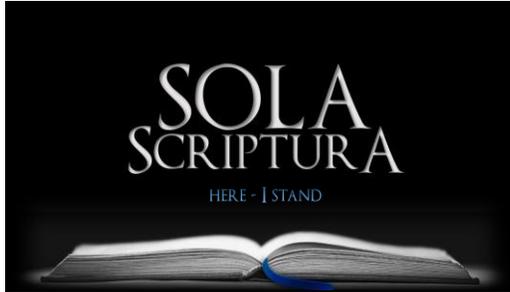
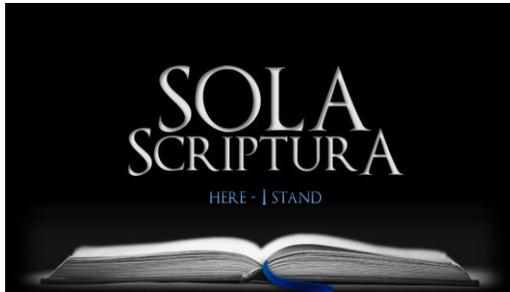


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Sola Scriptura – here I stand
2 Timothy 3:16,17
10 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
272 Give Me the Bible

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Last Time - The Forgotten Word

We talked about... God's first book
Nature... how over time... Men have
forgotten... how to read... or chosen not
to...comprehend it

We talked about... how over time... and
circumstance... God's written word...
has been lost... and

Men became... Innocently Ignorant... of
God's will and ways.

However... when it was found... great
revival accompanied... by needed and....
often sacrificial reform... transpired.

We also talked about... how most
men... have chosen to be... Willfully
Ignorant.... of both books... because
they loved... darkness rather than light

We ended with... some questions
concerning... our day:

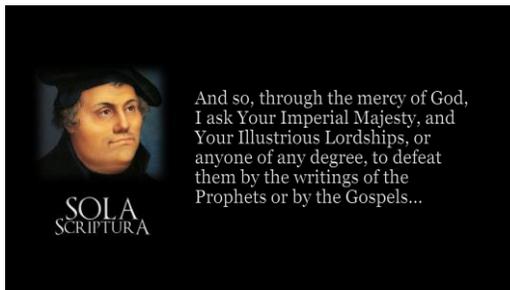
Are we Innocent or Willful... when we
have more translations... more tools...
more opportunity... than any men
throughout history?

Why does Protestantism... and indeed
our own church... find itself in the
condition... we are today?

Is the Reformation over?

Today we will... discuss Luther's...death
defying declaration... "Here I stand"

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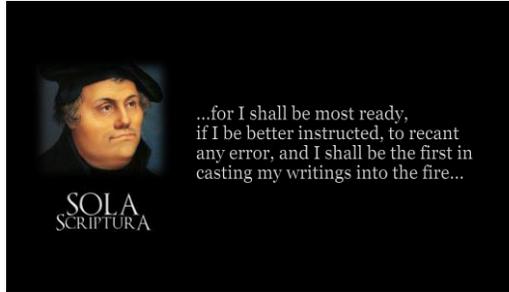


In 1521... as Luther stood before... the
Imperial Diet of Worms...

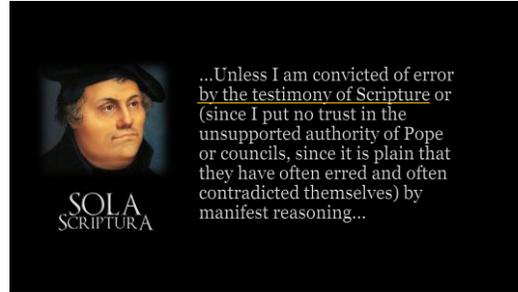
He had been brought there... he
thought to... explain his biblical
stances... instead he realized... he had
been called to recant... his writings

To which he replied:

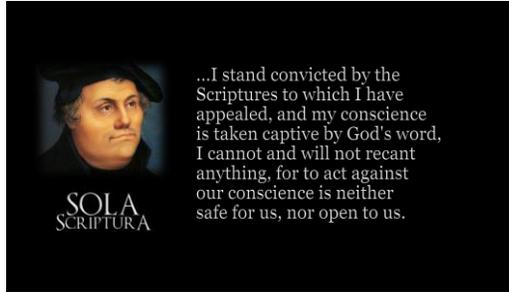
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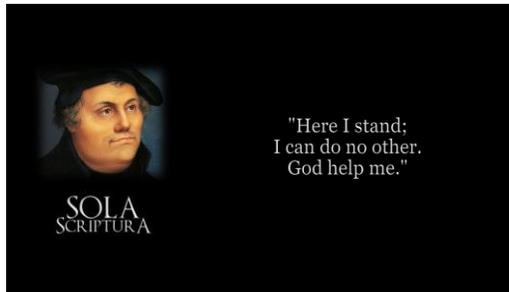
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Here I stand... my conscience... taken captive... by God's word

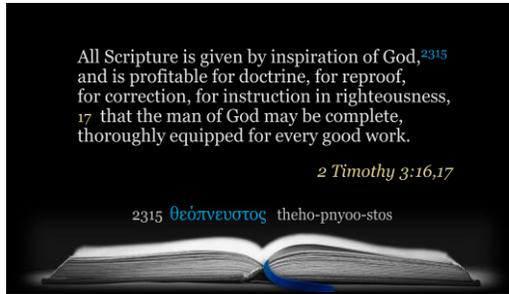
Unless I am convicted... of error by the... testimony of Scripture... I can do no other

Powerful words... these!

Sola Scriptura... is not a modern day doctrine... by Luther or any other Reformer

Paul appealed to... Sola Scriptura... in 1st Timothy

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Doctrine - 1319 διδασκαλία did-as-kal-ee'-ah - teaching / instruction

Reproof - 1650 ἔλεγχος el'-eng-khos – evidence

Correction - 1882 ἐπανάρθωσις epa-nor'-tho-sis – (upon – to make straight)... restoration / improvement

and Instruction - 3809 παιδεία pahee-di'-ah - cultivation of mind and morals

When Paul penned these words... there was no NT... only the OT... and it wasn't old... as in done away... or

Paul isn't saying... look I met Jesus... on the Damascus road... you need to... listen to me

No... Timothy the scripture... is your source... my source... all of Our source for:

nonapplicable because... of a new understanding

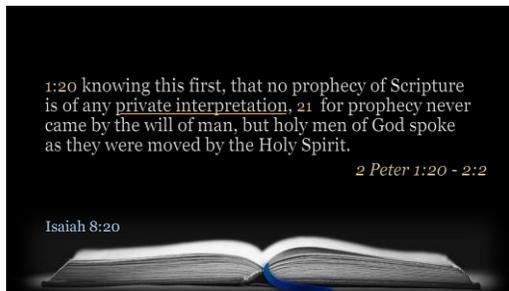
This is also not... claiming that every... kind of truth... (i.e. the laws of physics)... is found in Scripture.

But that everything necessary... for our knowledge of salvation and

vs. 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Peter concurred saying:

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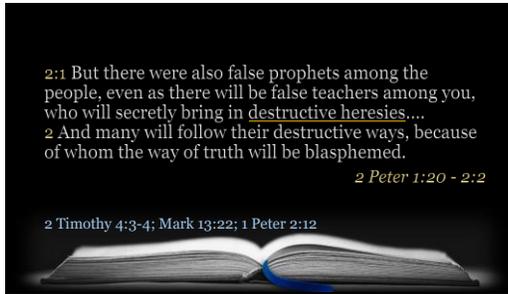


Peter says so much here... ending chapter 2... and starting chapter 3...

1. Scripture is not “of any private interpretation” ...”holy men” moved by... the “Holy Spirit”... spoke and wrote.

But... Peter warns...

