

Acts.



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ACTS 8:9-11 ESV



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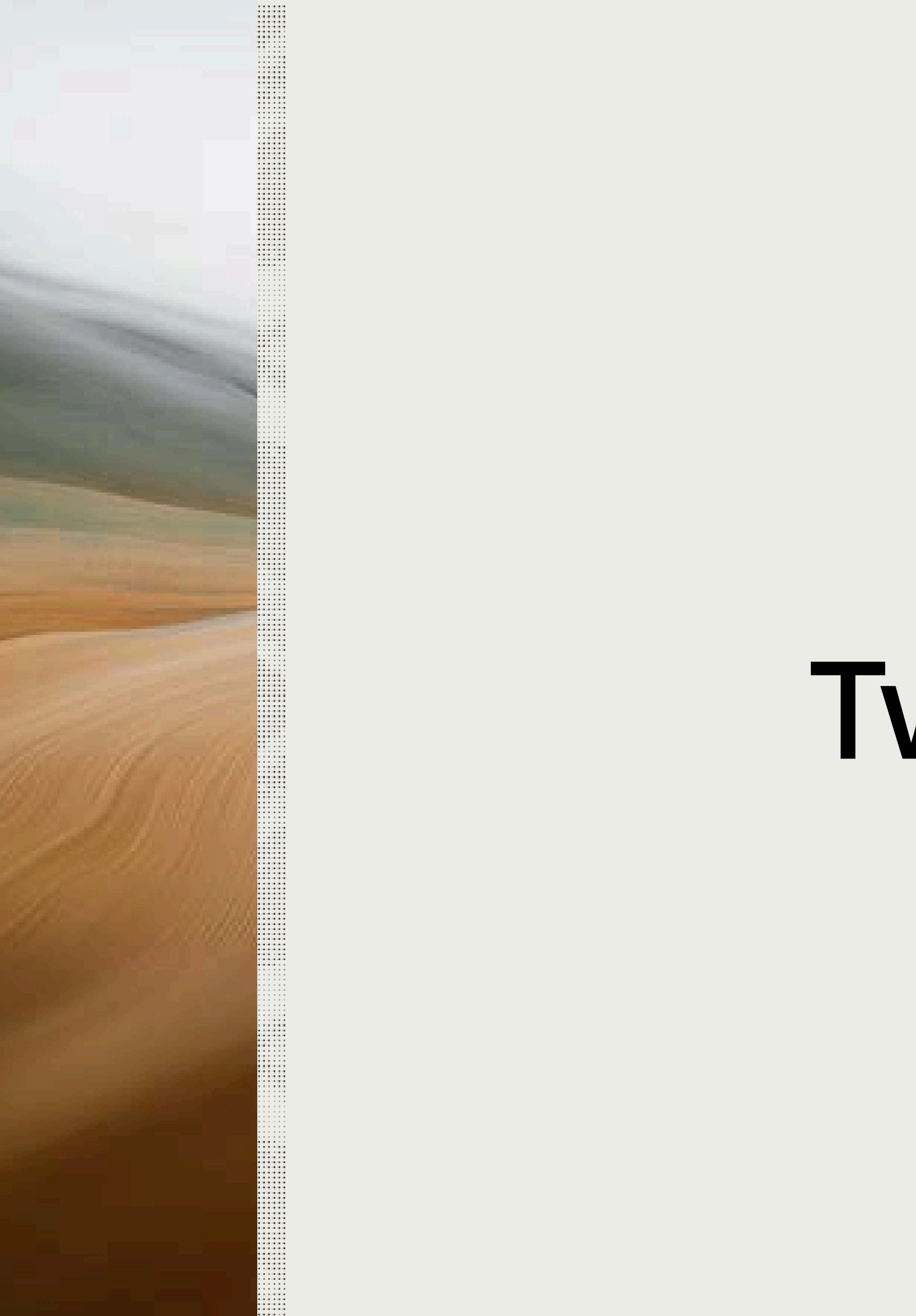
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8



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ACTS 8:18-20 ESV



You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.²² Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.”²⁴ And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.”

