



How can I face terminal illness with peace?

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Why this booklet is not easy for me to write



This booklet really is not easy for me to write.

I picture you, the reader, as someone facing the issue of terminal illness either for yourself or for a loved one or friend.

I do not just want to say the usual things people say. I want this to come across as real and to be truly helpful to you.

I have sat with loved ones as their lives have ebbed out and spent time with others moving towards the end of their journey.

I myself have a form of blood cancer.

Although, as I write this booklet I feel fine, I know what the possibilities are. That makes me want, even more, to write something relevant and that really makes a difference.





Not somehow, but triumphantly

A Christian friend of mine was diagnosed with terminal cancer soon after he lost his wife. Naturally, he was saddened by his wife's death and grieved over it as you would expect.

But there was something different about his acceptance of both his bereavement and his terminal illness.

He put on his mantelpiece a card that simply said, *Not somehow, but triumphantly*. He then lived it out. His sadness and growing weakness seemed to emphasize his personal peace and even his quiet joy.



Like him, you and I can experience God's overcoming blessing and help, no matter what lies ahead, if our personal trust is in Jesus Christ.

I want to be sensitive. Please forgive me where I fail, but some difficult points do need to be raised. Facing them, even if painful, can lead you to experiencing peace under God's gracious hand.





We all face suffering

Someone once said that the ultimate statistic is that one person in one will die.

Like a line of passengers in an airport departure lounge, we all know our turn will come. The sands of time will run out. In that sense, we *all* will face illness that will claim our lives, even if we are currently in good health and even if it comes very suddenly.

Knowing *now* that you are ill should help you focus on life's brevity sooner than you thought. But whether we realize it or not, we all have an ultimate appointment to keep.

The Bible says that human life is like a breath or a shadow. Healthy people can easily ignore that reality.

Strangely, facing the fact of death can be a big advantage and lead to personal blessing, once the initial shock of a diagnosed illness has passed. That is true also for those seeing a loved one suffer serious illness.





Facing the facts

Naturally, no one likes to be ill. For some, death is a taboo subject. But facing these facts can be liberating. Let me illustrate this from the lives of two young people who have faced the facts of their illnesses and now enjoy far greater blessings in heaven.

One senior hospital nurse (not a Christian) once spoke about a 19-year-old young man in her care. Not long after turning to Christ as his Saviour, he unexpectedly learned that he had only two months to live. The nurse said she had never seen *such a determination to live, but such a readiness to die*. He was facing the facts. He was ready and at peace. He died joyfully. Centuries earlier, the apostle Paul was also facing death. He said, *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain*.

Georgina was a successful young businesswoman. When diagnosed with cancer, she continued running marathons (a little slower). She was outward looking and cared for others. Her motto was: *I do not want to live dying, I want to die living*. She did that because she lived her life for Christ. She, too, had faced the facts. Her funeral was like a wedding, despite obvious natural sadness for her family and many friends. God gave each of them His help and grace. He promises that to all who trust Christ personally.



A surprise for the doctor!

Billy Bray was a legendary Cornish tin miner and rough street brawler. He was radically changed when Christ entered his life.

In later life, he fell ill and chose to go to the doctor who had a reputation for not beating about the bush. After he was examined by the doctor, he heard the solemn verdict: *You are going to die.*

Perhaps the doctor feared a negative response. If so, he need not have worried.

Billy replied without hesitation, *Glory be to God! I shall soon be in heaven.*

He then put the doctor on the spot: *When I get up there, shall I give them your compliments, and tell them you will be coming too?*

Billy Bray was ready and even rejoicing because he faced the fact of his illness and the ultimate comforting fact that Jesus Christ was his *Saviour*. If you need a real tonic, read the quaint old book by F. W. Bourne, *Billy Bray: The King's Son*.





Afraid—of that?

John and Betty Stam were devoted Christian missionaries in China when the Japanese forces invaded. Their lives were at risk. They feared for their baby girl and hid her, praying that someone sympathetic would find and care for her. (Their prayer was answered!)

