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When Two Become One

I was privileged recently to perform the wedding of my eldest son. As I gathered my thoughts together in preparation, it served to remind me of the wonderful purpose God has for every marriage. As a divine institution given by God to the human race, its real purpose and blessing can only be realised through living out the Biblical principles attached to it.

To understand more clearly God's intention in this relationship, we need to go back to the record in Genesis. There we may find three primary reasons for marriage.

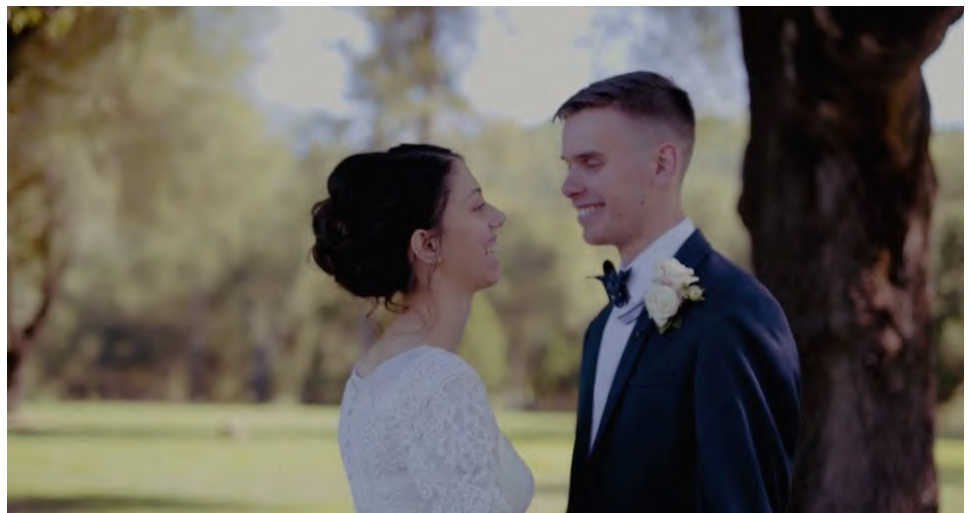
The first is companionship. The record says, God saw that it was "not good for the man to be alone". Adam needed a companion, some-

one who would not control him as the head, nor be trampled under his feet as an inferior, but who would stand by his side as an equal, to be loved and protected by him.

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So in his infinite love and wisdom, God took a rib from the side of Adam and created Eve. In no more beautiful way could He have signified the wife's place. Eve was not just a companion and help for Adam, but in a very real sense, she



was a part of him, an enclosure for his heart. Whether in prosperity or adversity, this companionship is to be lifelong.

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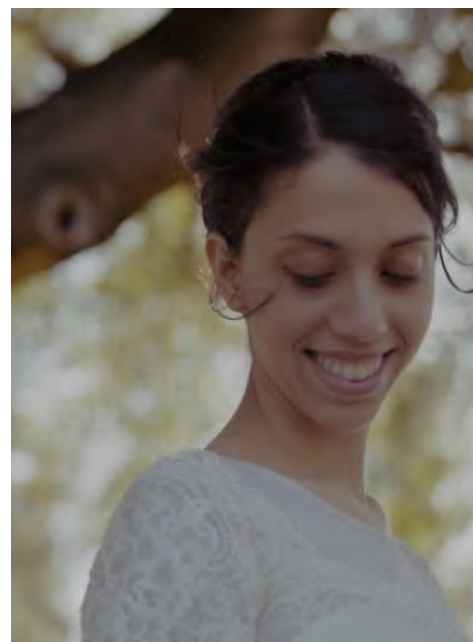
That first pair was the most beautiful and noble of God’s creation, a perfect reflection of His image.

The second reason for marriage was to provide for the expression of the natural instincts and affections, implanted by God, that they might be sanctified and directed in the right channel. Those who are called of

purity, holiness and happiness of the family in heaven.

I’m sure back then when our Creator brought the first woman to the first man, the hearts of all no doubt thrilled with joy. That first pair was the most beautiful and noble of God’s creation, a perfect reflection

“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife and they two shall be one flesh.” That two lives become one can only be realised as both surrender to the purpose of marriage as God ordained it. It is possible in the modern controversies surround-



God to enter into holy wedlock are to continue in that estate with mutual love and pureness of living.

And the third reason for marriage is not only to provide for the peopling the earth and the perpetuating of the race, but to promote social order and human happiness, and, through well-ordered families, to transmit truth, purity, and holiness from age to age. It is God’s purpose for every family to be a representation of the

of His image. Though sin has since marred the beauty of this divine institution, with many failing to experience the joy God intended for every marriage, the Lord’s undiminished blessing is still upon it. Entered into according to His plan, you can be assured that the purest joys of your home and life will be found in this relationship.

When God performed the first marriage, He made a simple declaration, yet full of deep meaning.

ing state-sanctioned marriage that we can sometimes lose sight of this purpose. The importance of understanding and upholding marriage as God designed it, is reflected in the words of inspired counsel. Regarding the blessed days of Eden, when God declared all things “very good”, the Lord’s messenger writes:

“Then marriage and the Sabbath had their origin, twin institutions for the glory of God in the benefit of humanity. Then, as the Creator joined the hands of the holy pair in wedlock, saying, A man shall ‘leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one,’ He enunciated the law of marriage for all the children of Adam to the close of time. That which the eternal Father Himself had pronounced good was the law of highest blessing and development for man.” *Thought from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 63.

As this institution is under attack especially in these last days, let us take to heart our work as true restorers. Realising that it is the purpose of the gospel to restore the purity and beauty of marriage, I encourage you to make it your purpose, through the power of Christ, to uphold and live the purpose of marriage as God intended. One man. One woman. United for life.

~ Paul Chapman.

