

Report of the Fifty-Sixth General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America

The fifty-sixth meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America was held August 14–17, 1993, at the Mount Community Center, Atchison, Kansas. The opening general session was held on Saturday evening, August 14. John R. Donahue, S.J., vice president of the association, introduced Chris Kean, O.S.B., Administrator of Mount Community Center, who welcomed us on behalf of Mary Agnes Patterson, O.S.B., prioress of the Benedictine community. The president of the association, Robert J. Karris, O.F.M., then delivered the presidential address, “Women and Discipleship in Luke–Acts.”

Sessions on Sunday, August 15

Ten task forces and three continuing seminars met simultaneously each day from 9:00 to 10:45 A.M. The task forces included: “Theology of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament” (co-conveners: Richard J. Clifford, S.J., and John J. Collins; core group members in attendance: Bernard F. Batto; Joseph Blenkinsopp; Robert A. Di Vito;

Thomas Dozeman; Michael F. Kolarcik, S.J.; Corinne Patton; David Penchansky; Mark S. Smith; William M. Soll); "Leadership in the Deuteronomistic History" (convener: Pauline A. Viviano; core group members in attendance: John C. Endres, S.J.; William R. Millar; Barbara E. Organ; Timothy M. Willis); "The Wisdom Tradition in the Old and New Testaments" (convener: Betty Jane Lillie, S.C.; core group members in attendance: Hugh M. Humphrey; Bernard A. Lazor, O.S.A.; James P. McIlhorne; Justin A. Pierce, S.D.S.; Robert Schoenstene); "Old Testament and Ecology" (convener: Lawrence E. Frizzell; core group members in attendance: Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.; Benedict F. Janecko, O.S.B.; Ronald A. Simkins; Richard J. Sklba; Charles H. Talbert); "The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation" (convener: Bruce J. Malina; core group members in attendance: David M. Bossman, O.F.M.; Dennis C. Duling; J. Massyngbaerde Ford; Carl R. Kazmierski; Stuart L. Love; Jerome H. Neyrey, S.J.; John J. Pilch; Joseph Plevnik, S.J.; Christopher T. Rupert, S.J.; F. Scott Spencer); "Synoptic Gospels" (co-conveners: Robert F. O'Toole, S.J., and Benedict T. Viviano, O.P.; core group members in attendance: Thomas W. Buckley; Timothy R. Carmody; Marcel Dumais, O.M.I.; Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J.; Brigid Curtin Frein; Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B.; J. Ramsey Michaels; Robert L. Mowery; Enrique Nardoni; Terrence T. Prendergast, S.J.; Otto Reimherr; Gregory E. Sterling); "Paul As Exegete" (convener: Carol Kern Stockhausen; core group members in attendance: Normand R. Bonneau; Randall D. Chesnutt; Paul E. Dinter; Joseph Mindling, O.F.M.Cap.; J. Mark Sheridan, O.S.B.; Ronald L. Tyler); "Feminist Hermeneutics" (co-conveners: Kathleen M. O'Connor and Damian L. Dietlein, O.S.B.; core group members in attendance: Stephenson H. Brooks; Mark Kiley; Alice L. Laffey; Sheila E. McGinn-Moorer; Mary Timothy McHatten, O.P.; Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J.; Barbara E. Reid, O.P.); "Biblical Perspectives on the Socio-Political Dimensions of Suffering" (co-conveners: Richard J. Cassidy and Anthony J. Tambasco; core group members in attendance: Susan F. Mathews; Marilyn McNamara Schaub; David Whitten Smith); "Teaching an Introductory Course in Old Testament: the Books of Joshua and Judges" (convener: Don C. Benjamin; core group members in attendance: John Kaltner; Victor H. Matthews; James C. Moyer; Donald H. Wimmer).

The continuing seminars and their respective leaders were: "Hebrew Poetry Seminar, Isaiah 34-35 and Their Purpose" (Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., and Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A.); "Biblical Issues in Christian-Jewish Relations: The Use of Scripture in Romans 11, Barnabas and the Lectionary" (David P. Efroymsen and John J. Clabeaux); "Biblical Hermeneutics in a Postmodernist World" (Fernando F. Segovia).