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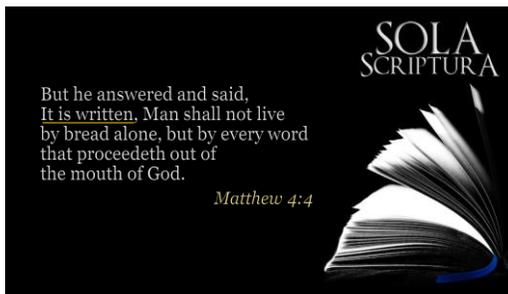
2. False prophets... and false teacher... will arise.

3. Many will follow the false teachings

4. Because of the destructive heresies... the truth will be... blasphemed... In other words... mocked and derided by non-believers.

Likewise... indeed foremost... Jesus' appeal was always to... Sola Scriptura:

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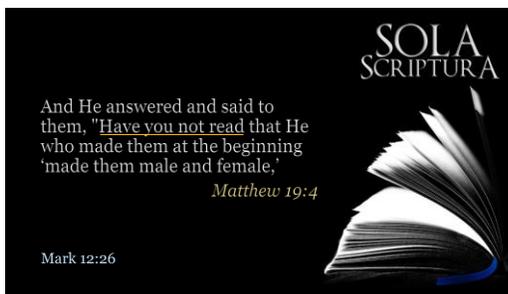
1. When dealing with the devil

As we pointed out last time... this was Jesus' ... life principle and

The second was... Not my will... but Thy will... be done

2. When dealing with the Jewish leaders... Jesus said

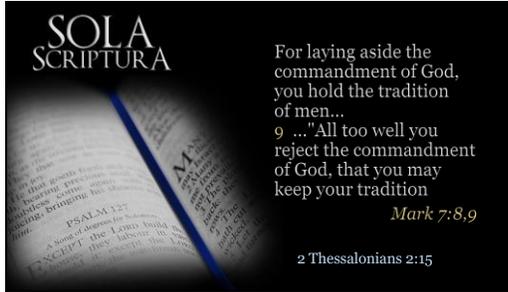
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When teaching the people... When making His own decisions... Jesus' always appealed to... It is written... Sola Scriptura

And so should we... it is the only way... we can know God's will... and His way... by the consistent... inerrant Word of God

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However Jesus says in Mark 7:13 "making the word of God **of no effect** through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

By their tradition... some invented... some adopted... they effectively

1. Laid aside God commandments
2. Rejected His commandment... that they might keep... their traditions... and
3. Thus made God's word of none effect

Church Traditions... i.e. Teachings and... subsequent Practices... can fall into 2 categories:

First off... let's state this... all traditions are... not bad -

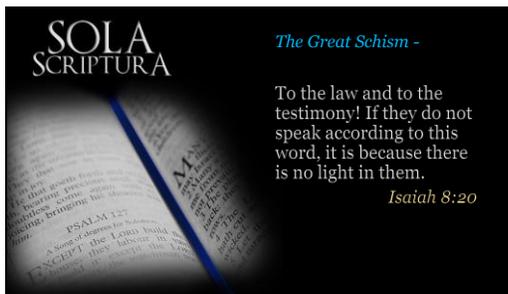
"Therefore, brethren, **stand fast and hold the traditions** which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle." (2 Thes 2:15)

1. Biblical... specifically enjoyed by scripture... like Baptism... Communion... Foot washing
2. Extra-biblical... passed down as a church custom... say like Christmas... these likewise fall into two categories:

- a. Anti-scriptural – those that run... contrary to or inhibit... clearly outline biblical... doctrine and/or Principles
- b. Benign or Neutral – where there is no apparent... deviation or conflict with... Biblical doctrine or Principles... i.e. the order of... the Church Service... Quarterly celebration of Communion vs weekly or annually

So what was the schism over... in the 1500's?