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:25-27



NSW Camp 9-12 June 2017

The New South Wales Camp 2017 was held at Elim Heights on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June.

The theme “Changed Into His Image” focused on the wonderful work of grace in changing the hearts of

all who will submit to Jesus' work within. A variety of presentations explored different aspects of this precious truth.

Children and youth enjoyed programs tailored to their needs as well. One particular highlight was a project to raise money for the NSW Youth, where several paintings were made by the youth and then auc-



tioned. This project was a lot of fun from start to finish!

The weather turned wet and cold, but we did get some sunshine in the end. A bonfire was very welcome considering the weather. Food was plentiful and yummy as always.

If you missed the camp or would like to listen to the messages again, they were all recorded and may be ordered through the RLPA (info@rlpa.org.au).

~ Nathan Tyler



Baby Announcement

Congratulations to Jessica and Timothy Wiseman on the birth of their first born, a dear little boy, Jack Edward. The parents are full of praise to God for his safe arrival.

“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.” Psalms 139:13, 14.



Condolences

We would like to extend our Condolences to the family of our dear Sister Dina Freund-Petranović.

Sister Dina was a church member of the Slavic Church in Schofields, NSW. During the last few years, she had been suffering from dementia and was being cared for at a nursing home. Dina fell asleep in Jesus on Friday, 12th May 2017. May God comfort and strengthen her family while they mourn the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother.



The funeral took place on Wednesday, 17th May at the Riverstone Cemetery. Sister Dina's children chose to only have a graveside service and this was taken by Brother Joe Voncina in two languages, English and Slavic. Family and friends came from different walks of life to pay their last respects to our beloved sister. We hope to meet our dear Sister Dina once again at Jesus' feet.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4.

Memories by Mira Ilic:

"In fertile Slavonia, on the 20th August 1935 Dina Freund Petranovic was born. Her parents Mate and Ljuba were devoted Christians, baptised in the Reform Movement in 1928. They lived in Novoj Gradiški with their three children, Mira, Dina and Josip who were all brought up in the faith. They were a very hospitable family, always welcoming travellers and visitors. Their home was also used as a church meeting place and many times even for conferences. Brother Mate was a Bible Worker, and he frequently travelled to visit church members in different places. As there was no available transport like today, most of his visitations were made on foot, walking. Everyone who visited their home and those that received their visits were happy and especially glad to hear the words of salvation. Even though they went through many hardships and difficulties, they patiently bore it all and glorified their Lord. That's how our dear Sr Dina learned to patiently work in the home, in the garden, with the domestic animals, sowing, knitting and massaging; all this she learned from her mother Ljuba.

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Nobody had to remind her if there was something that had to be done.

Dina was baptised quite young in 1948. She was a good example in the home and out in public, never running away from work. Nobody had to remind her if there was some-

thing that had to be done. She would be quick to see it and do it.

Dina married Paul Freund with whom she had two children, Liliana and Joseph. Being a good mother, she was careful to bring them up to be ready for their future lives. Dina came to Australia in 1969, and even though she returned in 1978, Australia became her final home from 1998 onwards.

Life passed quickly, and in a very short time Liliana and Joseph were left without their father and mother. Their mother had sincerely prayed for her children while she was able to do so; she had prayed for them to be honest, not to forget Jesus or one another and to care for their families.

Liliana married Tony Frances, and the Lord blessed them, like Dina, with two children: a daughter, Alissa and a son, Jad.

May the good Lord bless them and keep them faithful, so that one day they can meet their loved ones once again in the kingdom of God."

~ Lidia Voncina

Remembering our Dear Brother Emil Brus

Born on January 8, 1930 in Spanovica, a small town in central Croatia, Emil Brus would grow to display a fire for Christ that would rage throughout his life, igniting all who came in contact with him. However, the sparks for this fire were first lit in 1926, before Emil was even born.

After World War I, Europe was ready for rebirth. Emil's father and uncle, Jakob and Stanco, started a logging business that boomed in the post-

war economy, eventually employing 400 workers. During this time, Jakob married Terezia Voncina, who would eventually become the spark to ignite a flame in the then-Catholic Brus family. Raised with staunch Catholic beliefs, Terezia's life took a different turn when a neighbour gifted her a Bible. Upon reading it for herself, Terezia found many Catholic beliefs to be in conflict with the Bible and took the matter up with the priest. Receiving unsatisfactory answers, she realised that her hope lay not in the Pope of Rome, but in the God of Heaven. The flames of her conviction spread to the rest of the family and were further fanned when several Seventh Day Adventist colporteurs passed through town. They introduced her to the seventh-day Sabbath, which she observed faithfully from that point on. Another group stopped by two years later, introducing her to the Seventh Day Adventist Reform church. By 1929, Terezia had brought 40 members of the Brus family to God. The influence upon her family was evident when, years later, a family friend confided in Emil that his father, Jakob, had been responsible for his conversion. From this environment, came Emil's passion for ministry.

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Although his family had converted to Adventism by the time of his birth, the community was still steeped in

Catholic tradition. At the time, the law of the land dictated that all newborns were to be baptised into the Catholic Church. Most importantly, a Catholic baptism was the only way to receive a birth certificate. As Jakob and Terezia were no longer part of the Catholic Church, they had no way to register Emil.

Officially non-existent, the school officials raised more than a few eyebrows when Terezia attempted to register him for classes in 1936. After hearing the explanation behind Emil's missing records, the city



officials arranged for him to have a Catholic baptism. Before baptising him, the priest asked several questions. “Do you believe in God and Jesus Christ?” Emil answered, “Yes.” “Do you believe in the Holy Roman Catholic Church?” He answered, “No.” The priest replied, “I cannot baptise this boy!” Emil had to wait ten more years before officially entering the land of the living.