The morning concluded with papers presented in simultaneous sessions by Alice L. Laffey, "Ask the Ass!" and Charles H. Talbert, "Jesus' Birth in Luke and the Nature of Religious Language."

Robert J. Karris, O.F.M., president of the association, was principal celebrant and homilist at the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

Four sessions of research reports during the afternoon heard the following papers delivered: John T. Willis, "'I am your God' and 'you are my people' in Hosea and Jeremiah"; John C. Endres, S.J., "Passion for Worship in Post-Exilic Judah"; Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, O.P., "Why Did James Agree with Paul?"; Barbara E. Reid, O.P., "Luke 9:28-36: A Predictive Angelophany"; John A. Darr, "Watch How You Listen"

(Luke 8:18): Seeing and Hearing as Metaphors for Reading in Luke-Acts”; Deirdre A. Dempsey, “An Analysis of the Verb Syntax of Egyptian Aramaic Letters”; Paul G. Mosca, “Poetry and Philology: Creation and the Nations in Isaiah 40:12,15”; David Penchansky, “Old Testament Interpretation in the Turbulent Sixties: The Contributions of James Barr, Langdon Gilkey, and Brevard Childs”; Mark Kiley, “From All Your Idols I Will Cleanse You: Soundings in Markan Anthropology”; James W. Flanagan, “Tell Nimrin, 1993”; Terrance Callan, “Seeing God: An Interpretation of Johannine Christology”; Edward J. McMahon, “Why Did Jewish-Christianity Not Produce (Their Own) Narrative Gospels?”; Harry P. Nasuti, “The Canonical Shape of the Psalter: Implications for the Genre Analysis of the Psalms”; Roland E. Murphy, O.Carm., “The Personification of Wisdom”; Mark Allan Powell, “Matthew’s Beatitudes and Social Justice”; Stuart L. Love, “Women and Men at ‘Public’ Banquets and Meals in Luke”; J. Massyngbaerde Ford, “*Corpus Diaboli*, an Examination of the Concept of the Body of the Devil in Early Commentaries on the Apocalypse of John”; Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., “Wisdom at Qumran”; William M. Soll, “Torah in the Psalms”; Terrence Prendergast, S.J., “The ‘Eye’ Parables in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 6:22-23; 7:3-5)”; David Landry, “Narrative Logic in the Annunciation to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)”; Jean-Pierre Ruiz, “Displacing the Dragon: Another Look at Revelation 12”; Joseph Plevnik, S.J., “The Shaming of Jesus.”

The evening general session featured a paper by Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., “The Aramaic and Hebrew Fragments of Tobit from Qumran Cave 4.”

Sessions on Monday, August 16

The task forces and continuing seminars resumed their work during the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions then heard presentations by Eugene C. Ulrich, “The Sacred Scriptures in the First Century: A View from Qumran at the Fortieth Anniversary of Cave 4,” and by Fernando F. Segovia, “‘And They Began to Speak in Other Tongues’: Competing Modes of Discourse in Contemporary Biblical Interpretation.”

Anne Marie Sweet, O.S.B., was presider at our midday service of the word.

The general session in the afternoon listened to a panel discussion on “Contrasting Approaches to the Historical Jesus.” The moderator was Anthony J. Saldarini, and the panelists were John Dominic Crossan, Roger Haight, S.J., and John P. Meier.

The CBA president Robert J. Karris, O.F.M., called the annual business meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. In the absence of Msgr. Myles Bourke, CBA executive secretary Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the chair of the Board of Trustees on the healthy financial situation of the association. Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C., then presented the treasurer’s report, the substance of which had been previously distributed to the members present.

Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the executive secretary. He began by thanking those who had contributed to the success of this year’s meeting, in particular the local arrangements committee. The Executive Board has decided to raise the subscription price of the *CBQ* to \$25 per year and that of *OTA* to \$26 per year to offset the increasing gap between income derived from and expenses of both journals. The

Board also approved or reaffirmed the following grants: (a) \$20,000 plus travel expenses for the visiting professorships at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Ecole Biblique; (b) \$30,000 for the continuation of the Memorial Stipends program; (c) \$20,000 plus travel expenses for the continuation of the Young Scholars' Fellowship program; (d) \$6,000 for continuation of the archaeological research stipends program; (e) \$5,000 for the *Elenchus of Biblica*; (f) \$2,000 for the Japanese translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum; (g) \$5,000 for the translation project of the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum of Hong Kong; (h) \$5,000 to support publication and distribution of a Hungarian translation of the *Collegeville Bible Commentary*; (i) a tithe of membership dues (\$2,628) for famine relief; (j) \$10,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Qarqur; (k) \$10,000 for the archaeological project at Tell Nimrin; (l) \$10,000 for the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation. The Executive Board also voted to continue to supply the *Religious Studies Review* to members of the association who live in the U.S.A., because of the advantageous price the association can get by buying the subscriptions in bulk; the executive secretary announced that this year the *RSR* will be supplied to our Canadian members as well. The Board elected Claude J. Peifer, O.S.B., to the Board of Trustees, and nominated Jerome T. Walsh for membership on the Nominating Committee. Jensen reminded the members that the 1994 meeting will be held at the University of San Diego from August 13-16. The 1995 meeting will be at Siena College, Loudonville, New York; the dates will be August 12-15. Jensen urged members to solicit invitations for future meetings from their academic institutions.

Jensen then reported on the status of the project to revise the *NAB* translation of the Old Testament. Now that the revised NT and Psalter have been approved, the early stages of the process have begun for revising the OT. Since the NCCB owns the copyright, the first steps involve negotiations with the NCCB and the Board of Control for permission to undertake the revision.

Jensen also announced that the association's Computer Committee has been reactivated, and that it may make a presentation of interest to the membership at the next meeting. Also of potential interest to the members is the news that the *CBQ* is available in electronic form from University Microfilms in Ann Arbor, and that negotiations are under way with the American Theological Library Association to make *OTA* available in electronic form as well. Finally, Jensen reminded the membership that the central office has a placement service; interested institutions and individuals should contact him.

Aelred Cody, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of the *CBQ*. By the end of the current volume, *CBQ* will have published twenty-four articles. Eighty articles were received in twelve months, so it is clear that our acceptance standards remain quite high. The current backlog is sufficient for about eighteen months, which is considered appropriate for this sort of scholarly journal. Cody urged prospective contributors to limit articles to forty pages or less. The backlog of book reviews is being reduced, and the journal is also making progress in being published and distributed on time.

In the absence of Christopher Begg, Joseph Jensen, O.S.B., gave the report of the editor of *OTA*. The first issue of 1993 contained 873 abstracts, of which 601 were of articles from 96 journals, 92 were of books, and 180 were of articles in *Festschriften*

and collections. The second issue contained 929 abstracts, of which 611 were of articles from 91 journals, 140 were of books, and 178 were of articles in *Festschriften* and collections.

Michael L. Barré, S.S., gave the report of the editor of CBQMS. During the past year, seven MSS were received, of which one has been published, two were accepted and are in preparation, one is under consideration, one was rejected, and two were received in connection with inquiries about revising doctoral dissertations for submission.

The list of candidates for membership in the association was not read, since it had been available to the members throughout the meeting. In the name of the committee on credentials, Alexander Di Lella, O.F.M., recommended the following candidates:

For Active Membership:

George Aichele; Julian K. Anthony; Eduardo F. Arens, S.M.; David L. Balch; Reimund Bieringer; Jim J. Bridges; Warren Carter; Thomas F. Dailey, O.S.F.S.; Paul L. Danove; Christopher A. Davis; Mario DiCicco, O.F.M.; Kathleen A. Farmer; Alain Faucher; Timothy A. Friedrichsen; Thomas C. Geer, Jr.; Barbara Green, O.P.; Scott Harris; Isaac Kalimi; John R. Lanci, C.S.C.; John McDermott; John F. X. McKeon; Douglas B. Miller; Peter Theodore Nash; Alviero Niccacci, O.F.M.; Michael Patella; Anne Marie Sweet, O.S.B.; Gregory Teal Tatum, O.P.; Raymond C. Van Leeuwen.

