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# Life at the Margins

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# Expectations

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**“We need to wake up to the fact that Christians live at the margins. Our society has no time for the message of Jesus, and our allegiance to Jesus as Lord puts us on a collision course with the priorities of the culture. ‘Being on the margins rather than in the center will require a change of perspective, a very different mindset.’”**

**-Chester and Timmis**

## **1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

## **1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)**

**<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**



# **Born into a Living Hope**

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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is a flat, open field, and the overall atmosphere is serene and quiet. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white box containing text.

# **Born into a New Inheritance**

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## **Revelation 21:1-4<sup>(ESV)</sup>**

**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

## **Revelation 21:1-4 (ESV)**

**<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”**

## **Revelation 21:1-4 (ESV)**

**4 “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”**

## **Revelation 21:22-27** (ESV)

**And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.**

## **Revelation 21:22-27** (ESV)

**<sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.**

## **Revelation 21:22-27** (ESV)

**<sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

## **1 Peter 1:6-12** (ESV)

**In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

## **1 Peter 1:6-12** (ESV)

**<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,  
<sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

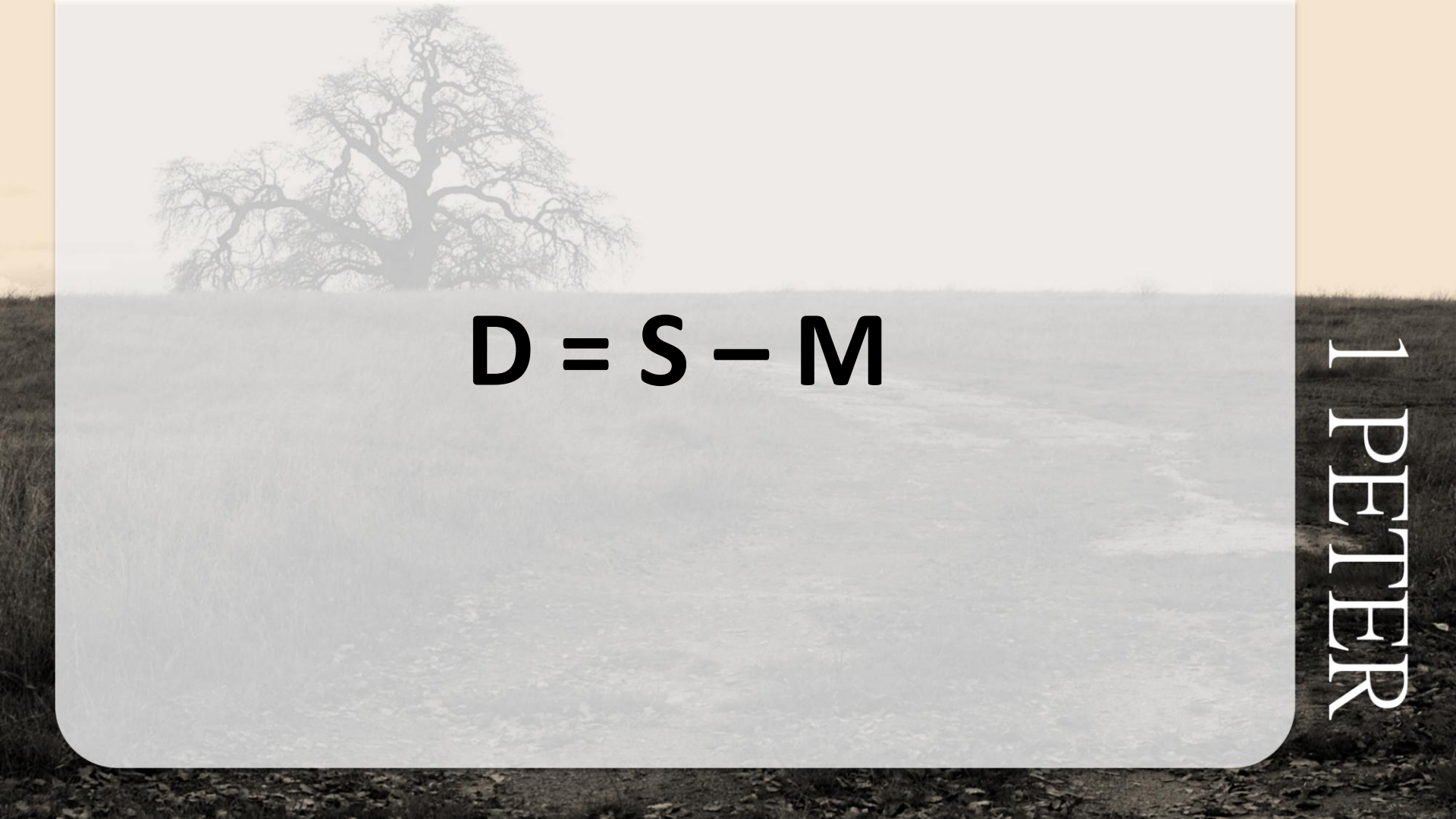


## **1 Peter 1:6-12** (ESV)

**<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.**

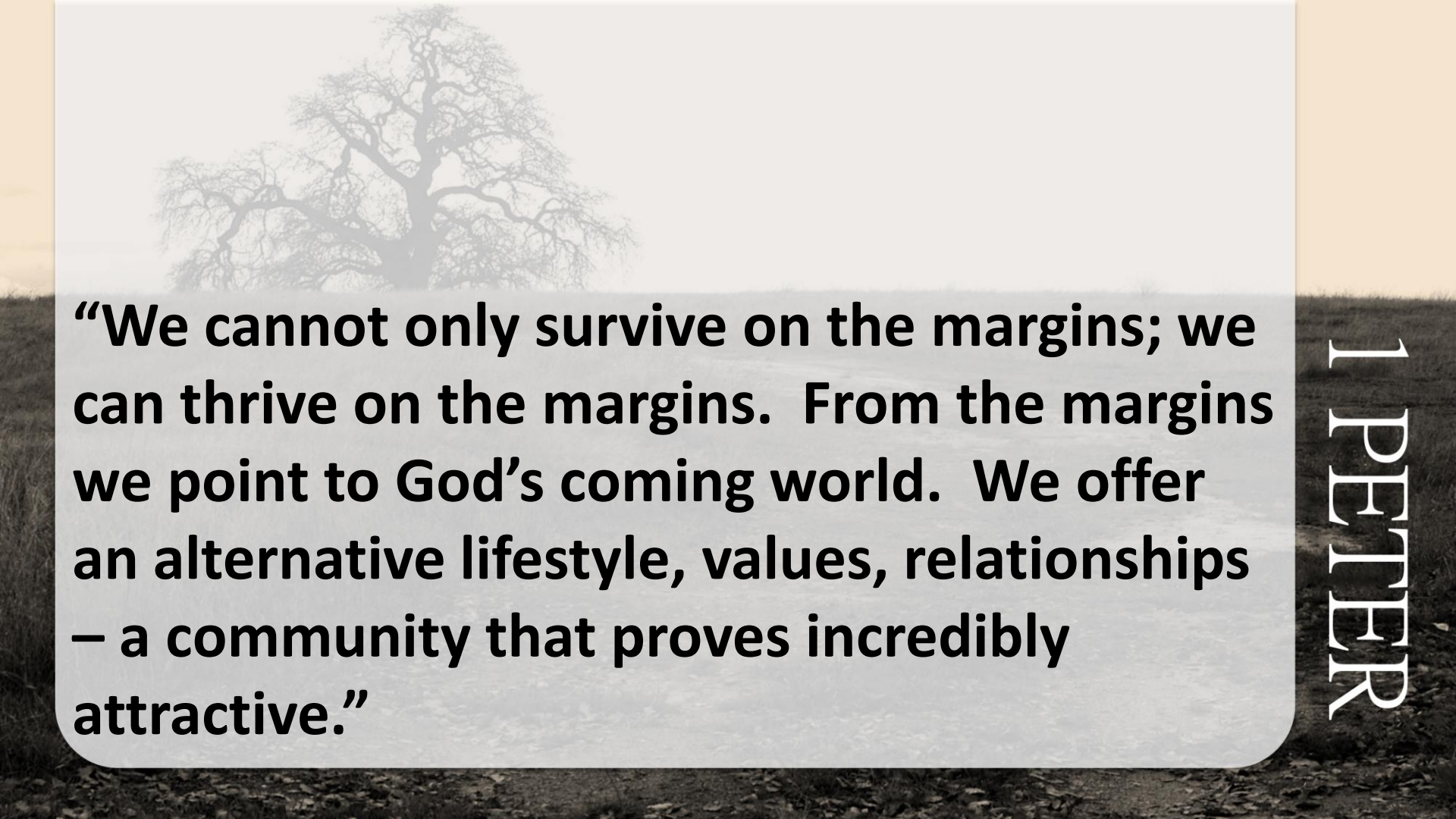
## **1 Peter 1:6-12** (ESV)