They, too, faced the facts. Betty, aware of grave and imminent danger ahead, had already written,

*Afraid? Of what?
To feel the spirit's glad release?
To pass from pain to perfect peace,
The strife and strain of life to cease?
Afraid—of that?*



They were both beheaded. Through their faith in Jesus Christ they faced their martyrdom with peace and with dignity. They were ready. Jesus Christ had drawn the sting of death for them.

Read their inspirational life stories in *The Triumph of John and Betty Stam* by Mrs Howard Taylor.



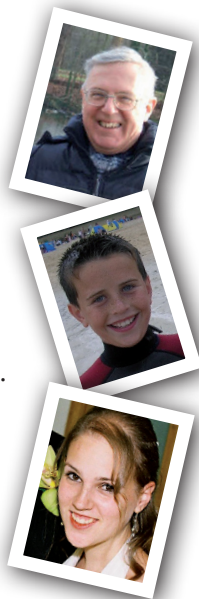


But how about now?

How does coming to terms with terminal illness work out in the crucible heat of suffering? How about facing the shock of recent diagnosis, chemotherapy, radiotherapy or crucial operations? How can loved ones get through, as they suffer with and for the victims of serious illness?

Some of my friends were diagnosed with potentially terminal cancer. For Alistair, aged 70, the cancer unexpectedly recurred five years after he thought he was cleared of it. He has since passed on to be with his Saviour. Clive received a sudden shock diagnosis 'out of the blue' in later middle age. Rachel, aged 20, bravely restarted chemotherapy after five good years. As a young teenager she had been given four months to live. David, aged 11, lost his brave seventeen-month battle with cancer during the writing of this booklet.

Clive and Rachel do not know what the future holds. However, they know God, who holds their future. Without minimizing their problems, difficulties, heartaches and emotional roller-coaster rides, knowing Christ as Saviour makes a huge difference. Their bravery is an encouraging and shining example of how God's grace can help people who suffer.



The Queen, Alistair and Margaret, and an *annus horribilis*

Queen Elizabeth II humorously called one terrible year her *annus horribilis*—literally her horrible year!

Two friends of ours also had their *annus horribilis*.

First, a close friend died suddenly. Then Alistair's hip and Margaret's foot caused much pain. Then, after five years, Alistair's cancer returned, and tiring chemotherapy with it. Margaret honestly admits that it is hard. She has her ups and downs and is now also unwell, but still trusts Jesus personally.

Alistair chose this hymn for their church's end of year service:

*He gives us more grace when the
burdens grow greater,
He sends us more strength when
the labours increase;
To greater affliction He adds His
great mercy,
To multiplied trials, His
multiplied peace.*

*His love has no limit, His grace
has no measure,
His power has no boundary
known among men;
For out of His infinite riches in
Jesus
He gives us, and gives us, and
gives yet again!*

*When we have exhausted our store
of endurance,
When our strength has failed with
the day but half done,
When we reach the end of our
hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving has
scarcely begun.*



How can parents cope with the suffering of a very sick child?

David (11) was raised with Hannah (13) in a fun-loving family. David and his dad, Andrew, loved all sports. He was a soccer 'nut'. Despite intense treatment for his cancer over seventeen months, new tumours appeared on his spine and brain.



Andrew and his wife, Jane, are committed Christians. Their frank, brave and even humorous emails about David's progress showed their trust in God's help and strength. Near the end of David's life they wrote, *We do not know what the future holds, but we know we are in the Lord's good hands. We are just amazed at His grace and mercy, even in times like those we are experiencing.*

A short time before his death David spontaneously told a full church that he trusted Jesus and was going to heaven. There were not many dry eyes. Earlier, he asked his consultant, *Am I going to die?* The honest but gentle reply was *Yes*. David's response was: *I'm not afraid to die because I am going to heaven. Jesus is my friend and He died on the cross for me.* The consultant encouraged him: *He is my friend, too!*

An excerpt from Andrew and Jane's update about David's recent fast-failing health follows. They continue to know God's help, strength and comfort.



