

# *Lesson 70: The Third Person of the Godhead – 1*

**Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

## **I. The Third Person of the Godhead**

1. In lessons 60 and 61 we studied the Godhead. Who are the members of the Godhead?

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The \_\_\_\_\_

2. In what way are they different? (see lesson 61, #13.)

They have different F \_\_\_\_\_.

How are they the same? (see lesson 61, #13.)

They have the same P \_\_\_\_\_.

They have the same L \_\_\_\_\_.

They are U \_\_\_\_\_ in the plan of S \_\_\_\_\_.

3. What is Their Purpose? **Ephesians 3:14-16**

"For this cause I \_\_\_\_\_ my knees unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_, Of whom the whole \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and earth is \_\_\_\_\_,

That he would grant you, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ by his \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ man."

All three members of the Godhead work together to give us the S \_\_\_\_\_ and the power that we need to resist and overcome the attacks of S \_\_\_\_\_.

**? What will be the result of this work? Ephesians 3:17-19**

"That Christ may \_\_\_\_\_ in your hearts by faith; that ye, being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, May be able to \_\_\_\_\_ with all saints what is the \_\_\_\_\_, and length, and \_\_\_\_\_, and height; And to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, which passeth \_\_\_\_\_, that ye might be \_\_\_\_\_ with all the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

⇒ Remember what **1 John 4:8** says? "God is \_\_\_\_\_." So when Christ dwells in our \_\_\_\_\_ and we are filled with all the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, then we are filled with God's \_\_\_\_\_. This is what the purpose of the plan of salvation is. It is to bring us back into harmony with God – to exchange our selfishness for His \_\_\_\_\_.

4. We have carefully studied God, the Father and God, the Son. Now we want to focus on the Holy Spirit – His work in this great plan of salvation. The Holy Spirit is a member of the Godhead.

"The grace of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, and the love of \_\_\_\_\_, and the communion of the \_\_\_\_\_, be with you all. Amen.: **2 Corinthians 13:14.**

**Note:** "We need to realize that the Holy Spirit ... is as much a person as God is a person." FLB 52.2

"The Holy Spirit has a personality, else He could not bear witness to our spirits and with our spirits that we are the children of God. He must also be a divine person, else He could not search out the secrets which lie hidden in the mind of God." FLB 52.3

**Romans 8:16** "The \_\_\_\_\_ itself beareth \_\_\_\_\_ with our spirit, that we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

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**1 Corinthians 2:11** "For what man \_\_\_\_\_ the things of a \_\_\_\_\_, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_ no man, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

5. "The greatness of God is to us incomprehensible. 'The Lord's throne is in \_\_\_\_\_' (**Psalm 11:4**); yet **by His Spirit** He is **everywhere present**. Ed 132.2

**Psalm 139:7-12** "Whither shall I \_\_\_\_\_ from thy \_\_\_\_\_? or whither shall I \_\_\_\_\_ from thy \_\_\_\_\_? If I \_\_\_\_\_ up into heaven, thou art \_\_\_\_\_: if I make my \_\_\_\_\_ in hell, behold, thou art \_\_\_\_\_. If I take the \_\_\_\_\_ of the morning, and dwell in the \_\_\_\_\_ parts of the \_\_\_\_\_; Even \_\_\_\_\_ shall thy hand \_\_\_\_\_ me, and thy right hand shall \_\_\_\_\_ me. If I say, Surely the \_\_\_\_\_ shall cover me; even the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ about me. Yea, the darkness \_\_\_\_\_ from thee; but the night \_\_\_\_\_ as the day: the darkness and the light are both \_\_\_\_\_ to thee."

He has an **intimate knowledge of**, and a **personal interest in**, all the works of His hand. Ed 132.2

**Psalm 139:1-6** "O LORD, thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ me, and \_\_\_\_\_ me. Thou knowest my \_\_\_\_\_ and mine \_\_\_\_\_, thou understandest my \_\_\_\_\_ afar off. Thou compassed my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_ down, and art \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ my ways. For there is not a \_\_\_\_\_ in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou \_\_\_\_\_ it altogether. Thou hast beset me \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and laid thine \_\_\_\_\_ upon me. Such knowledge is too \_\_\_\_\_ for me; it is \_\_\_\_\_, I cannot attain unto it."