In 1946 Emil was inspired to be baptised into the Seventh-day Adventist Reform church. This time, his baptism was completed, and driven not by the need for a birth certificate, but a true encounter with God. One night while sitting at the kitchen table, Emil cried out to the Lord with all his

heart. In the stillness of the night, Jesus revealed Himself. His baptism served to seal this covenant and begin a lifetime commitment to church life and missionary work. Early on, he participated in youth work, later going on to organise youth groups and even preach. At the age of 22, Emil met Helen Kirchner, a beautiful, caring, Christian woman who would one day become his lifelong partner. On November 29, 1955, they were married.

On February 9, 1957, their first child, Mario, was born. Concerned for his family under the communist regime in Yugoslavia, Emil worked tirelessly to bring his family to Austria. Finally, his wife Helen and one of her sisters, Juliana, along with the 3-month-old Mario escaped to Austria. Still uneasy about their situation, Emil applied for visas to America. Unable to get them, he applied for residency in Australia. After many months, the Australian authorities granted them visas. By the time they finally set sail, Helen was pregnant with their second child. William was born on June 10, 1958, just three months after arriving in Australia. Their third and final child, Heather, was born on May 26, 1961. They lived in Australia for 8 years. Not speaking a hint of English at their arrival, the couple pressed on through the language and cultural barriers, finding work and taking classes to learn the language. With the doors of communication opening, Emil was able to participate in church life more fully. He became a missionary leader for the Field Conference and was involved in various Union and Field projects. Helen participated in the Church Health Department.

In 1966, Emil took up his missionary calling in the United States, helping

organise a new church. Moving to Los Angeles at the urging and sponsorship of Helen's sister Paula, the family immediately came in contact with a new group of believers, eventually leading to their acquaintance with the Burec family.

They moved again in 1967 to Sacramento, California. Church life was again central to their activities. It was not uncommon for the family to go door-to-door, distributing literature and books to communities, working to spread the good news of the Gospel.

One of Emil's largest projects came in 1969, when he was asked to work on building the Sacramento Church. In order to get the project moving, Emil needed to raise \$20,000. Rather than backing down from such an ambitious assignment, he dove headfirst into it, aggressively soliciting church members for donations. By 1971, the funds were raised and by the end of 1972 the building was completed. Although he pastored the church beginning in 1970, he was not ordained to be a minister of the Gospel until 1981, by Brother Devai.

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His building projects did not end there, as in 1974, the council members of the North American Field Office, along with the General Confer-

ence representatives, asked him to begin a Missionary School in Moriah Heights. Emil became one of the religion teachers at the school, building on a love of teaching that he had developed as a young adult in Yugoslavia. As part of the curriculum, students were taken on field trips, including a cross-country journey with stops at the Ford Motor Company in Detroit and Ellen White's gravesite in Battle Creek, Michigan. His thorough planning included ideas for expanding the mission work to the California Bay Area with the help of the Karn family.

On one of his mission trips, he found a multicultural group in Denver, Colorado without a church family. To provide a community for the Denver Adventist Reformers, he sent out a call for two families to move there. The Baer and Kramer families responded and packed for Colorado.

To add to his list of accomplishments, Emil was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer of the General Conference in 1975, but he declined the position due to health concerns. Then, in 1979, he became the Treasurer of the Sacramento Church and Vice President of the local Field. In 1984 he was placed in charge of the Moriah Heights Hope Foundation and the local church. While living in Shingle Springs, California, he organized a small church group.

Throughout his life, Emil packed in more ministry and caretaking than many people could accomplish in several lifetimes. When, in 1986, the Church Conference asked Emil to do mission work in Portland, Oregon, he happily accepted the call. He worked long hours and traveled extensively along the entirety of the West Coast, until illness several

years later forced him to slow down. Counting it a miracle that he survived, Emil retired in 1995, at the age of 65. His work in Oregon resulted in the baptisms of many souls for the Lord. In 2000, he moved to Idaho Falls, where he and Helen lived for 14 years.

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His ministry continued in Idaho, as he took on the role of grandparent with the same fervor that defined the rest of his life. Seeking warmer climates, Emil and Helen moved once more, to their home in Medford, Oregon, where Emil continued his ministry as a Christ-like example to many gardeners and plumbers that happened under his employment. One week before he passed away, he became ill, his lungs no longer functioning as they should. Surrounded by his family, he watched David Zic present his last Sabbath message. After closing Sabbath, he peacefully fell asleep.

Even in his hospital room, he continued passing on the flame that surrounded him since birth. The hospital is no doubt bursting with the books and pamphlets given to each person he came in contact with.

He now rests from his labors and waits for the blessed hope of the resurrection when Jesus will take him home where he can meet with his loved ones and live forever.

Emil is survived by his wife Helen Brus, his three children, Mario Micky Brus, William Brus and Heather Clements, and six grandchildren, Olivia Mangeac, Andrew Brus, Ashley Clements, Kristi Clements, Tiffany Brus and Katryna Brus.

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While living in Australia, Brother Emil Brus and his wife Helen were a strong support to the brethren in the early days of the work of the Australasian Union Conference.

We are very sad to hear of our dear brother's passing away and extend our condolences to his family. May God comfort each one during this time of sorrow.

Condolences to Payet Family

Our deep condolences to the Payet family as they grieve the passing of Jacques' father – Hyacinth Payet. Originally from the island of Praslin, Mr. Payet moved with his family to Mahé, the main island of the Seychelles, in the early 1950s and became a well-respected and successful businessman. Mr. Payet was a Seventh Day Adventist, and, together with his family, we have hope they will reunite at the resurrection morning.

~The Editor

*"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."
Psalm 116:15*



A New Baby Boy!

Congratulations to the Polistina Family!