Losing the battle—winning the victory

Dear friends

Sorry this is not the news we wanted to share concerning the deterioration in David's health. David had an MRI scan showing that he now has numerous small tumours in his head and down his spine.

We are now starting to lose the battle against the cancer. The cancer cells are becoming more resistant to the chemo and his body is taking longer and longer to recover after each cycle of treatment.

David has been very positive throughout the treatment and still is able to share a joke. He has indicated to various friends that he is not afraid to die and has become a Christian during his period of illness and knows Jesus to be his friend who has died on a cross to save him.

David will have the usual blood test. Jane and myself will meet with the consultants and medical staff to see how they can best support David and us as a family over the coming weeks as David's health deteriorates.

We feel exhausted at the moment. Our key priority in the coming days is to have quality time together as a family and to enjoy every moment we have left with David.

It's been hard for us all but especially our Hannah. She is coming to terms with things little by little. We are amazed at her courage and strength.

Love and God bless.

Andrew, Jane, Hannah & David





Sustained

Both Clive and Dorothy trust in Christ. They have helped many people in Belgium for many years. Clive was unexpectedly diagnosed with rectal cancer, necessitating chemotherapy and future surgery.

Their recent email asking friends to pray only briefly mentioned Clive's cancer. The rest of it covered other people's needs. Some excerpts from their emails follow. They show the source of Clive's and Dorothy's strength and peaceful attitude:

I have been very touched by the number of people who have got in touch to communicate their support, affection and prayers for us in this period of cancer treatment. Thank you to each of you for standing with us in this trial. We pray God's purposes will be fulfilled in us for His glory. Please pray God will support us through this big trial. Pray that God will be glorified ...

Please pray for my morale, and for Dorothy to be upheld too. Thank you again for your prayers and love in Christ.

The Lord is sustaining me, and the treatment is not as harsh as with other patients (either that, or the Lord is intervening, or both!).



Rachel was only 12 years old when cancer of her brain and spine was diagnosed. Supported by her loving family—each one of whom knows Jesus Christ personally—she fought long and bravely against her illness, which was stated to be terminal. Her Christian church and friends were a great support.



As a 15-year-old, with officially only four months left to live, imagine her joy at five years of continual improvement, including returning to college and to an active life. Earlier, successive spine operations had confined her to a wheelchair.

Recently, at age 20, her cancer returned—and more chemotherapy. This brave young lady knows that testing times lie ahead. She is no stranger to pain and tiredness and uncertainty about her health. I spoke to her recently to encourage her, but she was the one who encouraged me. Below are just a few of the things she said to me:

I know I am going to heaven. God has his purpose for me and I am not afraid. I am ready to face my chemotherapy. I am in God's hands. Please share this with others if it helps them come to Christ.

Dot Carswell's recent book, *Live Wires*, carries a whole chapter about this remarkable young lady.



Unpleasant messenger—but a message of blessing

Many drift aimlessly through life. They know life's merry-go-round will stop where it started. The final whistle on their game of life will blow, but they do not know when.

Even an unpleasant postman can deliver pleasant news. Terminal illness is that extremely unpleasant 'postman' but nevertheless through God, just like the postman, it can carry a message of great and unexpected blessing to the person who suffers.

The crisis caused by terminal illness often makes sufferers more honest with themselves and with God. We know we are weak and that our time is short. Our weakness and honesty remind us that we need a strong, forgiving and helping Saviour. The world's trivial pursuits can never meet or satisfy our real needs. Only Jesus can.

When we open up honestly to Him in our weakness and failure, we find He is very near to bless and help. He promises to meet with honest humble seekers. We can receive God's pardoning peace and a sense of His real purpose for us, when we come to Him humbly in prayer through Christ crucified.



God knows—and He cares

God knows our hearts. We can hide nothing from His all-seeing gaze.

That thought is frightening when we behave badly or plan something unworthy. God's all-seeing eye seems like a moral video camera trained on our conscience. At other times, it comforts us to know that God sees us. Those trusting in the Lord are glad He knows everything! He is the good shepherd watching out for his sheep.