**Note:** It was the Maker of all things who **ordained** the wonderful adaptation of means to end, of supply to need. It was He who in the material world **provided** that every desire implanted should be met.

It was He who **created the human soul**, with its capacity for **knowing** and for **loving**.

And He is **not** in Himself such as to leave the demands of the soul unsatisfied.

No intangible principle, **no impersonal essence or mere abstraction**, can **satisfy**

the needs and longings of human beings in this life of struggle with sin and sorrow and pain.

**It is not enough to believe in law and force**, in things that have no pity, and never hear the cry for help.

**We need to know of an almighty arm that will hold us up,**

of an infinite Friend that **pities** us.

We need to **clasp** a hand that is **warm**,

to **trust in a heart full of tenderness**.

**And even so God has in His word revealed Himself.**" Ed 133.1

6. Why do some people get wrong ideas about God and His works? What warning does Paul give to Timothy about these things? **1 Timothy 6:20, 21**

"O Timothy, \_\_\_\_\_ that which is \_\_\_\_\_ to thy trust, \_\_\_\_\_ profane and vain babblings, and \_\_\_\_\_ of science \_\_\_\_\_ so called: Which some professing have \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the \_\_\_\_\_. Grace be with thee. Amen."

**Note:** "Young men talk about **science** and are **wise above that which is written**; they seek to **explain** the **ways** and **work** of God to meet their **finite** comprehension; but it is all a **miserable failure**.

**True science** and Inspiration are in **perfect harmony**.

**False science** is a something **independent of God**. It is **pretentious ignorance**.

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This **deceptive power** has **captivated** and **enslaved** the minds of many, and they have **chosen** darkness rather than light.

They have taken their **position** on the side of **unbelief**, **as though it were a virtue and the sign of a great mind to doubt**,

**when it is the sign of a mind too weak and narrow to perceive God in His created works.**

They **could not fathom the mystery of His providence** should they study with **all** their power for a **lifetime**.

And **because** the works of God **cannot** be explained by **finite** minds,

Satan brings his **sophistry** to bear upon them and **entangles** them in the meshes of **unbelief**.

If these doubting ones will come into **close connection with God**,

He will make His purposes clear to their understanding." 4T 584.2

⇒ Instead of D\_\_\_\_\_ God and thinking we can comprehend the mysteries of the works of God by our own wisdom, we should come C\_\_\_\_\_ to God and learn from **Him**.

7. What is our Source of a true knowledge of God? **1 Corinthians 2:13,14**

"Which things also we speak, \_\_\_\_\_ in the words which \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom teacheth, but which the \_\_\_\_\_ teacheth; comparing \_\_\_\_\_ things with spiritual.

But the \_\_\_\_\_ man receiveth \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: for they are \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_: neither \_\_\_\_\_ he know them, because they are \_\_\_\_\_ discerned."

⇒ The \_\_\_\_\_ will teach us how the evidences found in nature and the Word of God are in perfect H\_\_\_\_\_.

**Note: "Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. The carnal mind cannot comprehend these mysteries.** If questioners and doubters continue to follow the **great deceiver**, the impressions and convictions of **God's Spirit** will grow **less and less**, the promptings of **Satan** more frequent, **until the mind will fully submit to his control**. Then that which appears to these bewildered minds as foolishness will be the power of God, **and that which God regards as foolishness will be to them the strength of wisdom.**" 4T 585.1

"One of the great evils which has attended the quest of knowledge, the investigations of science, is that those who engage in these researches too often lose sight of the divine character of pure and unadulterated religion. **The worldly-wise have attempted to explain upon scientific principles the influence of the Spirit of God upon the heart. The least advance in this direction will lead the soul into the mazes of skepticism. The religion of the Bible is simply the mystery of godliness; no human mind can fully understand it, and it is utterly incomprehensible to the unregenerate heart.**" 4T 585.2

8. How does Jesus explain to us the work of the Holy Spirit? **John 3:8**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ bloweth where it listeth, and thou \_\_\_\_\_ the sound thereof, but canst \_\_\_\_\_ tell \_\_\_\_\_ it cometh, and \_\_\_\_\_ it goeth: \_\_\_\_\_ is every one that is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."