How wonderful it was to hear the announcement that another beautiful boy was born: the second son to Domenic and Nadine Polistina and a little brother to Immanuel.

Our congratulations extend to Nadine, Domenic and their family as they welcomed their new baby "Eleazar" (El-e-a-zar) into this world, on Sabbath morning, the 17th of June.

We pray God will care for the Polistina family and help the boys grow up to be strong, faithful men who will be true reflectors of Jesus, brightening this dark world.

"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:5-7.

~ Lidia Voncina



"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."

Psalm 127:3

Baby Dedication

June 3, 2017

“...Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.” Matthew 19:14, 15.

Johnny and Denise Gules had a desire in their hearts to have their first-born daughter Olivia Denise



dedicated to the Lord. On Sabbath, 3rd June, Br A C Sas invited the parents to bring Olivia forward to the front, and a prayer of dedication was offered.

Then Br Sas extended an invitation to other parents who were present with their young children, to those who would like to recommit their children to the Lord to come forward with their little ones, and another prayer was offered on behalf of all the parents and children who came forward.

The Divine Service then followed. It was entitled “Home, a Safe Haven”, taken by Br. Larry Ah-ching. This can be watched on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3R0hruIV7o&feature=share>



May God help each parent of our little children to instruct them in His ways, and as they are growing up, to inspire them with a desire in their hearts to please Him.

~ Lidia Voncina

Thank God for Guardian Angels!

We are very grateful to God for His protection and care over the family of our dear Brother Ben and Sister Naomi Thiel and their precious little children, Heidi, Emmett and Amalia. “The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.” Psalms 34:7.

The following is an account from Brother Ben of what happened on

their way to the Queensland Youth Camp on Friday 21st April 2017:

Quote:

“How quickly the tangible can become intangible!

This evening we really want to thank God for His protection. While we are sad to have lost our little caravan with some of our belongings – as a family we are all well and really thankful that no one was hurt and that we managed to unhitch and get the car away from the van in time!

We were all packed up and heading to our church youth camp, just a short drive from where we are currently staying on the Sunshine Coast. As I was driving I looked in the side mirror and noticed a little bit of smoke coming from the back of the caravan. I hurriedly pulled off the road and frantically unhitched the caravan from the car and shifted it away from the caravan. I then raced back and endeavoured to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher and the 20 litre water container on the back of the van. Two more very helpful motorists came with their extinguishers, which helped, but we couldn't get access to the battery area where an electrical problem was causing the fire. I put up the



Winter Outreach 2017 Sunshine Coast

From 24 to 27 June 2017 the annual Winter Outreach was held at the Woombye Church in Queensland. It began with a wonderful day of fellowship on Sabbath with many visitors from Clayfield, Pimpama and

caravan to try and gain access with the extinguisher but by this time the fire was getting stronger and I was suffering from breathing in toxic fumes and smoke. So we just threw out a few things we could lay our hands on in the front of the caravan to rescue them and then helplessly sat back and watched the fire eat up our little house.

Finally, the fire engines, police and ambulance all came... once the caravan had pretty much all burned up, they took charge of the situation. Many thanks to the motorists who helped try and put out the fire, the wonderful older lady who helped comfort our traumatised children while the whole thing happened and the fire department and police. What a start to our Sabbath and youth camp!

Experiences like this really make you realise how frail everything we have around us is, how quickly anything we have can be reduced to nothing. How important to not have our vision on the present here but on the future!"

~ Ben Thiel



Wide Bay areas. Br Ben Thiel took the Divine Service on the topic of the outreach, "Is Happiness Possible?". We were very happy to have Hayden Wiseman as our guest for the Outreach. He shared his experiences in the canvassing work along with Br Ben Thiel and Sr Monica Balarezo during the afternoon meeting.

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There were three teams that went door to door with the canvassing books

The missionary work focused on the local community. There were three teams that went door to door with the canvassing books while the others were letterboxing the Great Controversy flyer. Many wonderful experiences were made and the cookbooks were the key to opening the door and starting the conversation. Wherever possible "Happiness for Life" was left with the household. The canvassing work took place for two days, morning and afternoon, and everyone was glad to take the break for lunch at a local park where



the children could play and the adults relax.

On two nights, an evening meal was prepared and served for all those attending at 5.00 pm, followed by the public meeting on the topic “Is Happiness Possible?” presented by Br Jacob De Souza. Does money or many belongings or the latest media gadget bring happiness? Many statistics had been researched showing the number of people that have been surveyed as happy in many countries. One important finding was that people are happier when they belong to a church family.

The Outreach climaxed with preparation for the Health Lecture and Cooking Class for the public on the Tuesday. Three people had booked

a place and came along. Sr Monica Balarezo gave a powerful lecture on the benefits of being a vegetarian and Sr Elisabeth Balarezo was our bright and interesting MC. It was remarkable talking to the visitors how God had led them to be there. Please pray that these souls will be touched and want to know more about the way God would have them live.

A thousand flyers had been printed and letterboxed for the Public Meetings and the Health Lecture/ Cooking Class, and everyone joined in getting these into the letterboxes.

We were very grateful to have Hayden Wiseman assisting us all the way and using his musical talent, presenting violin solos at the evening meetings and playing a beautiful rendition of “Meditation” during the Cooking Class. The whole outreach was a wonderful, uplifting experience for all those who took part. We believe that God has touched hearts in the community to respond to the home visits.