Our weakness and need attract God's strength and mercy. He runs in mercy to anyone crying from the heart to know Him and His pardon, help and grace. Great blessing always follows.

Perhaps serious illness, more than good health, helps us earnestly to seek God and his purpose for us. In billions of years' time, those who through terminal illness have sought and found God will continue to benefit eternally! They will be eternally thankful that suffering caused them to seek God and come to Christ for forgiveness and eternal life!

Suffering, so big and fearful now, will seem so small and slight then to those sharing eternity in heaven with their Saviour. One sufferer told me that in a million years' time he would laugh at his 15-year-long suffering, which now is very hard for him.





Serious and honest thinking

Whether you are very healthy or extremely ill, or anywhere between those two extremes, serious and honest thinking about life and about what really matters can ultimately lead you to God.

Often in that thinking process you will feel, as I do, that you have to admit that you have done wrong in your life. You will recognize that you have often offended God and His standards of righteousness at every level. You will also regretfully recall that you have dealt with other people shabbily at times, in different ways. The Bible recognizes that honest thinking leads to those conclusions.

It says, *'Come now, and let us reason together,' says the LORD, 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.'*



God shows us our sins to encourage us to come to Christ to have them forgiven. If you confess and turn from your wrongdoing and come by faith to ask Christ to become your Saviour, Lord, Friend and Shepherd, you can know the peace, pardon, depth and refreshing purpose of His eternal life in you. Like a river running into the ocean, that new life will deepen and widen as it flows into eternity.





But what *is* eternal life?

Eternal life speaks both of present *quality* of life in Christ, as well as of its future *length*.

Anyone who trusts in Jesus now receives eternal life *at once*.

In receiving Christ by faith in your heart, you receive the gift of eternal life that God offers. Here on earth, that produces an entirely new experience of living in and for God, irrespective of circumstances and suffering. That is because Christ lives in Christians' hearts through God the Holy Spirit.



This changed life in Christ will continue everlastingly and perfectly in heaven.

Frankly, we all deserve to suffer God's eternal punishment for our sins. If we turn to Christ, we receive a double blessing: we avoid our deserved eternal condemnation and we receive the undeserved gift of eternal life. To refuse to trust Jesus as our Saviour tragically reverses that in every way.

The Bible says that *the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*. Eternal life is the gift of God's grace to be received.





How can that eternal life become mine?

You may say, *Well, yes, I understand that. But how can I receive that gift of eternal life personally?*

The Bible says you receive that eternal life as a gift when you receive the Lord Jesus Christ. By repentant faith, you turn from your sin to Jesus as your Lord and Saviour! By prayer, you receive the living Christ into your heart through the Holy Spirit.

At my wedding, I vowed to forsake all other women and commit myself solely to my wife. I received her as my wife and she received me as her husband. When I became a real Christian, I renounced the right to selfish and sinful living and received Jesus Christ as my

Lord and Saviour. More amazingly, He accepted me! However, He did what no wife could do—He took up residence in my heart and life!

The Bible says that anyone who has the Son of God indwelling him or her already *has eternal life* in Jesus Christ.

Remember that Jesus not only *offers* us the gift of eternal life, He Himself *is* that gift of eternal life. Receive Him and you will possess that gift, both now in this suffering world and then eternally, when suffering will be no more!



A place prepared and everything forgiven

I was at my father's bedside not long before he died. After years of resisting, he had come to Christ in later life. Confessing his sins to God and trusting that Jesus died for him, he had received Christ into his life. His constant awareness of his own wrongdoing went hand in hand with thankfulness that Jesus had paid for his sins. Earlier, he had doubted that God could forgive him.

Alone with him for the last time, I said, *Dad, isn't it great to know that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and that He has gone to heaven to prepare a place for you?* I will never forget his affirmation of faith.

His failing eyes met mine while his amazingly strong right hand gripped mine. In a deep-voiced Yorkshire accent he growled, almost defiantly, *You bet!* He knew God's forgiveness, and that his Saviour would soon welcome him home.