For Associate Membership:

Wilma Ann Bailey; Richard A. Bondi; George W. Bragle; Shannon L. Burkes; T. J. Jeremy Corley; Paule Freeburg, D.C.; Michael J. Glotzbach; Sara Fletcher Harding; Victoria White Holland; Michael F. Hull; Matthew M. Kent; James R. Kinney; Leo D. Lefebure; Richard F. Morrisroe; Robert F. O'Connor, S.J.; Jean-Francois Racine; Stephen D. Ryan, O.P.; Alice M. Swartz, R.S.M.; Elizabeth Ruth Whitthorne; Ann Roberts Winsor.

The candidates were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

In the absence of George T. Montague, S.M., Daniel Harrington, S.J., reported for the Committee on Nominations. The following slate of candidates was proposed: *President:* John R. Donahue, S.J.; *Vice President:* Carolyn A. Osiek, R.S.C.J.; *Executive Secretary:* Joseph Jensen, O.S.B.; *Treasurer:* Aloysius Fitzgerald, F.S.C.; *Chair of the Board of Trustees:* Emil A. Wcela; *Consultors, 1993-95:* William S. Kurz, S.J., and Frank J. Matera; *Associate Editors of CBQ:* Benjamin Fiore, S.J.; James W. Flanagan; John Paul Heil; S. Dean McBride, Jr.; Alan C. Mitchell, S.J.; Joseph Blenkinsopp; Fernando F. Segovia; Mark S. Smith; *Committee on Nominations, 1993-97:* Jerome T. Walsh. The membership elected the slate by unanimous voice vote.

For the Committee on Resolutions, James A. Fischer, C.M., proposed a resolution thanking the Benedictine sisters of Mount St. Scholastica and of the Mount Community Center for their warm and friendly hospitality. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Under new business, the membership was asked to vote on proposed changes to By-law 13, the text of which had been submitted to the membership in a mailing from the executive office. The changes were approved.

The membership was asked to vote on a proposal to raise membership dues in line with the increase in the subscription cost of *CBQ* passed by the Executive Board. Customarily membership dues are \$2 higher than the subscription to *CBQ*. The members approved raising the dues to \$27.

Finally, a motion from the floor was made: "That we instruct the executive offices of the CBA to communicate to Archbishop William Keeler the CBA's willingness to be of service in commenting on the proposed *ordinationes* to *Ex corde ecclesiae*." The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

The general session in the evening heard Adela Yarbrow Collins deliver the paper, "From Noble Death to Crucified Messiah."

Sessions on Tuesday, August 17

The task forces and continuing seminars met in the first part of the morning. Two simultaneous sessions followed: Lawrence E. Boadt, C.S.P., "The Structure of First Isaiah—Does It Really Defy Understanding?" and Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., "What Shall We Say That Abraham Found? The Controversy behind Romans 4."

Jean-Pierre Ruiz was principal celebrant and homilist for the eucharistic liturgy at midday.

During the meeting, members contributed donations for flood relief in the region surrounding our meeting place. At the end of the meeting it was announced that a total of \$1,691 had been received for this effort. The funds were entrusted to the Mount Community Center staff for distribution.

The following CBA members and invited guest were in attendance at the meeting:

Achtemeier, Paul J.	Bridges, Jim J.
Alexander, Patrick	Brooks, Stephenson H.
Asma, Lawrence F., C.M.	Bucher, Otto, O.F.M.Cap.
Attridge, Harold W., Jr.	Buckel, John J.
Barré, Michael L., S.S.	Buckley, Thomas W.
Bartchy, S. Scott	Burns, Camilla, S.N.D. de N.
Batto, Bernard F.	Byrne, Brendan, S.J.
Bechard, Dean	Callan, Terrance D.
Benjamin, Don C.	Carlston, Charles E.
Bergant, Dianne, C.S.A.	Carmody, Timothy R.
Bishop, Jonathan P.	Carruth, Shawn, O.S.B.
Blenkinsopp, Joseph	Carter, Warren
Boadt, Lawrence E., C.S.P.	Cassidy, Richard J.
Bode, Edward L.	Chesnutt, Randall D.
Boisclair, Regina A.	Clabeaux, John J.
Bonneau, Normand R., O.M.I.	Clifford, Richard J., S.J.
Bossman, David, O.F.M.	Cody, Aelred, O.S.B.
Brenner, Martin L.	Collins, Adela Yarbrow