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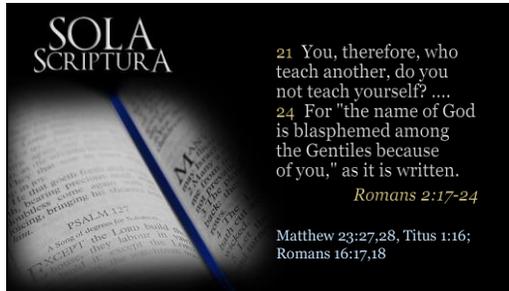
If extra-biblical... i.e. traditions... were they then... Neutral or... Anti-scriptural
 The call for reform... was based on the fact... that many "traditions"... and teachings... such as: Papal Primacy... Indulgences... Infant Baptism...

The Great Schism... of the reformation stood... on this idea:

Were the teachings and practices... of the Catholic church... Biblical or... Extra-biblical?

Were discovered to be... Anti-Biblical...
 The Reformers wanted reform... not Excommunication... they wanted to... make the professed... church of God... God's bride indeed
 Instead they like... the Catholic Church Hierarchy... of Paul's day:

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They say... Power corrupts... and that is... what had happened

When faced with the... It is written... The church... like the Jewish leaders... 1500 years before... Failed to teach themselves

Ultimately... the Reformation divide... would take place on... the stances of:

Protestants - claiming the Infallibility of... and doctrinal necessity of... Sola Scriptura

Catholics - the infallibility of the church... and its primacy and prerogative... to establish tradition and doctrine

Thus the powerful Catholic church... would assert Ecclesiastical authority...

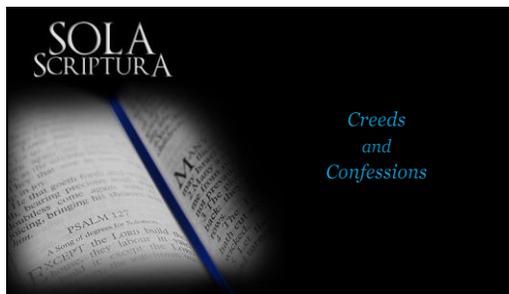
utilize the power of the state... and excommunicate the heretics... who called for biblical reform

Luther and other's would say... Here I stand... on Sola Scriptura

Did Luther have all the light?

No... for God was yet to shed more... calling men from darkness... in knowledge and practice

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It would be great... to say that the Reformers... learned from their... mistreatment by the Mother church

Unfortunately too often... the persecuted... maligned... and excommunicated... Protestants... practiced the same thing

Luther and Zwingli... would set up... church states... England and would follow suit

Those who... called the Reformers... to reform... like the Ani-Baptist...

Would be likewise mistreated... for the next 200 years nearly... they were banished... and sometimes killed as... enemies of peace... the church... and the state

Statements of faith... Creeds were written and... citizens and members... were expected to make Confessions... or be threatened... with expulsion... or even death.

God does not... Force Submission or... Coerce the Conscience... and neither should... neither will... His church

One problem... with the Creeds and Confessions

Was that they... were not all encompassing... why?

Truths were yet... to be discovered from scripture... as God shed more light... into the darkness

The Reformers... however like the Catholics and Jews before them.... clung to traditions...

Like the Mass... Transubstantiation... Infant baptism... adoration of Mary and the saints... and

Refused the very.... standard of reform... they themselves had called for... Sola scriptura

The Creeds and Confessions... were often... used as tools... to enforce group compliance... or as tools for expulsion... or excuses for worse

However... Let's establish this point:

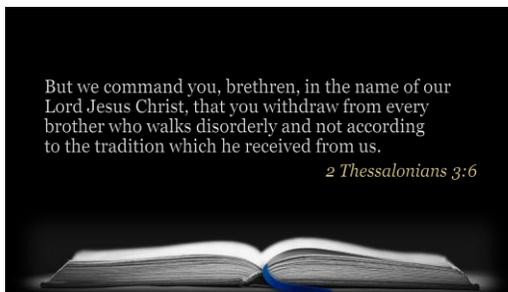
There is nothing wrong... with doctrinal beliefs... or statements of faith... as far as they go