What a difference knowing Jesus made to his suffering and death! Christ had promised him a prepared place in heaven, with all his sins forgiven!



A sobering thought

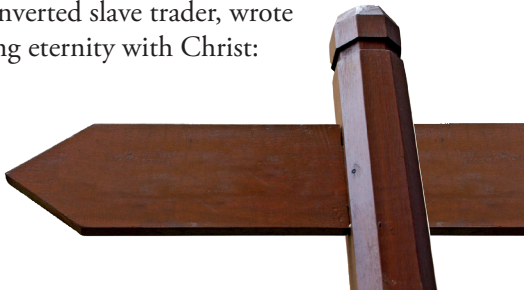
Life is short, and eternity long. One day, we will all pass into eternity. Christ taught that there are only two ways: a broad way to destruction or a narrow way to life. He offers us life.

We all need to be forgiven for our sins. Jesus said that the two greatest commandments were to love God with everything we are and have, and to love other people as much as ourselves. We have often broken both commandments.

We need to turn from our sins to Christ. Only then will we know His pardon and cleansing from them. Our sins will keep us from heaven unless we confess and forsake them, and trust Jesus for forgiveness.

When we do receive Christ and His forgiveness, we know heaven is ours. We will then experience His amazing comfort—both now in facing suffering and also in facing death and eternity. John Newton, the converted slave trader, wrote these words of great comfort to those anticipating eternity with Christ:

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.*





Jesus suffered, too

Jesus suffered terribly. Cruel floggings similar to those which he received before being nailed to the cross caused the death of many victims.

His crucifixion itself was agonizingly painful. With nails driven through His hands and feet, the crushing weight of His suspended body on his failing lungs would normally cause death by suffocation. The pain of trying to breathe would have been intense.



Jesus also suffered the emotional pain of experiencing the desertion and denial of His own dearly loved disciples. Only a handful of followers stood by Him.

Those sufferings of Jesus—physical and emotional—remind us that He knows what it is like to go through suffering. He has been there before us. He is sympathetic, and can comfort us in our sufferings.

But His suffering was far worse than that. Although fully God, He came as a man to bear our sins and eternal judgement in pain as He suffered on that cross.

Jesus is far more than a sympathizer, example and helper: He died in our place on the cross.



What love for us!

As the only spotlessly righteous, perfect and sinless man, Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. He bore God's wrath on them. Forsaken, He bore on the cross the just punishment against all our waywardness. He suffered the hell we deserve.

Others' vile and cruel sins sicken us. Yet we cannot grasp sin's deepest depravity. Our own sinfulness vaccinates us against that. But *sinless* Jesus was actually *made sin for us*, to bear our deserved punishment. What love for us!

The Bible reveals God the Father's compassion, love, care and churning heart over straying sinners. Flawless, eternal, divine love between Son and Father dwarfs the deepest human love between parents and children. Yet the Father had to forsake and bring down judgement's rod on Jesus against our sins. Always united in loving sinners, the Father *so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son* to die for us, and the *Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me*. Again, what love for us!

The Christian knows forgiveness for all past, present and future sins. Christ's shed blood cleanses from all sins. Death has no sting. It opens onto something *far better—reserved in heaven for you*.



Amazingly life-changing

Jesus rose from the dead after three days. He later ascended into heaven. He is alive in heaven to represent and welcome there all those forgiven by trusting Him as their Lord and Saviour. In many billions of years' time, no pardoned sinner will worry about what illness or event took him or her to heaven. All pardoned sinners will only be glad to know Jesus and His forgiveness in heaven for ever and ever. They will be there through faith alone in Christ alone. I am looking forward to it. Are you?

Meanwhile, God has a package of blessings to encourage us in hardships and sufferings. Not only can we always enjoy heaven for ever in wide-eyed wonder, as if we had only just entered it, but also God promises His continuous personal presence with us between now and then!

This is because Jesus rose from the dead. The factual evidence for His resurrection is overwhelming. To know the risen Lord personally is amazingly life-changing.