⇒ Even though we cannot understand all about the W\_\_\_\_\_, we still experience its power. In the same way, we can't understand all about the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_, but we can experience His P\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

**Note: "The Son of God compared the operations of the Holy Spirit to the wind, which 'bloweth**

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where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth.' Again, we read in the Sacred Record that the world's Redeemer rejoiced in spirit and said: 'I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.' " 4T 585.3

"The Saviour rejoiced that the **plan of salvation** is such that those who are wise in their own estimation, who are puffed up by the teachings of vain philosophy, cannot see the beauty, power, and hidden mystery of the gospel.

But to all those who are of a **humble heart**, who have a **teachable, honest, childlike desire to know and do the will of their heavenly Father**, His word is revealed as the **power of God to their salvation**.

The operation of the Spirit of God is **foolishness** to the **unrenewed** man. 4T 586.1

The apostle Paul says:

**2 Corinthians 4:3,4** "But if our gospel be \_\_\_\_\_, it is hid to them that are \_\_\_\_\_: In whom the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of them which believe \_\_\_\_\_, lest the \_\_\_\_\_ of the glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, who is the image of God, should \_\_\_\_\_ unto them."

### **II. Christ's Promise of the Holy Spirit**

9. When Jesus was about to be crucified, what did He tell His disciples? **John 14:16-18**

"And I will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and he shall \_\_\_\_\_ you another \_\_\_\_\_, that he may \_\_\_\_\_ with you for ever; Even the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; whom the \_\_\_\_\_ cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither \_\_\_\_\_ him: but ye \_\_\_\_\_ him; for he \_\_\_\_\_ with you, and shall be \_\_\_\_\_ you. I will not leave you \_\_\_\_\_: I will \_\_\_\_\_ to you."

**Note:** "Before offering Himself as the sacrificial victim, **Christ sought for the most essential and complete gift to bestow upon His followers**, a gift that would bring within their reach the boundless resources of grace. 'I will pray the Father,' He said, 'and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you orphans: I will come to you.' John 14:16-18, margin." DA 668.5

"Before this the Spirit had been in the world; from the very beginning of the work of redemption He had been moving upon men's hearts. But while Christ was on earth, the disciples had desired no other helper. Not until they were deprived of His presence would they feel their need of the Spirit, and then He would come." DA 669.1

"**The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative**, but divested of the personality of humanity, and independent thereof. Cumbered with humanity, Christ could not be in every place personally. Therefore it was for their interest that He should go to the Father, and **send the Spirit to be His successor on earth**. No one could then have any advantage because of his location or his personal contact with Christ. **By the Spirit the Saviour would be accessible to all**. In this sense He would be nearer to them than if He had not ascended on high." DA 669.2

10. Jesus had promised: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

John 14:\_\_\_\_\_.

**?** How did He further explain this to His disciples? **John 14:21**

"He that hath my \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them, he it is that \_\_\_\_\_ me: and

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he that loveth me \_\_\_\_\_ be loved of my \_\_\_\_\_, and I will love him, and will \_\_\_\_\_ myself to him."