²⁵ Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

ACTS 8:21-25 ESV

SIMON THE MAGICIAN:

- + Practiced magic
- + Amazed the people
- + Called himself great
- + Gained the crowd's attention
- + Seemed to possess a power

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You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

JAMES 2:19 ESV



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ACTS 8:22-24 ESV



Simon's response to the gospel



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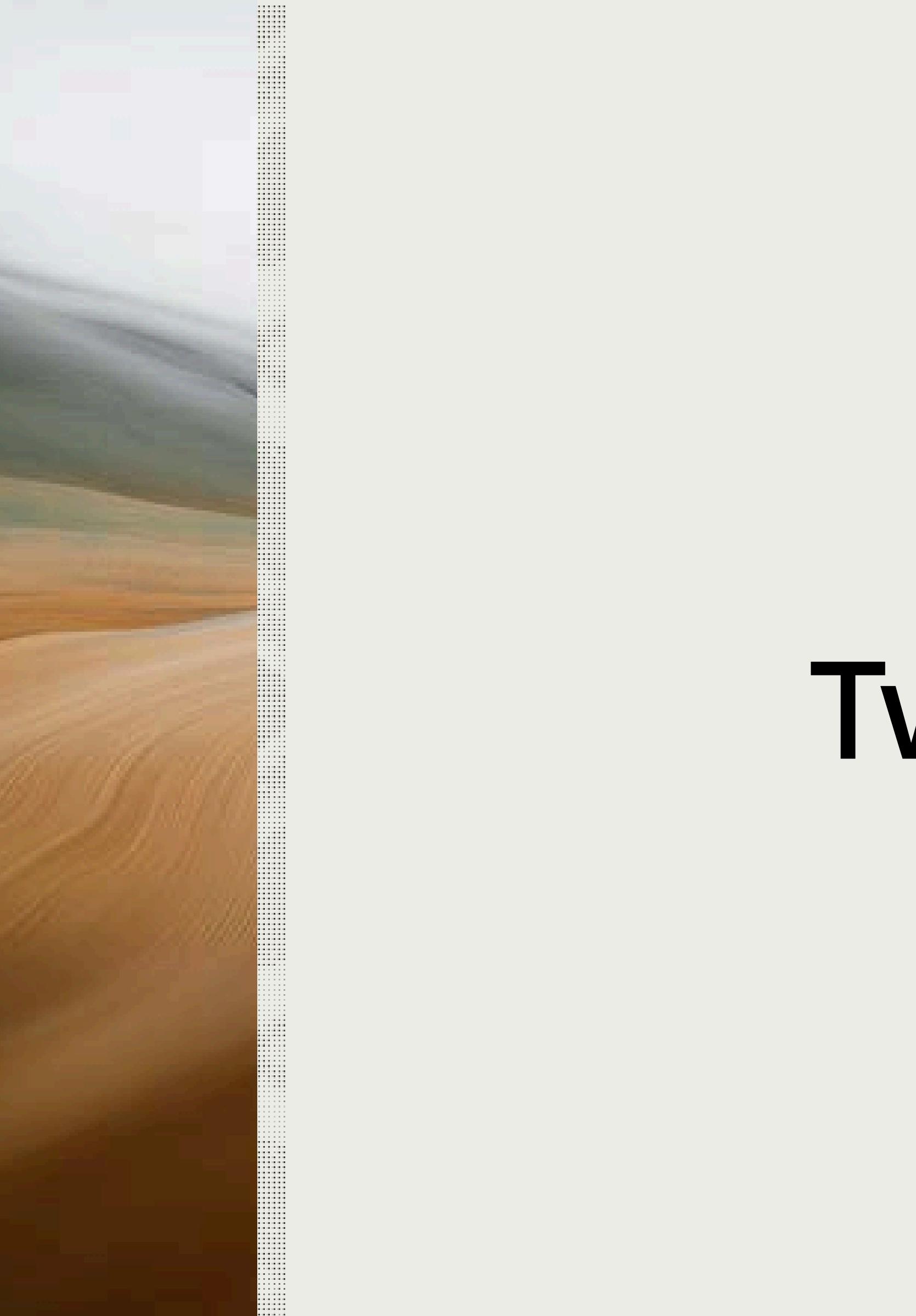
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