Never forget that Jesus said He would never leave us alone. He is at hand to bless, keep, help and guide us. We can know the risen Christ indwelling our lives through the Holy Spirit when we trust Him as our Lord and Saviour.





How can these truths help in facing terminal illness?

Life is short and eternity is endlessly long. With the everlastingness of eternity in view and the sands of time running out, what a difference it makes to *know for sure* that your eternal future is secure in Christ!

That is equally true for those who are not now battling with their own, or a loved one's, ill health. The time will inevitably come when circumstances change.

The Bible says that tears, death, sorrow, crying and pain are excluded from heaven. Some Christians have so much enjoyed that prospect in their dying days that they have comforted their deathbed visitors! They look forward to heaven in a far greater and more excited way than you await a good holiday! And it lasts a lot longer, too!

Remember my friend's slogan? *Not somehow, but triumphantly.* Jesus makes a colossal difference in life and an eternal difference in death, which He alone has conquered!

That is why one Christian preacher once said, *When you read in the paper that I am dead, don't believe it. I will never be more alive!*

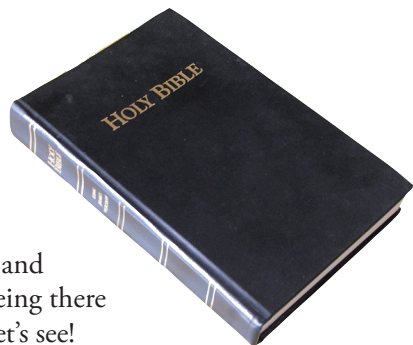




How can we help others who face terminal illness?

Are you reading this booklet mainly to help others? If so, how can you best do that?

Obviously, we need to be practical, helpful, kind, loving and generous to the sick person and his or her family. Just being there can be a great comfort in itself. But can we do more? Let's see!



- 1.** Have *you* turned from *your* sins and asked Jesus Christ to forgive *you* and enter *your* life? You need to do that for the sake of your own future, quite independently of your loved one or friend. But if you know Christ, you can help so much more. Jesus makes all the difference.
- 2.** Share *gently* the good news of Jesus. Ask if you may read part of one of the Gospels or a psalm together. Psalm 23 (see page 28) is an excellent psalm to share. Your friend or loved one might like a New Testament to read, and perhaps some other helpful easy-to-read Christian literature. In all of this, be natural and do not be frightened to be cheerful. Sometimes a laugh helps a lot, too.





3. Pray *for* the sick person often and regularly. Also, ask if you may pray *with* him or her, when appropriate. Family members also may appreciate prayer for them and, at times, with them. When you pray with someone in such a situation, keep it simple, sincere, specific and short.

4. Ask *other Christians to pray*. It is so comforting to know that, if you forget to pray, or if your prayers ‘wobble’, that others are interceding, too. Emails of prayer reminders can be a great help in this. Prayer knows no geographical boundaries!

5. If appropriate, and with the willing approval of the sick person and/or his or her family, arrange for sensitive and wise Christians to visit. If you do not know of nearby Christians or a church which can help, please ask whoever gave you this booklet or another trusted Christian for suggestions.





What about physical healing?

If the question of praying for healing arises, hopefully the points below will help:

- It is more important to know Jesus as Saviour than to experience any physical healing. The effects of coming to Christ are eternal! He always saves eternally anyone who calls upon Him to do so.
- Never pressurize the sick person. Especially never even dare to hint that his or her illness is because of sin or unbelief. It isn't! Godly people suffer and die, too!
- When appropriate, it is right sensitively to pray for healing if that is God's will. He may decide to heal directly or through medicines and doctors. Alternatively, He may decide not to heal.
- Very often it is not God's will to heal physically. No easy 'healing button' is available to push!
- It is best to leave the outcome with God after prayer. This can bring great peace. God knows best.
- God's grace is wonderfully sufficient in suffering. Christ takes the sting out of death, which we all will face sooner or later. Even people who have been healed can and will die one day.



Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.



John 14

¹Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

²In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know.'

⁵Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?'

⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'



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