? What is Christ's assurance to those who suffer death for His sake? **Revelation 1:18**

"I am he that \_\_\_\_\_, and was \_\_\_\_\_; and, behold, I am alive for \_\_\_\_\_, Amen; and have the \_\_\_\_\_ of hell and of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Revelation 2:10** "Fear \_\_\_\_\_ of those things which thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_: behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall cast some of you into \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may be \_\_\_\_\_; and ye shall have \_\_\_\_\_ ten days: be thou \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ thee a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** " 'He that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.' Jesus read the future of His disciples. He saw one brought to the scaffold, one to the cross, one to exile among the lonely rocks of the sea, others to persecution and death. **He encouraged them with the promise that in every trial He would be with them.** That promise has lost none of its force. The Lord knows all about His faithful servants who for His sake are lying in prison or who are banished to lonely islands. **He comforts them with His own presence.** When for the truth's sake the believer stands at the bar of unrighteous tribunals, **Christ stands by his side.** All the reproaches that fall upon him, fall upon Christ. Christ is condemned over again in the person of His disciple. **When one is incarcerated in prison walls, Christ ravishes the heart with His love.** When one suffers death for His sake, Christ says, ' am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, ... and have the keys of hell and of death.' Revelation 1:18. **The life that is sacrificed for Me is preserved unto eternal glory.**"

DA 669.3

"At all times and in all places, in all sorrows and in all afflictions, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone, the Comforter will be sent in answer to the prayer of faith. Circumstances may separate us from every earthly friend; but **no circumstance, no distance, can separate us from the heavenly Comforter. Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always at our right hand to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer.**" DA 669.4

11. "The disciples still failed to understand Christ's words in their spiritual sense, and again He explained His meaning. **By the Spirit, He said, He would manifest Himself to them.**"

DA 670.1

? What did Jesus tell them that the Holy Spirit would do? **John 14:26**

"But the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the \_\_\_\_\_, whom the \_\_\_\_\_ will send in \_\_\_\_\_ name, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ you all things, and \_\_\_\_\_ all things to your \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever I have \_\_\_\_\_ unto you."

**Ephesians 3:16-19** "That he would \_\_\_\_\_ you, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his glory, to be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ by his \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ man; That Christ may \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ by faith; that ye, being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, May be able to \_\_\_\_\_ with all saints what is the breadth, and \_\_\_\_\_, and depth, and height; And to \_\_\_\_\_ the love of Christ, which \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, that ye might be \_\_\_\_\_ with all the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "No more will you say, I cannot comprehend. No longer will you see through a glass, darkly. You shall 'be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

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and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.' Ephesians 3:18, 19." DA 670.1

**"The disciples were to bear witness to the life and work of Christ.** Through their word He was to speak to all the people on the face of the earth. But in the humiliation and death of Christ they were to suffer great trial and disappointment. **That after this experience their word might be accurate, Jesus promised that the Comforter should 'bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.'**" DA 670.2

12. What would be the work of the Holy Spirit? **John 16:12-13**

"I have yet \_\_\_\_\_ things to \_\_\_\_\_ unto you, but ye cannot \_\_\_\_\_ them now. Howbeit when he, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, is come, he will \_\_\_\_\_ you into all truth: for he shall \_\_\_\_\_ speak of \_\_\_\_\_; but whatsoever he shall \_\_\_\_\_, that shall he \_\_\_\_\_: and he will \_\_\_\_\_ you things to \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Jesus had opened before His disciples a **vast tract of truth**. But it was most difficult for them to keep His lessons distinct from the traditions and maxims of the scribes and Pharisees. They had been **educated** to accept the teaching of the rabbis as the voice of God, and **it still held a power over their minds, and molded their sentiments.** Earthly ideas, temporal things, still had a **large place** in their thoughts. They did not understand the **spiritual nature** of Christ's kingdom, though He had so often explained it to them. **Their minds had become confused.** They did not comprehend the **value** of the scriptures Christ presented. **Many of His lessons seemed almost lost upon them.** Jesus saw that they **did not lay hold of the real meaning of His words.** He compassionately promised that the Holy Spirit should recall these sayings to their minds. And He had left unsaid many things that could not be comprehended by the disciples. These also would be opened to them by the Spirit. The Spirit was to quicken their **understanding**, that they might have an **appreciation** of heavenly things. 'When He, the Spirit of truth, is come,' said Jesus, 'He will guide you into all truth.'" DA 670.3