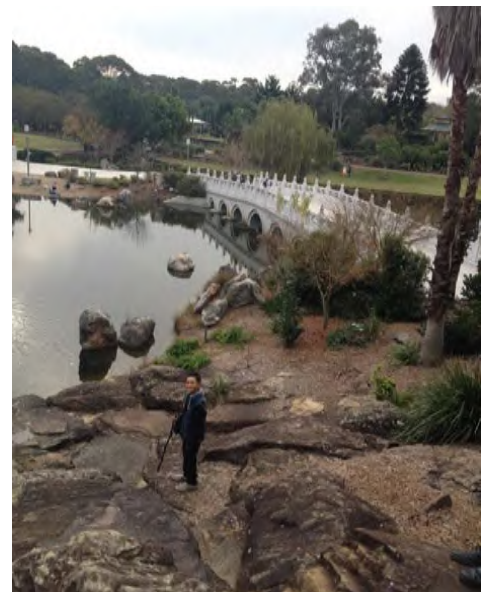
~ Sandra Barnett

Combined Sabbath Afternoon Walk in Nature

On Sabbath, 17th June, Schofields and Wentworthville churches met together at Narraginy Reserve for an afternoon walk in place of the Young People’s Meeting. The weather looked a little precarious all day, but we went in faith, hoping the rain would hold off. We met in the Chinese gardens section of the reserve and spent a couple of hours wandering around the gardens and enjoying a peaceful afternoon in nature. God

was good and kept the rain at bay so we all stayed dry. It was relaxing and not too difficult, so that both young and old were able participate. We look forward to the next one.

~ Vivian Ilic



QLD - Opal Burpengary Gardens Visit

On Sabbath afternoon of 27 May, 2017 Opal Burpengary Gardens Nursing Home received its first visit from the members and youth of Pimpama and Clayfield churches. Sister Ana Bonilla, a faithful member of Clayfield for many years, had recently been relocated to the home to be nearer to her daughter. The Pimpama church made the trip up from the Gold Coast and, joined by members and youth from Clayfield, shared an afternoon of Christian praise in song and music for the residents of the facility. The residents expressed great appreciation for the visit, as did Sister Bonilla's family members. It was lovely to meet with our dear sister who has been unwell for quite some time now. Everyone is looking forward to the next visit.



Questacon Field Youth Outing May, 7th, 2017

Most young Australians cannot escape the overwhelming nostalgia that hits them when entering Questacon, the National Science and Technology Centre. Instantly, memories of the many school science classes and excursions come flooding in. In our case, the youth from the NSW field were excited to spend the day exploring one of Australia's biggest public science centres.

The first step into the exhibition launches you into the void of space and cool dark blue lighting and soothing music. The blue allows the exhibit pieces to stand out, instantly igniting curiosity in the hearts of its wanderers. The exhibition showcases the science behind flight, space travel, and the future of space travel. "Above and Beyond" features five main interactive activities and "Full Throttle" happened to be the one that we all flocked to. This activity allows users to virtually design their own aircraft and test it on a flight simulation game with a control board and a driving plane stick. The exhibition demonstrated how technology has been greatly integrated into our education. The majority of the exhibit was digital, with augmented reality activities, touch screens and computer monitor displays.

It was really exciting to try the many different activities like free-falling down a six-metre slide, freezing your own shadow, experiencing an earthquake or challenging a robot to a game of air hockey. The younger ones enjoyed Mini W as they played, discovered and learnt in an exhibition specifically designed for them.

This provided them with a better understanding of who God is by viewing His creation. Creation-science can explain the evidence we see in the world around us. One of the most interesting things about the Questacon exhibitions is that they cover a range of science topics, from astronomy to zoology and everything in between.



The wildlife exhibits show the amazing variety of species that God created and demonstrate the variety within kind as stated in Genesis 1 during creation week.

One thing that struck me the most was exploring the many aspects of a spider's life; from their unique diet, jaws and venom, to their adaptation, reproduction and growth strategies in different habitats. How do spiders see the world with their various configurations of multiple eyes? Do they see in colour? How does an individual spider produce and use several different types of silk? And why do peacock spiders dance? The answers to these questions will leave any Christian with strengthened faith in our Creator and teach us to depend on the Bible and what it says about the creation of the universe that "In the beginning, God created..." (Genesis 1:1). "Spiders" featured fascinating exhibits and interactive displays, along with 200 spider specimens including live Australian Tarantulas, Funnel-webs, Red-backs and giant Water spiders. Visitors can

get up close to live specimens of some of Australia's infamous spider species while learning how to identify potentially dangerous ones and how to apply first aid to a spider bite. The wildlife exhibits show the amazing variety of species that God created and demonstrate the variety within kind as stated in Genesis 1 during creation week. The exhibit certainly leaves an awe-inspiring look at the creative diversity of God!

Something that we do not realise as adults, is that every element of the Questacon exhibits are designed to inspire. With all the information that surrounded us, it was not hard to see how amazing our world is and that we serve a truly wonderful God. After finally completing all our exploring and discoveries, it was nice to take a relaxing lunch on the grass, with Lake Burley Griffin in view as well as the Parliament House.

~ Written by Daniel Chehade

WA Youth Cook-off

On Saturday 3rd of June, the youth of Guildford Church gathered together for a "cook-off".

All who participated were divided into teams and given various vegan ingredients from which to come up with a dessert, main or entrée dish within one hour.

There was intense action once the hour began, and the kitchen began to look like an overcrowded beehive of activity. The team work was excellent, however, and although many hands made a lot of mess, there was general courtesy and consideration given to each other in the use of an otherwise "too small" kitchen.



The hour was over very quickly, and the teams were able to present their particular dish to the judging team.

It was really a privilege to see the variety and thought and energy that had been put into each dish. They were unique, tasty (although only judges tasted them), and looked great.