Neither is there... error in a common confession... of a people

Neither is there... anything wrong with teaching such... or the anticipation... of commonality in belief

Look at what Paul counselled:

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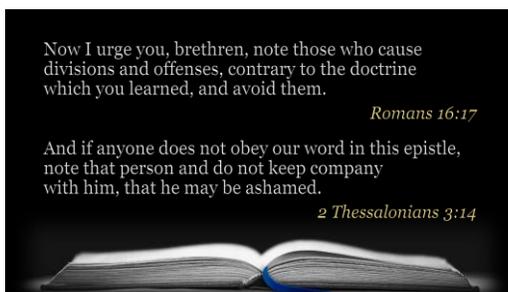


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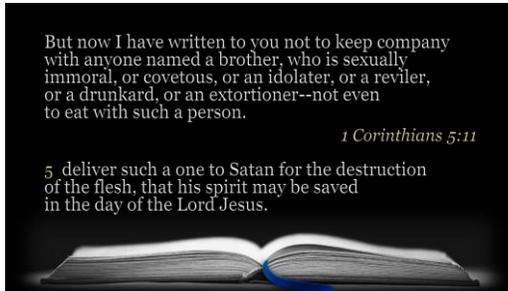
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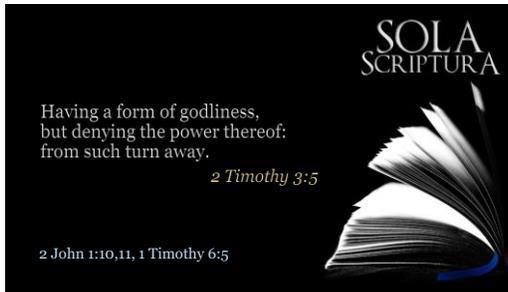
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Indeed Paul warned there would be those who would arise in our own company:

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How would one identify such forms... such denials... to know to turn away

By the law... and by the testimony... Sole Scriptura... It is written

The problem is not... Confessions or Compliances... the problem is often this:

1. An unwillingness... of one side... or the other... to Concede to... "Thus Sayeth the Lord"

2. A willingness... or even an intentionality... to cause contentions and division

3. Or a willingness to... persecute and even... destroy the other... not for repentance sake

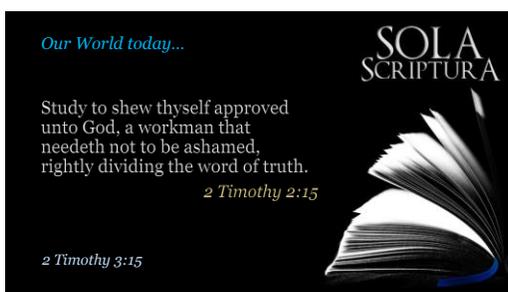
Clearly... from Paul's council... it is sometimes... necessary and indeed prudent... to separate ourselves... from those who:

1. Walk disorderly
2. Cause divisions and offenses
3. Do not obey the word
4. Who calls themselves a Christian... but lives immorally...

For self-safety... and for the safety... of the flock

However... we must always ensure... we are on the side of... It is written... Sola Scriptura... Here I Stand

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What of... Our world today... what of the church

Have we arrived?

Do we understand... believe... follow... all that was discovered... by the reformers... as true or erroneous?

Is there nothing... new to be discovered?

Have we cast off... all the Anti-Biblical Traditions... of the past?

Are we comfortable... confident... smug?

Are we... are you... taking Paul's council to Timothy

How did modern Christianity... come the place... of Backward-Reform... in the guise of Unity?

What doctrines... what practices... what adherence to tradition... has the Catholic Church changed... in the last 500 years?

None!

