

- What things are people sometimes **proud of**?
- What things are people sometimes **ashamed of**?
- “Who am I? And do I matter?”
- Prayer: Help us to find ourselves in your glory

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**Out of the Mouths
of Babes**
Psalm 8
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Psalm 8

For the director of music. According to gittith.
A psalm of David.

¹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name
in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens

God is overwhelmingly great over all creation

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Psalm 8

² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold
against your enemies,
to silence
the foe and the avenger.

“Out of the mouths of babes”
Not much of a stronghold!!

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Psalm 8

- ³ When I consider your heavens,
 the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars
 which you have set in place,
⁴ what is
 mankind that you are mindful of them,
 human beings that you care for them?

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Today's world population:

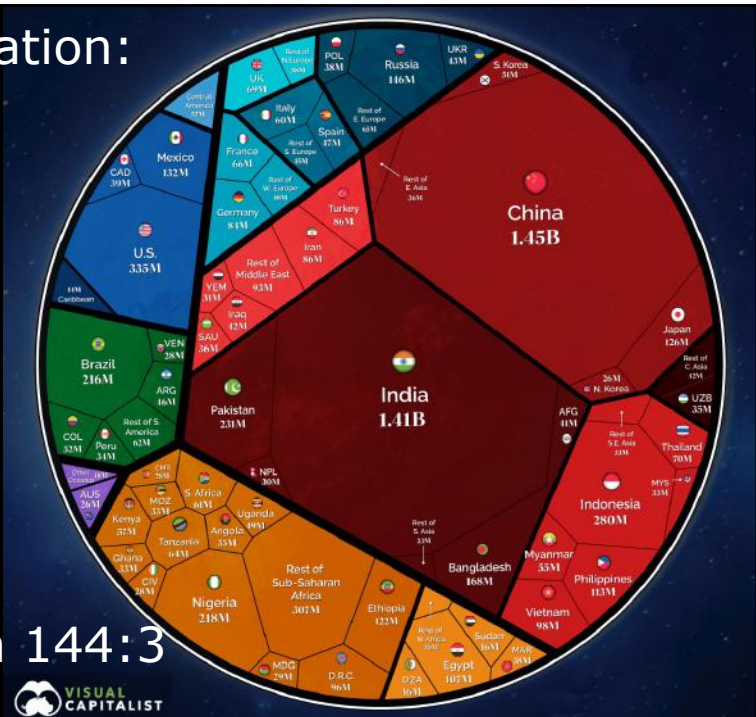
> 8.1 billion

Total who have
 ever lived

> 100 billion

"Human beings are
 like a breath;
 their days are like
 a fleeting shadow."

Psalm 144:3



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When I consider your heavens...

Earth is the only planet humans have ever touched...



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When I consider your heavens...

Size of earth compared to the sun



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When I consider your heavens...

How many stars in the
Milky Way Galaxy?

Maybe 100 billion

100,000,000,000 (11 zeros)



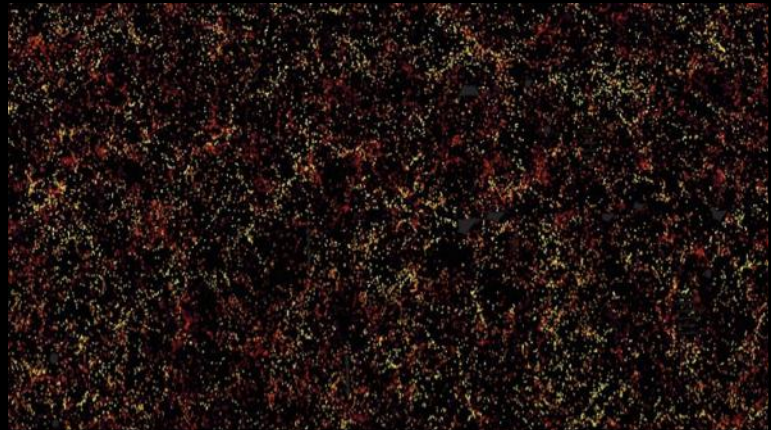
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When I consider your heavens...

How many galaxies are there?

Maybe 10 trillion

10,000,000,000,000 (13 zeros)



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When I consider your heavens...