The children also had an opportunity to have some fun in the kitchen with some "Elijah Bread" mix. They made little cookies from the mix which

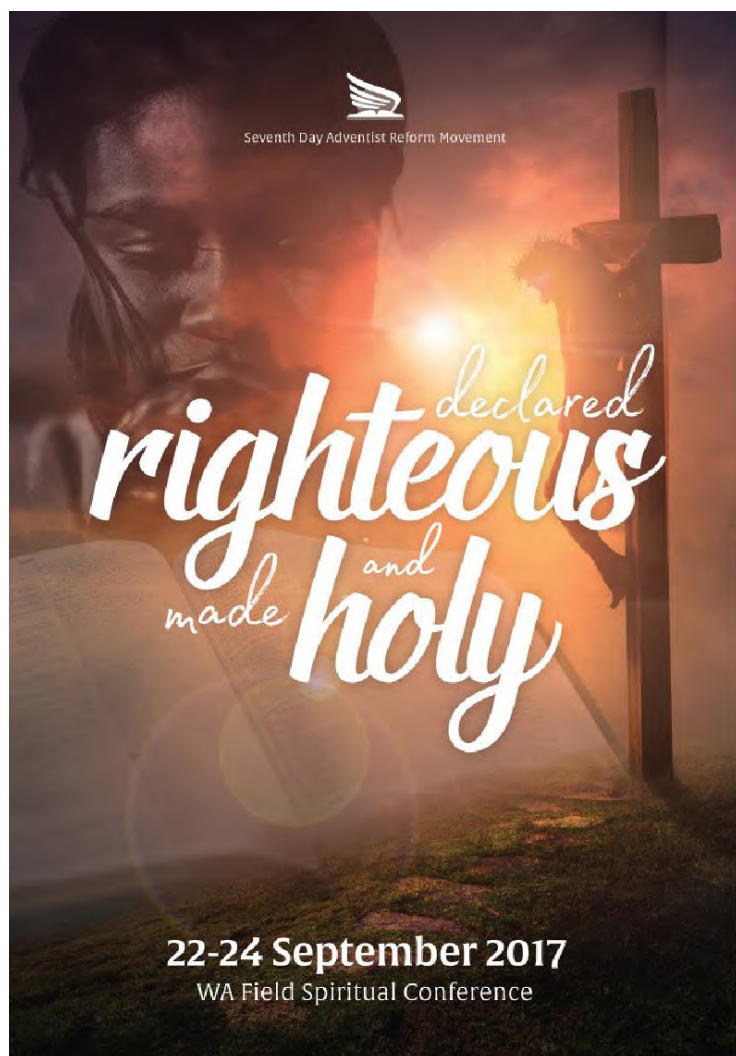
were also taken into consideration by the judges.

Overall it was a very enjoyable night. The organisers learned a few things of what to include next time and what not to include. But all had a team-building time together and enjoyed the social event.

We are looking forward to our next one, which will be run with improvements.

~ Catherine Robles





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and
made holy

Venue: 6 James St Guildford

Friday 22nd 7pm

till

Sunday 24th 6:30pm

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TWO PATHS, TWO CROWNS

QLD Conference Camp Meeting
September 29 - October 1, 2017

Its that time of year again! We look forward to this year's spiritual conference here in QLD--"Two Paths, Two Crowns". Come and join us as we contemplate this important topic together during our presentations, discussion meetings, activities and fellowship together in the beautiful hills of Samford.

In life there are two paths you can go by. Some choose to pursue an immortal crown that leads to eternal life. Many others pursue a perishable crown that leads to eternal death. Which path are you on? Come and join us as we contemplate this important topic together during our presentations, discussion meetings, activities and fellowship together in the beautiful hills of Samford.

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Schofields Church Cooking Demos

May 15th, 22nd, 29th.

Genesis 1:29 – And God said “Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat”.

With a chilly winter just around the corner, the Schofields Church held another fruitful series of cooking classes during the month of May 2017.

This event involved careful planning, lots of beautiful ingredients, banging pots and pans, the brash sounds of cooking utensils, and the natural aromatic smell of fresh vegetables and seasonings. Because of the above listed, it was a very successful event!

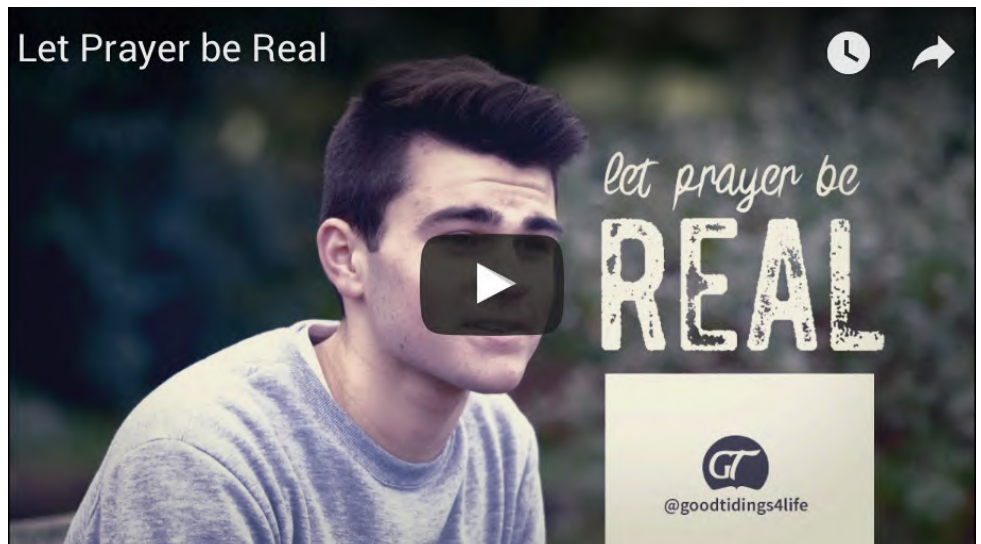
We had an average of 60 people who attended each class, which was very exciting for us, especially for our lovely head-chefs led by non-other than, Lidia Voncina and Rosetta Ilic.