- Collins, John J.
 Cotter, David W., O.S.B.
 Couture, Paul, S.S.E.
 Crossan, John Dominic
 Cunningham, Philip A.
 Danter, Albert F.
 Darr, John A.
 Deakle, David W.
 Dempsey, Carol J., O.P.
 Dempsey, Deirdre A.
 Di Lella, Alexander A., O.F.M.
 Di Vito, Robert A.
 Dickel, Jerry Anne
 Dietlein, Damian L., O.S.B.
 Diewert, David D.
 Dillon, Richard J.
 Dinter, Paul E.
 Donahue, John R., S.J.
 Dowling, Regina
 Dozeman, Thomas B.
 Duling, Dennis C.
 Dumais, Marcel, O.M.I.
 Dumm, Demetrius R., O.S.B.
 Dutcher-Walls, Patricia
 Edwards, Richard A.
 Efrogmson, David P.
 Elliott, John H.
 Endres, John C., S.J.
 Fasbender, S. Bennett, O.S.B.
 Fischer, James A., C.M.
 Fitzgerald, Aloysius, F.S.C.
 Fitzmyer, Joseph A., S.J.
 Flanagan, James W.
 Ford, J. Massyngbaerde
 Frein, Brigid Curtin
 Frizzell, Lawrence E.
 Galligan-Stierle, Michael
 Geer, Thomas C., Jr.
 Giblin, Charles Homer, S.J.
 Gigliotti, Marcus
 Gilchrist, John J.
 Glazier, Michael
 Glotzbach, Michael J.
 Gomez, Miguel, S.D.B.
 Haight, Roger, S.J.
 Halton, Violet
 Hamilton, Jeffries M.
 Hamm, Dennis, S.J.
 Harrington, Daniel J., S.J.
 Harris, Karen
 Harris, Scott
 Hayes, Katherine M.
 Heemrood, Johannes A., O.M.I.
 Heil, John Paul
 Hillmer, Mark
 Holladay, William L.
 Hull, Michael
 Hummer, Lawrence L.
 Humphrey, Hugh M.
 Irvin, Dorothy
 Janecko, Benedict F., O.S.B.
 Jensen, Joseph E.
 Jensen, Joseph, O.S.B.
 Jordan, Richard A.
 Just, Felix, S.J.
 Karris, Robert J., O.F.M.
 Kazmierski, Carl R.
 Keegan, Terence J., O.P.
 Kiley, Mark
 Kinney, James R.
 Klauck, Hans-Josef
 Kaltner, John
 Kolasny, Judette
 Kolarcik, Michael F., S.J.
 Kreimes, Paul A.
 Kurz, William S., S.J.
 Laffey, Alice L.
 Landry, David T.
 Launderville, Dale, O.S.B.
 Lazor, Bernard A., O.S.A.
 Lenchak, Timothy, S.V.D.
 Leroux, Catherine
 Lillie, Betty Jane, S.C.
 Love, Stuart L.
 Luck, Melody
 Lyle, M. Wilma, O.S.B.
 Madden, Patrick J.
 Malina, Bruce J.
 Maloney, Elliott C., O.S.B.
 Maluf, Leonard