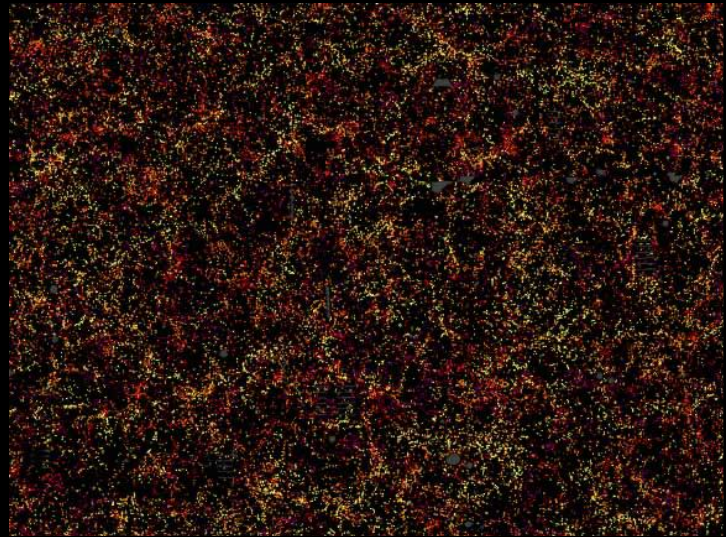
How many stars are in the universe?

Maybe 1 septillion

1,000,000,000,000,

000,000,000,000

(24 zeros)



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When I consider your heavens...

You and I are individuals out of 100 billion people who have ever lived

On our tiny planet next to our average star

Which is one of 1 septillion stars in the universe...

And the stars are the works of God's **fingers**...

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the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

⁴ **what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?**

**People have zero significance
in the vastness of the universe
There is no reason God should care about us**

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God

Angels

Vastness of space

All living creatures

People: vulnerable and needy



Greatness

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Psalm 8

⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels
and **crowned** them with glory and honor.

⁶ You made them **rulers**
over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:

⁷ all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild, **God made humans**

⁸ the birds in the sky, **rulers over creation**
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

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God chooses to use lowly people
 to show His glory

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Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

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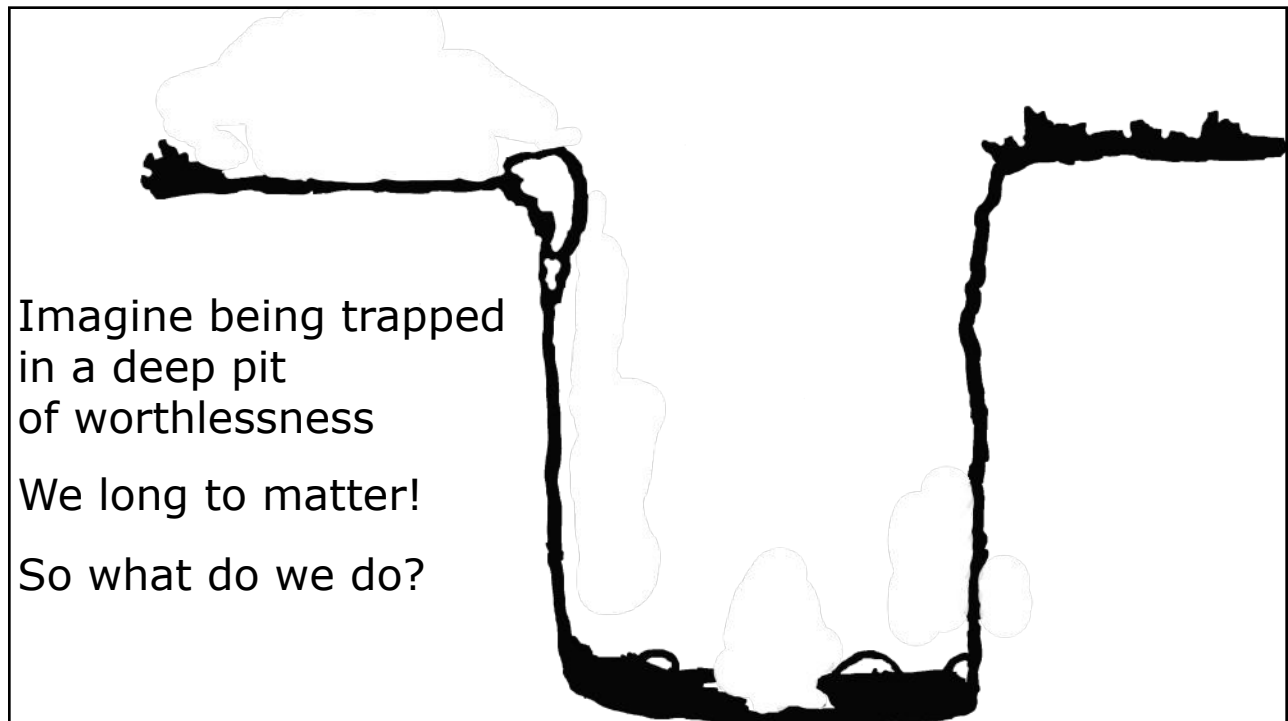
God is glorious in giving tiny humans
the place of highest honor in Him