**"The Comforter is called 'the Spirit of truth'. His work is to define and maintain the truth. He first dwells in the heart as the Spirit of truth, and thus He becomes the Comforter. There is comfort and peace in the truth, but no real peace or comfort can be found in falsehood. It is through false theories and traditions that Satan gains his power over the mind. By directing men to false standards, he misshapes the character. **Through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind, and impresses truth upon the heart.** Thus He exposes error, and expels it from the soul. **It is by the Spirit of truth, working through the word of God, that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself.**"** DA 671.1

13. How would the Holy Spirit relate to Christ? **John 16:14** "He shall \_\_\_\_\_ me: for he shall \_\_\_\_\_ of mine, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ it unto you."

**Note:** "In describing to His disciples the office work of the Holy Spirit, **Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart.** He rejoiced because of the **abundant help** He had provided for His church. **The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people.** The Spirit was to be given as a **regenerating agent**, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of **no avail**. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. **Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power.**

**It is the Spirit** that makes **effectual** what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer.

**It is by the Spirit** that the heart is made pure.

**Through the Spirit** the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature.

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Christ has given His Spirit as a **divine power**

to **overcome** all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil,  
and to **impress** His own **character** upon His church." DA 671.2

"Of the Spirit Jesus said, 'He shall glorify Me.' **The Saviour came to glorify the Father** by the demonstration of His love; **so the Spirit was to glorify Christ** by revealing His grace to the world. The very **image of God** is to be reproduced in humanity. **The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people.**" DA 671.3

14. How would the Holy Spirit relate to the people? **John 16:8-11** And when he is come, he will \_\_\_\_\_ the world of \_\_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_\_:

Of \_\_\_\_\_, because they believe \_\_\_\_\_ on me;

Of \_\_\_\_\_, because I \_\_\_\_\_ to my Father, and ye \_\_\_\_\_ me no more;

Of \_\_\_\_\_, because the prince of this world is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Note:** " 'When He [the Spirit of truth] is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.' **The preaching of the word will be of no avail without the continual presence and aid of the Holy Spirit.** This is the only effectual teacher of divine truth. **Only when the truth is accompanied to the heart by the Spirit will it quicken the conscience or transform the life.** One might be able to present the letter of the word of God, he might be familiar with all its commands and promises; but **unless the Holy Spirit sets home the truth, no souls will fall on the Rock and be broken.** No amount of education, no advantages, however great, can make one a channel of light without the co-operation of the Spirit of God. The sowing of the gospel seed will not be a success unless the seed is quickened into life by the dew of heaven. Before one book of the New Testament was written, before one gospel sermon had been preached after Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon the praying apostles. Then the testimony of their enemies was, 'Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine.' Acts 5:28." DA 671.4

15. How can we receive the benefit of the Holy Spirit?

**Romans 8:13,14** "For if ye \_\_\_\_\_ after the \_\_\_\_\_, ye shall \_\_\_\_\_: but if ye \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body, ye shall \_\_\_\_\_. For as many as are \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, they are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

**Philippians 2:12,13** "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always \_\_\_\_\_, not as in my \_\_\_\_\_ only, but now much more in my \_\_\_\_\_, work \_\_\_\_\_ your own \_\_\_\_\_ with fear and trembling. For it is \_\_\_\_\_ which worketh \_\_\_\_\_ you both to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ good \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note:** "Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on **conditions**. There are many who believe and profess to claim the Lord's promise; they talk about Christ and about the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit. **They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by the divine agencies.** We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us. **Through the Spirit God works in His people** 'to will and to do of His good pleasure.' Philippians 2:13. But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift. **Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given.** The power of God awaits their demand and reception. This promised blessing, claimed by faith, brings all other blessings in its train. It is given according to the riches of the grace of Christ, and **He is ready to supply every soul according to the capacity to receive.**" DA 672.1

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