**<sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.**



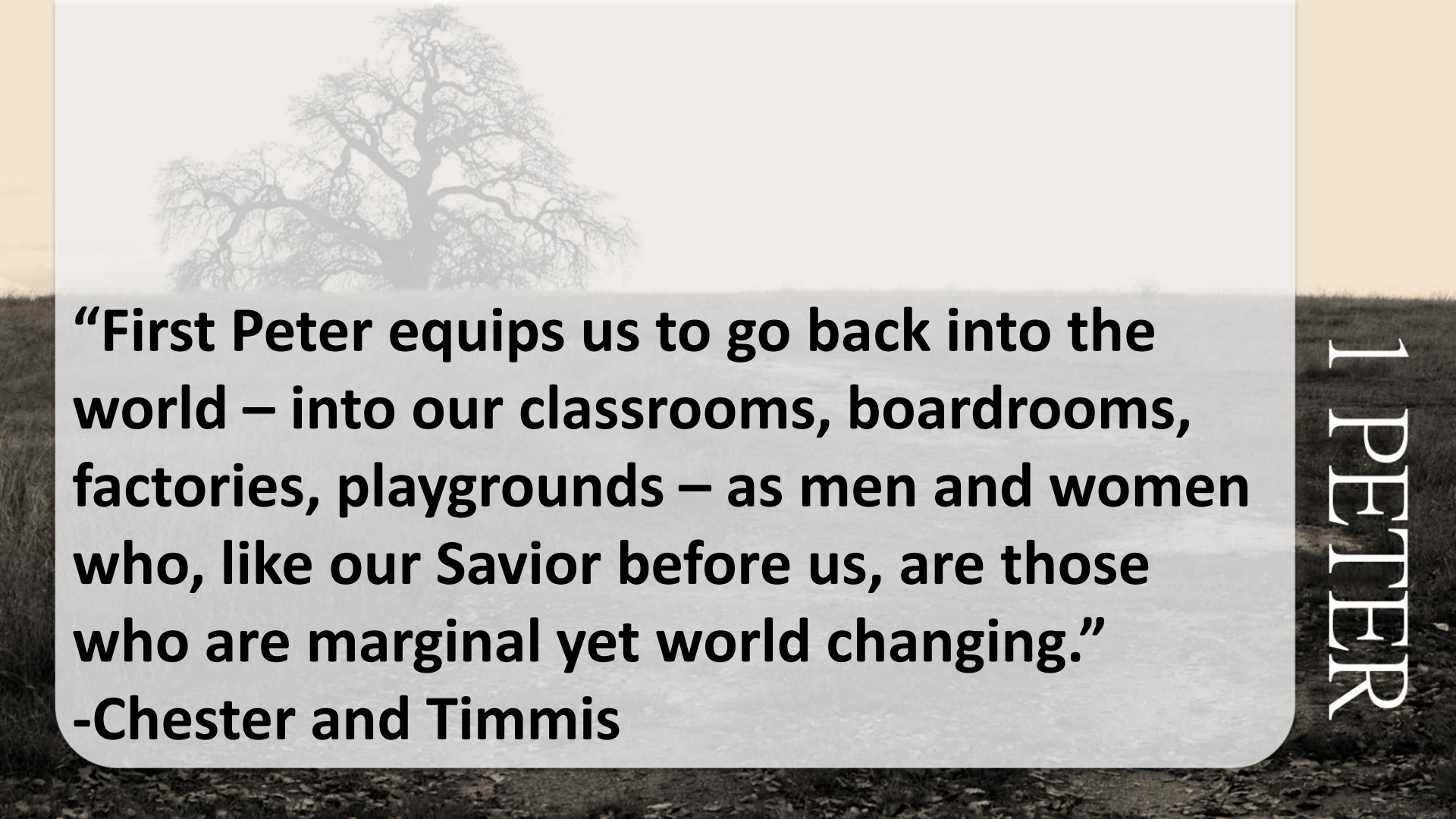
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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is dark and appears to be a field or a path, with some low-lying vegetation visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is quiet and contemplative.

**“We cannot only survive on the margins; we can thrive on the margins. From the margins we point to God’s coming world. We offer an alternative lifestyle, values, relationships – a community that proves incredibly attractive.”**

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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, overcast landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out. The background is a soft, hazy expanse of sky and ground, creating a serene and somewhat somber atmosphere. The overall color palette is muted, with greys, whites, and dark browns.

**“First Peter equips us to go back into the world – into our classrooms, boardrooms, factories, playgrounds – as men and women who, like our Savior before us, are those who are marginal yet world changing.”**

**-Chester and Timmis**

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