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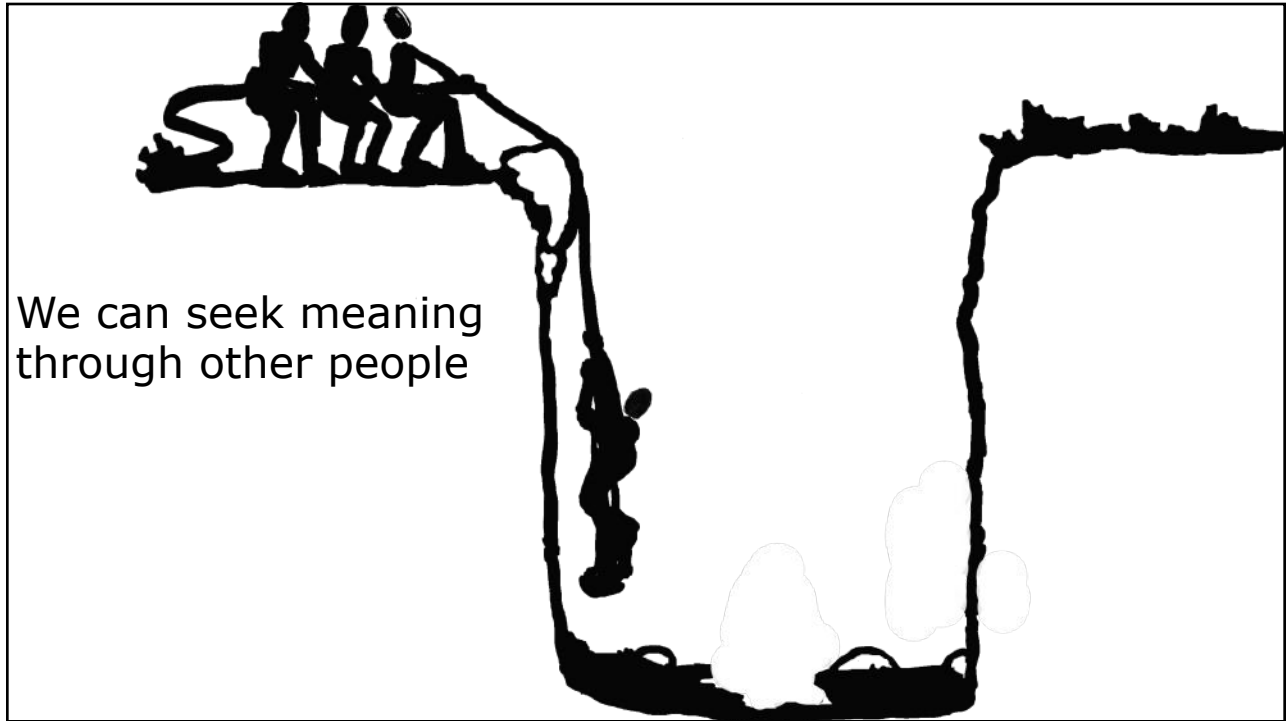
Big Idea

True joy and meaning and identity
are only found in being known and loved
by God in Jesus
for His glory