May 15th – On this night, our first speaker, Br Paul Chapman, presented a health talk on how to overcome obesity, weight awareness, body mass index (BMI) and exercise.

In the beginning of his presentation, Paul spoke about a seven-minute workout. A research study states that a moderate thirty-minute low intensity walk is equivalent to a seven-minute high intensity workout! How amazing is that?!

Click on the link below to view Br Paul's segment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-sb-IGKFcA> - Our apologies that due to technical difficulties, there is no sound for the first two minutes.

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May 22nd – Our speaker for this night was the lovely Sr Dorothy Ilic, who presented a segment on the importance of “Dental Care”.

The presentation portrayed how vital it is to take care of your teeth, mouth and gums to prevent tooth decay, bad breath, cavities, gum diseases and so forth. To avert all this, we

must keep our teeth and gums as healthy as possible. To do this requires good nutrition, regular brushing and flossing. Tongue cleaning by using a tongue cleaner or soft-bristle toothbrush is also important for people whose tongues are coated or deeply grooved.

Dorothy also talks about how import-

ant it is to avoid foods and drinks that contain a lot of sugar, as they help plaque grow. We should also avoid using any tobacco products, as these can cause gum disease and oral cancer and, of course, can lead to other health issues.

May 29th – Our final speaker of this series, Br Domenic Polistina, spoke about the importance of Vitamin B12 and Vegetarianism.

As mentioned in the YouTube video (see link below), Br Joe Voncina introduced the last presentation of this series by stating how important a healthy lifestyle is. Combine this with the very first segment by Br Paul Chapman, physical activity and a balanced diet can help you to reach and maintain a healthy weight to reduce risks of diseases (heart disease



- Vegan Meatballs
- Vegetable Patties
- Smoked Cashew Vegan Cheese
- Tomato Sauce
- Gluten-free Lemon Tart
- Banana Crumble Cake
- Vegan Sour Cream
- Cardamom Wheat

Here are a few recipes as listed above for your review. The rest of the recipes are found on our YouTube channel. Enjoy!

Vegan Meatballs

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 shallots, chopped finely;
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped finely;
- 2 tablespoons olive oil;
- 1 large eggplant, cut finely;

and cancer) and have better overall health. Healthy living promotes a happy, healthy, long life!

Click on the link below to watch the full version of Br Domenic's presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3dNCykJhEQ>

The dishes that were demonstrated

during May 2017 were:

- Lettuce Soup
- Potato Paprikash
- Root Vegetables and Chickpea Stew
- Croutons Roasted Brussels Sprouts
- Cashew and Chives Vegan Cheese



- 1 tin chickpeas (400g);
- 3 tablespoons walnuts, crushed;
- 1 cup quinoa, cooked;
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano;
- 3 tablespoons continental parsley, chopped finely;
- Salt to taste;
- *3 tablespoons aquafaba (chickpea brine);
- 3 tablespoons rice flour (regular flour if not GF);
- Olive oil spray.

METHOD:

- Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a medium-sized pan. Add chopped shallots and garlic, and stir-fry them until soft.
- Dice the eggplant into very small bits. I use an alligator chopper and then add it to above mixture and stir-fry until cooked but not mushy.
- Open tin of chickpeas, separate and reserve liquid. In a food processor, chop chickpeas very

finely.

- In a large mixing bowl, combine the chickpeas, eggplant mixture, walnuts, quinoa, oregano, parsley and salt to taste.
- Using your hands, combine all the ingredients thoroughly. Now add aquafaba and rice flour, and mix again. You may need to increase the amount of aquafaba and rice flour a little bit.
- Before you are ready to make your meat balls, heat up your oven to 180°C. Spray and line a baking tray with a piece of baking paper, and lightly spray the paper.
- Using your hands, shape small amounts of mixture into balls; use a round ice cream scoop to help shape them all the same size.
- Spray each meatball with olive oil. Bake for 20-30 minutes until golden brown.

NOTES:

* Aquafaba is chickpea brine obtained from a tin of chickpeas, or you

can make your own. When making your own, soak chickpeas in lots of water overnight, rinse and put in a large pot with lots of water. Bring to the boil and then simmer for about 1 hour (until beans are soft). Remove cooked chickpeas with a slotted spoon, and what's left in your pot is called aquafaba. This liquid should resemble egg whites; if not, reduce it by simmering on a low heat (without a lid) until it reaches the desired consistency. Cool aquafaba down before using. Can be easily frozen for future use.

Gluten-free Lemon Tart

INGREDIENTS

Pastry:

- 2½ cups raw cashews or almond meal ¾ cup rice flour ½ tea-spoon salt
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 5 tablespoons water oil spray
- Filling: ¾ cup fresh lemon juice ⅓ cup pineapple juice
- 1 cup raw cashews * (see note below) 1 cup pure maple syrup
- Pinch of salt 3 tablespoons water
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch 1 lemon zest, optional

METHOD

Pastry:

- Preheat the oven to 180°C and lightly coat 25cms quiche tin with oil spray. In a food processor, combine rice flour, cashews and salt. Process until the cashews are finely ground. Add the maple syrup and water a little at a time until well combined (forms a ball).
- Press the pastry evenly into the prepared tin, prick pastry with a fork. Bake 25-30 minutes, until slightly brown. Take it out while hot.
- Place on a wire rack to cool. Once cool, it's ready for the filling.

Filling:

- Combine the lemon juice, pineapple juice, cashews, and maple syrup and salt in a blender. Blend until perfectly smooth. Place mixture in a small saucepan, and bring to a boil.
- In a small bowl, combine the cornstarch with the 3 tablespoons of water and mix.
- Lower the heat of the lemon mixture, add the cornstarch mix to it while stirring constantly, and cook on medium heat until slightly thickened, about 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat, still stirring. Add the optional lemon zest, and pour into prepared pastry case.

