.D. in Religious Studies and a degree in Biological Sciences, and he has studied International Law and Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.



Lisa Fields is the founder and President of the Jude 3 Project. She has spoken at evangelism, apologetics, and biblical literacy events at various universities and churches. She has a passion for teaching the word of God. In addition to her work in ministry, Lisa hosts a secular podcast for young professionals called *Brunch Culture*. She believes it's important for Christians to engage the culture and represent a biblical worldview. Above all, Lisa hopes to be marked by her love for God and people, because that is the only thing that really matters.



James Walker, President of Watchman Fellowship, Inc., is a former fourth-generation Mormon with over 30 years of ministry experience in the field of Christian counter-cult evangelism, apologetics, and discernment. He has been interviewed as an expert on new religious movements and cults on a variety of network television programs including Nightline, ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, and The News Hour with Jim Lehrer. He serves as an adjunct professor on the faculties of Arlington Baptist College and Criswell College. His newest book is *What the Qur'an Really Teaches About Jesus*.



David H. Calhoun is Professor of Philosophy at Gonzaga University, where he has taught since 1989. His teaching, research, and writing focuses on Christianity & science, philosophy of human nature, film and culture, and ancient philosophy. Recent articles have been on topics in film, religion, and secularism in the films of Terrence Malick, and he is currently working on an edited collection of essays on the films of Whit Stillman. A life-long Baptist, he is Pastor of Life Groups and worship leader at his local church.



Gary Habermas (Ph.D., Michigan State University) is Distinguished Research Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Liberty University, and Visiting Professor of Christian Apologetics at NOBTS. He has authored, co-authored, or edited some 43 books, half of which center on various aspects of Jesus' resurrection, including *Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?* and *The Risen Jesus and Future Hope*. He has also contributed more than 70 chapters and essays to additional books and close to 200 articles and reviews in journals and other publications, including publishers like Oxford, Cambridge, Blackwell, Harper, Harcourt-Brace, Dell, Fortress, Baker, InterVarsity, and Zondervan.



Richard G. Howe is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Apologetics at Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, and a frequent speaker and debater in churches, conferences, and on university campuses on issues concerning Christian apologetics and philosophy. He is co-author of *The Religion of the Force* and is a contributor to several books including *I Am Put Here for the Defense of the Gospel: Dr. Norman L. Geisler: A Festschrift in His Honor*, *The Jesus Quest: The Danger from Within*, *The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics*, *Reasons for Faith*, and *To Everyone an Answer*.



Dr. Frank Turek is a dynamic speaker and award-winning author or co-author of four books: *Stealing from God: Why Atheists Need God to Make Their Case*, *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*, *Correct, Not Politically Correct*, and *Legislating Morality*. As the President of CrossExamined.org, Frank presents powerful and entertaining evidence for Christianity at churches, high schools, and on secular college campuses. He has also debated several prominent atheists including Christopher Hitchens and David Silverman, president of American Atheists.



Chris Brooks is a pastor, radio host, dean, and community developer. He serves as Senior Pastor of Evangel Ministries, a 1,600-member church in the heart of Detroit. Chris is also Campus Dean at Moody Theological Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan. He is a popular national radio host of "Equipped with Chris Brooks," which is broadcast throughout the United States and Canada. He graduated from Michigan State University, Biola University, and the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. Chris is the author of *Kingdom Dreaming* and *Urban Apologetics*. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Asbury Theological Seminary, where he is studying Integration of Economics and Theology. He and his wife, Yodit, are the proud parents of Christopher, Zewditu, Cameron, Judah, and Sophia.



Neil Shenvi is a quantum chemist. He received his Ph.D. in theoretical chemistry at U.C. - Berkeley, and worked at Yale and Duke, publishing over 30 articles on quantum computation, spin physics, and electronic structure theory. After becoming a Christian in graduate school, he became interested in the intersection of science and religion, the reliability of the New Testament, and philosophical arguments for the truth of Christianity. He attends Summit Church in North Carolina with his wife Christina and their four children.



Abdu Murray is author of three books including his latest, the best-selling *Saving Truth: Finding Meaning and Clarity in a Post-Truth World*. His other books include *Grand Central Question: Answering the Critical Concerns of the Major Worldviews*. He serves as North American Director for Ravi Zacharias International Ministries and hosts the podcast "Embrace the Truth with Abdu Murray." He lives in the Detroit area with his wife and three children.



For twenty years, **Mark Rathel** has served as Professor of Theology and Philosophy at the Baptist College of Florida. He enjoys serving the kingdom through pastoral ministry and apologetic conferences. He has authored numerous articles in the areas of New Testament, Theology, Apologetics, and Baptist History. He is a frequent speaker at apologetics conferences and on university campuses.



Rick Draper is Minister of Worship at First Baptist Church of New Orleans and a D.M.A. student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has expertise in gospel, jazz, and classical genres. He has lectured and performed at the Chambéry Conservatory of Music and with the Crystal Voices Gospel Chorus in Lyon and Grenoble, France. He has also performed three new works with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra.