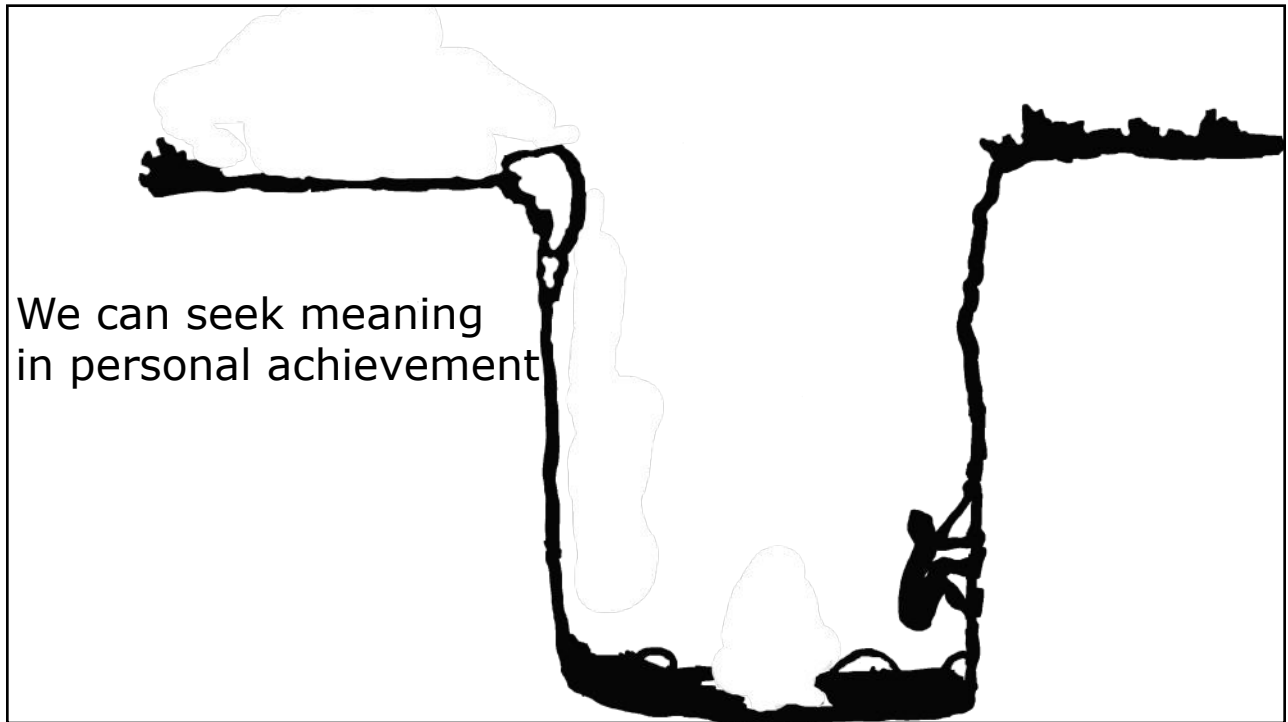
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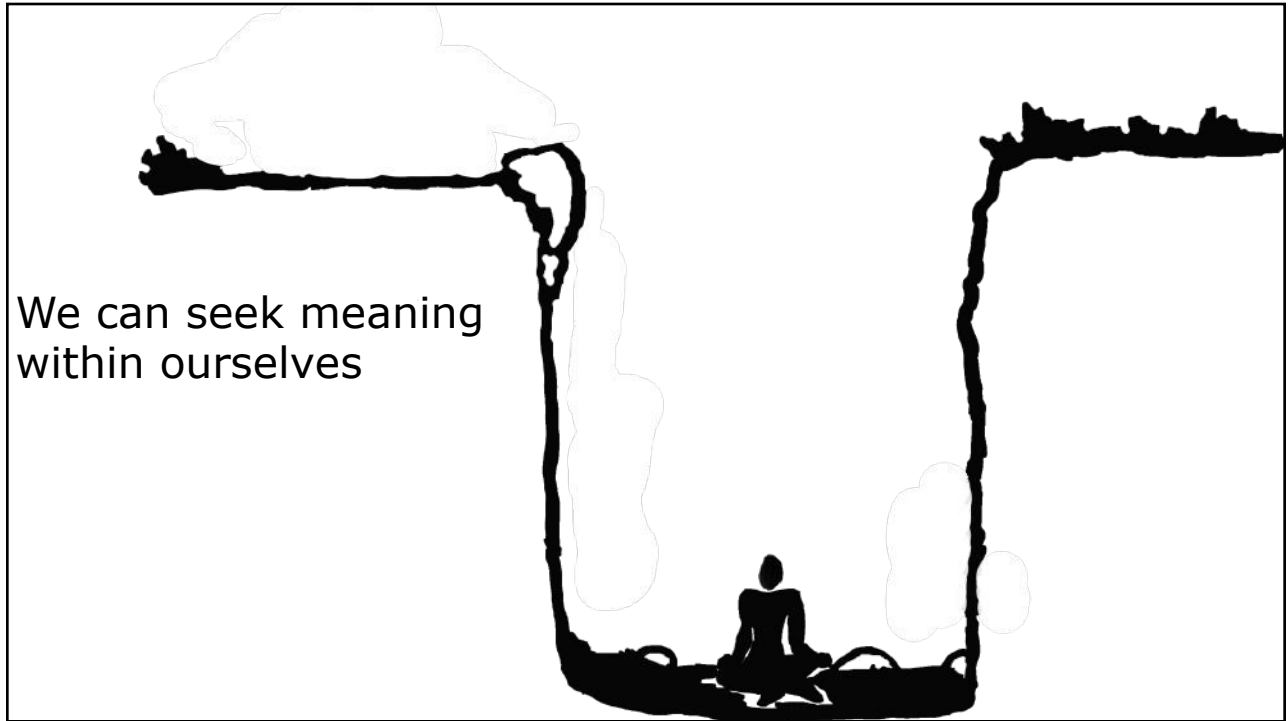
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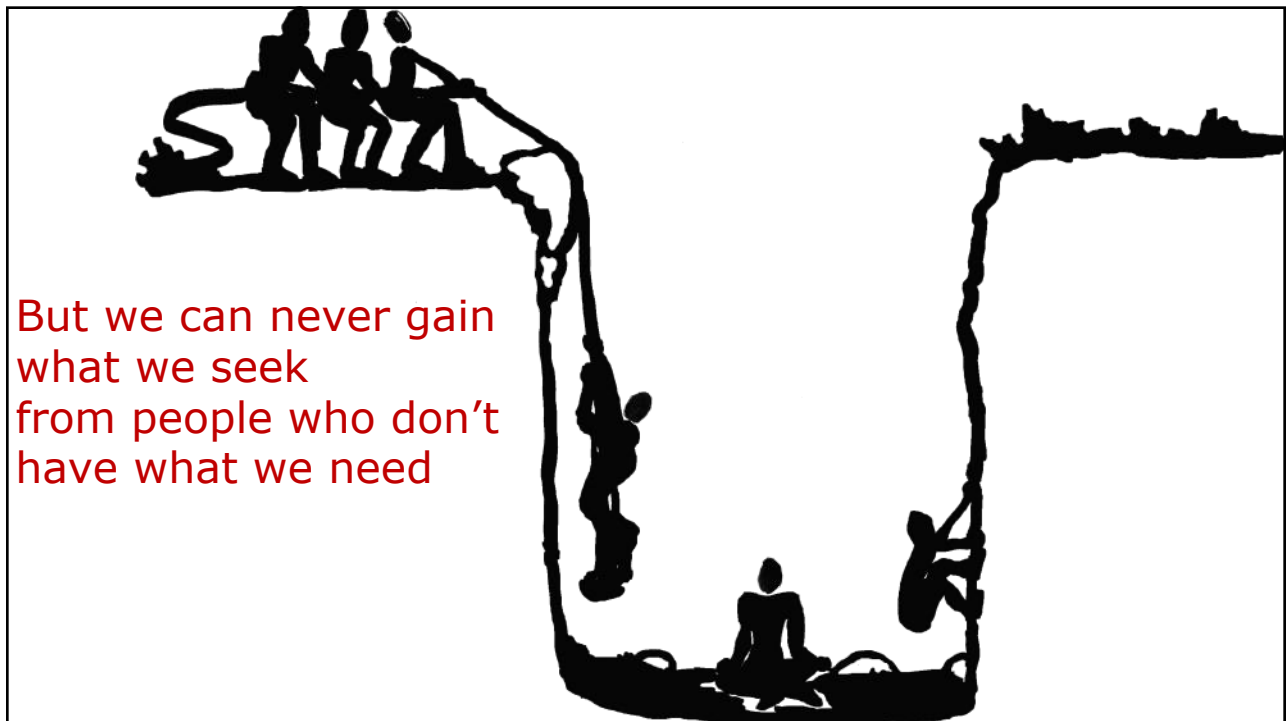
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Invitation to know the Love of God

...you have come to know God,
or rather **to be known by God**..

Galatians 4:9

But **from everlasting to everlasting**
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness
with their children's children—

Psalm 103:17

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Application

Find our meaning and identity in God

- The dignity of humans is a gift from God
 - It comes through a **relationship** with Him
- The weakest are stronger than God's enemies when they worship Him and praise His name

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Application

Find our meaning and identity in God

- Paul: What I once thought gain is now loss, compared to knowing Jesus
 - Where do you look for meaning and significance?
 - What do you fear losing (or not getting) the most?
 - Empty your hands in order cling to Jesus!
- This gives joy and rest, even as we work

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And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:3

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