How did we get here? ...Christians have left off... the study of scripture

This study... took us out of the grip... of church control... and supersites rites

This study... led to the progression of truth discovery... and sacrificial Reform

- Scripture vs. Magisterium as infallible
- Salvation by Faith and Grace alone
- Consensual Baptism by emersion
- Rebirth of the churches mission to spread the gospel to the world
- The renewed anticipation... of the 2nd Coming of Christ... and the understanding of related prophecies
- The return to biblical Sabbath observance...
- The biblical teaching on Hell and the State of the dead... verses the pagan mythology... adoption of immortality of the soul

The Reformation is over... it may well be true... for most of Christianity... but

What about you?

Could you... would you stand like Luther... saying:

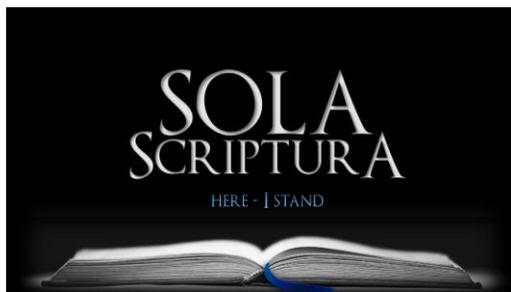
"I cannot and will not recant anything, for to act against our conscience is neither safe for us, nor open to us."

Concerning your faith... in Christ and His atoning sacrifice
Concerning any... of our fundamentals

Could you... would you say... "Here I Stand... I can do no other... God help me"?

Sola Scriptura... It is written... should be our... Firm Foundation

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"Now I would ask a strange question," said Latimer. "Who is the most diligent bishop and prelate in all England? ... I see you listening and hearkening that I should name him.... I will tell you; it is the devil..." "He is never out of his diocese; call for him when you will, he is ever at home; ... he is ever at his plow...."

The Great Controversy,
p. 248



"...Ye shall never find him idle, I warrant you.... Where the devil is resident, ... there away with books, and up with candles; away with Bibles, and up with beads; away with the light of the gospel, and up with the light of candles, yea, at noonday; ... down with Christ's cross, up with purgatory pickpurse;..."

The Great Controversy,
p. 248



"...away with clothing the naked, the poor, and impotent, up with decking of images and gay garnishing of stocks and stones; up with man's traditions and his laws, down with God's traditions and His most holy word.... O that our prelates would be as diligent to sow the corn of good doctrine, as Satan is to sow cockle and darnel!"
—*Ibid.*, "Sermon of the Plough."

The Great Controversy,
p. 248



"The wide diversity of belief in the Protestant churches is regarded by many as decisive proof that no effort to secure a forced uniformity can ever be made. But there has been for years, in churches of the Protestant faith, a strong and growing sentiment in favor of a union based upon common points of doctrine."

The Great Controversy
p. 444



In the writing of the early church Fathers all 24 books of the Hebrew Bible were accepted as canonical... However the Apocryphal Jewish books were not accepted by the earliest writers of the Christian church... The church Fathers of the later periods, however, make hardly any difference between the Apocryphal and the Old Testament...

SDA Bible Commentary, Vol 1, p. 43



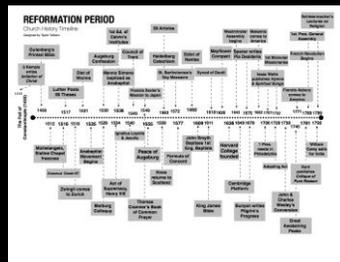
...when the simplicity of the Christian faith was forsaken, men turned to books that supported their non-Biblical stand in regard to certain teachings, and found this partial support in the Jewish Apocryphal books, rejected even by the Jews themselves.

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Since the Reformers sought to remove all practices and teachings which had no Scriptural basis, and the Catholic Church could find no support for some of its doctrines in the Bible, except as the Apocryphal writings were considered part of the Bible, it was forced to recognize them as canonical.
...on April 8, 1546 (*First Council of Trent*)

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