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS



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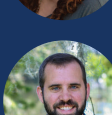
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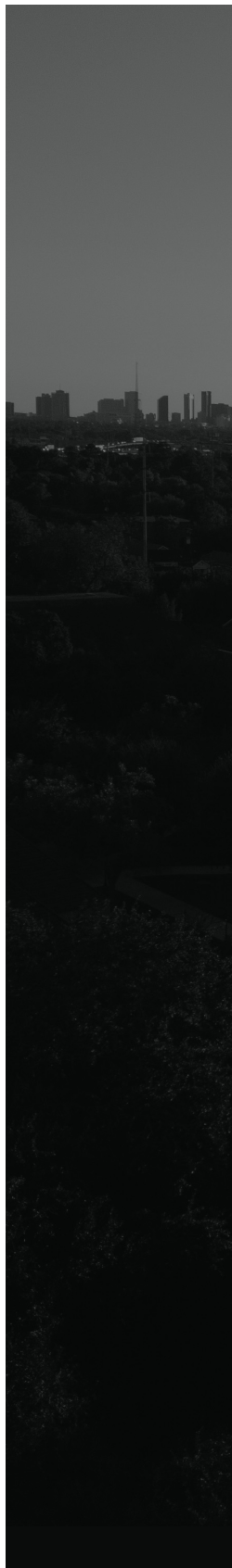
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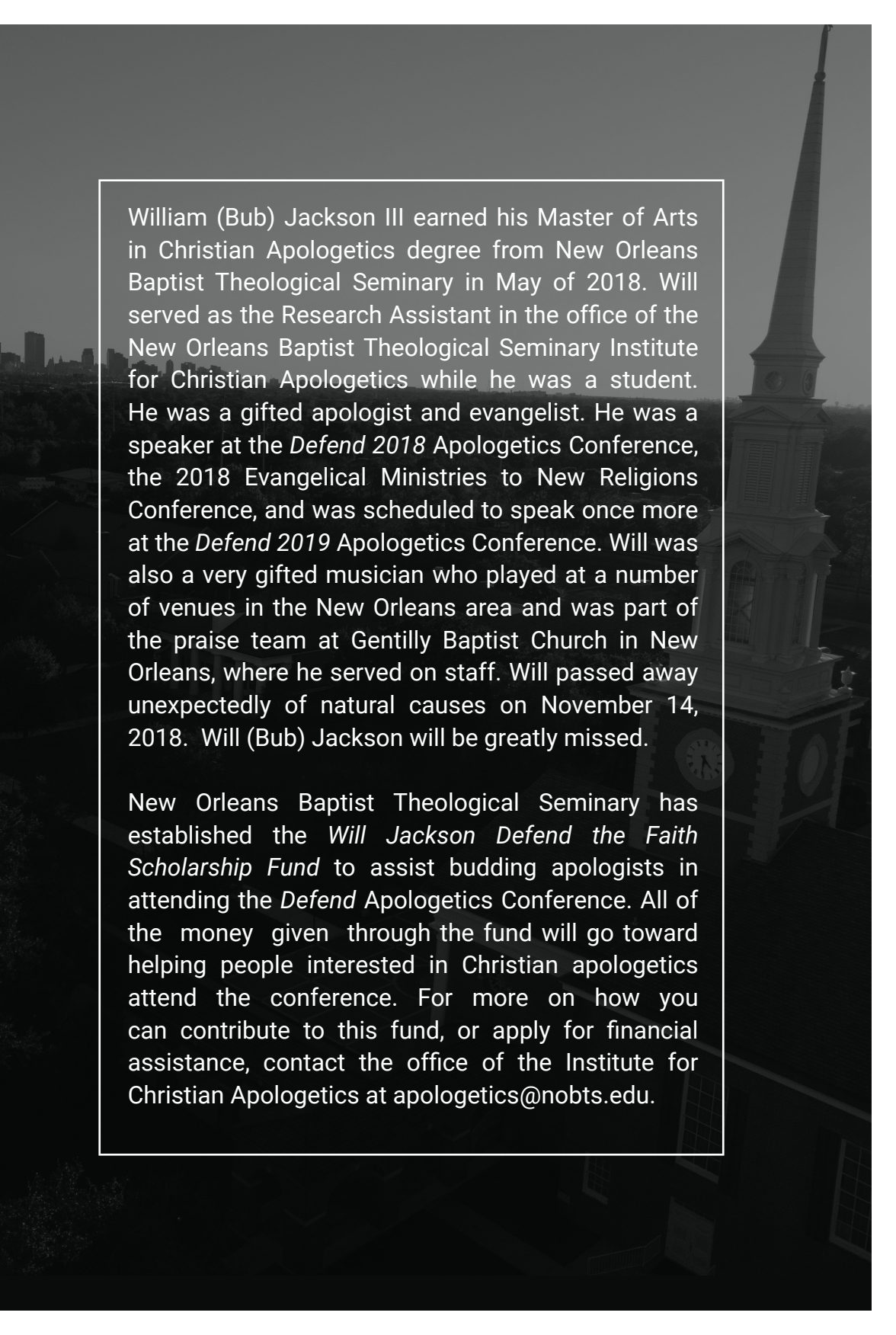
Jade Turner
Women in Apologetics



Alex Wendel
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In Memory of
William (Bub) Jackson III
May 17, 1989 – November 14, 2018



William (Bub) Jackson III earned his Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May of 2018. Will served as the Research Assistant in the office of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Institute for Christian Apologetics while he was a student. He was a gifted apologist and evangelist. He was a speaker at the *Defend 2018* Apologetics Conference, the 2018 Evangelical Ministries to New Religions Conference, and was scheduled to speak once more at the *Defend 2019* Apologetics Conference. Will was also a very gifted musician who played at a number of venues in the New Orleans area and was part of the praise team at Gentilly Baptist Church in New Orleans, where he served on staff. Will passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on November 14, 2018. Will (Bub) Jackson will be greatly missed.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has established the *Will Jackson Defend the Faith Scholarship Fund* to assist budding apologists in attending the *Defend* Apologetics Conference. All of the money given through the fund will go toward helping people interested in Christian apologetics attend the conference. For more on how you can contribute to this fund, or apply for financial assistance, contact the office of the Institute for Christian Apologetics at apologetics@nobts.edu.



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-David Platt

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