- Martin, R. Francis
 Martin, George A.
 Mathews, Claire R.
 Mathews, Susan F.
 Matthews, Victor H.
 Mazzo, Biaggio
 McCreesh, Thomas, O.P.
 McEleney, Neil J., C.S.P.
 McGinn-Moorer, Sheila E.
 McHatten, Mary Timothy, O.P.
 McIlhone, James P.
 McMahan, Edward J.
 Meier, John P.
 Meyer, Lester V.
 Michaels, Betty
 Michaels, J. Ramsey
 Millar, William R.
 Mindling, Joseph A., O.F.M.Cap.
 Montague, George T., S.M.
 Moriarty, Robert K., S.M.
 Morman, Kenneth G.
 Morrison, Craig E., O.Carm.
 Morton, Russell
 Mosca, Paul G.
 Mowery, Janet
 Mowery, Robert L.
 Moyer, James C.
 Munro, Winsome
 Murphy, Frederick J.
 Murphy, Roland E., O.Carm.
 Murphy-O'Connor, Jerome, O.P.
 Nagel, Elizabeth M.
 Nardoni, Enrique
 Nasuti, Harry P.
 Neyrey, Jerome H., S.J.
 Nickle, Keith F.
 Nowell, Irene, O.S.B.
 O'Connor, Kathleen M.
 O'Toole, Robert F., S.J.
 Organ, Barbara E.
 Osiek, Carolyn A., R.S.C.J.
 Patella, Michael, O.S.B.
 Patton, Corrine
 Peeters, Paul
 Peifer, Claude J., O.S.B.
 Penchansky, David
 Pfeifer, Clara, S.S.J.
 Pierce, Justin A., S.D.S.
 Pilch, John J.
 Plevnik, Joseph, S.J.
 Polan, Gregory J., O.S.B.
 Polich, James C.
 Powell, Mark Allan
 Prendergast, Terrence, S.J.
 Raabe, Paul R.
 Reid, Barbara E., O.P.
 Reid, Stephen B.
 Reimherr, Beulah
 Reimherr, Otto
 Romero, C. Gilbert
 Ruiz, Jean-Pierre
 Rupert, Christopher T., S.J.
 Rush, Debbie
 Rush, Vincent
 Saldarini, Anthony J.
 Salvador, Roberta, M.M.
 Schaefer, Konrad R., O.S.B.
 Schaub, Marilyn McNamara
 Schaub, R. Thomas
 Schmidt, Frederick W.
 Schmit, Meyrl E.
 Schmitt, John J.
 Schmitt, Roberta
 Scholz, Daniel J.
 Scullion, James P., O.F.M.
 Segovia, Fernando F.
 Sheridan, J. Mark, O.S.B.
 Sherwood, Stephen K., C.M.F.
 Simkins, Ronald A.
 Sklba, Richard J.
 Sloyan, Gerard S.
 Smith, Mark S.
 Smith, David Whitten
 Soll, William M.
 Spencer, F. Scott
 Steiner, Luke J., O.S.B.
 Stenstrup, Kenneth G.
 Sterling, Gregory E.
 Stock, Augustine R., O.S.B.
 Stockhausen, Carol Kern

Sweet, Anne Marie, O.S.B.
Swetnam, James H., S.J.
Talbert, Charles H.
Tambasco, Anthony J.
Tassone, Salvatore A., S.J.
Tatum, Gregory, O.P.
Thurston, Bonnie B.
Tobin, Thomas H., S.J.
Turner, Wayne A.
Twomey, Mark
Tyler, Ronald L.
Ulrich, Eugene C.
Van Eck, Arthur
Van Leeuwen, Raymond C.
Verdoodt, Albert
Viviano, Benedict T., O.P.

Viviano, Pauline A.
Vogel, Irene
Von Wahlde, Urban C.
Walsh, Michael F., C.M.
Walsh, Jerome T.
Wang, Peter E.
Washington, Harold C.
Weber, Kathleen
Wensing, Michael G.
White, Leland
Wild, Robert A., S.J.
Willis, John T.
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Death of the Messiah Available

The long-awaited work of Raymond E. Brown, S.S., *The Death of the Messiah* (Doubleday, 1994) will be available at bookstores and from the CBA office around the end of February, 1994. The work, over 1,600 pages in length, appears as a boxed, two-volume set, with a list price of \$75.00 (\$95.00 in Canada). Our members and subscribers can obtain it for \$45.00 by ordering it from the CBA office; postage is free on prepaid domestic orders, but \$3.00 per set for extra postage should be added for orders from outside the U.S.A.



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