NOTE * (if your blender isn't very efficient, soak the cashews in plenty of water for 6 hours (or overnight) in the fridge, draining and rinsing before use).

Root Vegetables and Chickpea Stew

INGREDIENTS:

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 medium yellow onions, largely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 heaped tablespoon Massel chicken-style stock powder
- 1¼ teaspoons ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon ground coriander
- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
- ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- Pinch saffron threads (optional)
- 1 tablespoon curry powder (optional)
- 3 large potatoes, peeled and largely diced
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and largely diced
- 3 medium parsnips, peeled and largely diced
- 1 litre Massel chicken-style or vegetable-style liquid stock
- ½ butternut pumpkin, peeled, seeded, and largely diced

- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and largely diced
- 1 swede or turnip or both, peeled and largely diced
- 1 stick celery, sliced
- 2 x 400g tin chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 bunch asparagus, chopped

METHOD:

- Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat and add the onions and a pinch of salt and cook over medium heat until translucent.
- Add the ginger, coriander, cumin, cayenne, saffron, and cook until fragrant, about one minute.
- Add the rest of the ingredients (except asparagus) and cook on high until it boils; stir and then turn it down and simmer for 1½ - 2 hours, until vegetables are very well cooked.
- Add the asparagus and gently mix. Cook for a further 5 minutes; try for seasoning, adding more if required.

Cashew and Chives Vegan Cheese

INGREDIENTS:

Blend:

- 1 cup cashews
- ½ cup savoury yeast
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup
- 1 clove of garlic
- ½ onion
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup hot water

Simmer:

- 1 tablespoon agar agar powder
- ¾ cup cold water

Mix:

- Chopped chives

METHOD:

- Place all blending ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth.

- In a pan place the cold water and the agar agar. Simmer for 5 minutes stirring constantly making sure no lumps of agar agar form at the bottom.
- When agar agar is ready, pour cashew mixture from blender and stir very quickly until well combined.
- Add the chopped chives and mix.
- Line mould with baking paper, pour cheesy mixture into the mould, and then chill for 2 hours.

Keep chilled. Serve with crackers of choice or with salad.

~ Reported by Jenny Foese

“Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, how to conduct and teach Sabbath school classes, how best to help the poor and to care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted. There should be schools of health, cooking schools, and classes in various lines of Christian help work. There should not only be teaching, but actual work under experienced instructors.”

*The Ministry of Healing, 149,
1905*

Cooking Demonstrations Melbourne

Cooking demonstrations in Sunbury got off to a great start with the first one of the year held on the 11th of May. It was well attended, with 25 members of the local community present, many being familiar faces from previous years.

Diana demonstrated Stuffed Squash, Potato Leek and Truffle Cream Soup, Soycream, and Vanilla Pear Danish. We also reviewed the nutritional content of some of the ingredients and caught up with some of the news in health and nutrition.

Of course the good part is the tasting, and this night was no exception. You don't have to miss out though - all recipes demonstrated are made available on our website at www.vegetarian-vegan.com.au.

[vegetarian-vegan.com.au](http://www.vegetarian-vegan.com.au). Happy cooking!

Nathan Tyler.



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Genesis 1:29

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Keilor Park Church Rebuilding Appeal

The members and friends of the Keilor Park Church need your help.

Our church building is now over 45 years old. It was completed in 1972 with volunteer labour as a concrete block structure. Later, some other additions were made to the back. Today we have a small kitchen, cramped dining area, ageing toilets and a makeshift second dining area in a shed which doubles as a Children's Sabbath School room.

There are some maintenance items that are due, such as new gutters and fascia, painting and some repairs. Toilets need updating, and the mother's room needs further work. Most serious of all, in recent years the foundation around the sanctuary has been settling, and it has come to light that the wall and roof structure were not properly constructed to withstand shifting of the foundation. This would be a difficult and costly repair.

Many different ideas have been carefully considered about how to update and freshen up our church building and rectify the problems that exist. In the end, the church has finally come to the conclusion that rebuilding will be the best, simplest and most cost-effective solution.

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This leaves us with a deficit of \$80,000, which we are now fundraising for.

A set of plans has been drawn up and approved by the church membership. The rebuilding will take place in two stages. First, we will demolish the kitchen, toilets and shed. We will then build a new structure which will include toilets, classrooms and a dining area. After this is finished, we will then demolish the sanctuary area, and temporarily meet in the new dining hall while finishing the construction of the new sanctuary.

The plans are not extravagant, and we have kept economy, simplicity and ease of building in mind. We plan to use volunteer labour for essentially everything, and we will be spending money for materials and statutory fees only. We will need a modest \$250,000 to complete this project.

So far, we have raised \$120,795 in donations. We also have applied for a General Conference First Sabbath Offering appeal which we hope will bring in about \$50,000. The Australasian Union Conference has agreed to advance us this amount up front as a loan, which will be repaid when that offering is collected. This leaves us with a deficit of \$80,000, which we are now fundraising for.

This is where you can help! A donation of any amount will be of assistance to help us to buy concrete, steel, timber and plaster to rebuild this house for the worship of God.

The plan is for a special offering to be collected at all local churches on Sabbath, 19th August, at the end of the Divine Service. Otherwise, donations can also be made through your local church treasurer or directly to Keilor Park Church as per details below:

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Thank you and may God richly bless you!

Members of the Keilor Park Church,
Victoria



Keilor Park Church Pictures



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Mark your calendar! Elim Missionary College is now planning for 2018, continuing the program we have been running since 2008. Dates are the 4th of February to the 10th of June, 2018.

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Venue: Baden Powell Park Samford

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Date: February 4 - July 10, 2018

Venue: NSW

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