

# Will Our Pets Join Us in Heaven?

[Do our pets go to heaven?](#) It's a question that pulls at the heartstrings of animal lovers everywhere. Kelly Kopp and Ryan Edberg from Kingdom Movement and Kelly Kopp Ministries took on this emotional topic in a recent video. While the Bible doesn't give us a straight answer, their discussion sheds light on what Scripture says—and what it doesn't.

First, they point out an important distinction: humans and animals are different. They explain that Genesis tells us God created animals and called them “good,” but only humans were made in His image. This sets us apart as spiritual beings with a unique connection to God. Animals have flesh and a soul (mind, will and emotions), but they don't have a spirit, which ties us to eternity.

“Something unique happens when God creates humans,” the ministers explain. “God created human beings in His Image. I didn't see it say that about animals. This is an important distinction. Humans are set apart from the rest of God's creation because they are made in His image.”

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That said, the Bible shows God's deep care for animals. Psalm 36 highlights His love for all creation, and Psalm 1:48 even pictures animals praising Him. It's clear they matter to Him.

“What this verse shows us is that [God has a deep love for animals, all of his creation.](#) God is a loving caretaker for both humans and animals this should bring you some comfort,” they reveal.

Then the ministers also point us to Romans 8, which talks about all creation groaning for the day when the curse of sin is lifted. This gives hope that animals could be part of God's big plan for restoration. After all, if creation itself is redeemed, why not our furry friends, the duo asks?

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Here's the thing, though: the Bible doesn't say for sure if pets will be in heaven. But the two pastors remind us of God's goodness and His ability to bring joy. If having your pet with you in eternity would make you happy, isn't it possible He could make that happen?

Losing a pet is heartbreaking. Death is a painful part of life in this fallen world. But as believers, we have the promise of a new creation, free from pain and loss. Whether pets are there or not, we can trust that God will make everything right.

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## **God's Way to Deal With Anger**

We have all experienced [anger](#) at some point in our lives, and it can be a real concern. Though it starts as a harmless feeling, it can quickly grow into something dangerous that's difficult to control. But with God's help, we can learn how to deal with our feelings and walk in His peace.

I'll admit, years ago I pretty much did and said whatever I *felt* like. I have a strong personality, so if you said something to upset me, there was a good chance I would let you know about it. Thank God, over time He changed me through His Word and helped me control my emotions through the power of His Holy Spirit.

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I learned how to operate in [self-control](#), which means I didn't always say everything I *wanted* to say. Now that's true freedom! Along the way, God also helped me to understand that it's not anger itself that's wrong.

I'll never forget one particular morning several years back. I was preparing to go teach at our home church in St. Louis, Missouri, when my husband, Dave, and I got into an argument. I admit, I was really mad! I continued to think angry thoughts and have angry feelings. Then my anger changed to guilt, and I thought, "How can I possibly go to church and tell others how to conduct their lives according to Scripture if I cannot control my anger?"

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The feelings of guilt not only continued but intensified. As the pressure mounted, I was feeling almost frantic when suddenly God spoke to my heart and said:

“Anger is not a sin—it is what you do with it that becomes sin.”

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## **Record Crushed Amid Growing Fears of the End Times**

Last Sunday was a big day for the YouVersion Bible app.

The faith-based app’s founder, Bobby Gruenewald, told The Christian Post the YouVersion team “saw 18.2 million people [engage in the Bible](#) and more than 798,000 installs” on Sunday Jan. 5.

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“We tend to see a seasonal uptick in [Bible engagement](#) at the beginning of the year as people start new habits and are interested in reading the Bible for the first time,” he said. “What’s interesting to us is that this year’s increase is even higher than this same time last year, and it’s a trend we’re seeing globally.”

The number of downloads at the beginning of the week set a new record, besting the record set on the first Sunday of last year. What’s most interesting, though, is where in the world YouVersion saw the greatest increase in downloads.

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To name a few, the Scripture-reading app saw a 198% increase in Ethiopia, a 94% increase in Egypt, a 74% increase in Turkey, a 65% increase in Ghana and a 48% increase in Pakistan. North Africa saw an overall engagement increase of 297% while the Middle East saw an uptick of 166%.

These trends are in keeping with how YouVersion has seen its app grow over time. According to CBN News, the app saw [more engagement](#) in 2024 than in any year prior, revealing Philippians 4:6 was its most-searched passage.



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# Could There Be a Spiritual Cause Behind the Fires in Los Angeles?

There is so much anger about the unprecedented fires that are ravaging the Los Angeles area, because there is a widespread belief that they could have been prevented. Some are blaming mismanaged forests, some are blaming the extreme incompetence of our leaders, some are blaming “climate change,” and some are blaming budget cuts.

But could it be possible that [the real reason Los Angeles is burning](#) is not related to any of those factors?

What is the one thing that sets Los Angeles apart from any other city in the world?

Needless to say, it is the entertainment industry.

Los Angeles is known as the entertainment capital of the world, and the entertainment that it produces has an enormous amount of global influence.

In fact, L.A. has more of an impact on the culture of the world than any other city by a wide margin.

The entire planet has been corrupted by the movies, television shows and music that comes out of Los Angeles. On top of all that, L.A. is the epicenter for the global pornography industry.

*It is estimated that 200 firms, 6,000 workers and 1,200 actors produce 4,000-7,000 adult films a year in Los Angeles. Yes, there are more porn-related, adult industry jobs than software jobs in this town. With \$4.3 billion in sales and rentals (which is still nothing compared to the \$12 billion made from toys and books), the adult entertainment industry puts \$4 billion in revenue into the local economy.*

*“It’s in an industry producing a product and it takes a lot of people to get it on the shelves or wherever people buy it,” explained Jack Kyser of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation at the Zócalo public forum on the porn industry at the Hammer Museum. Often referred to as the “guru of the Los Angeles economy,” Kyser explained that for every direct worker in the industry, there is one other person in the county that it employs indirectly (think plastic DVD case makers or delivery trucks).*

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Most people living in the western world consume entertainment that originates from Los Angeles almost every single day.

Most of us are literally opening up our minds and pouring in filth on a regular basis, and that has had absolutely devastating consequences.

Of course, much of the filth that the entertainment industry produces openly mocks God and misuses His name.

Sadly, the entertainment industry was even mocking God at the Golden Globe awards just 48 hours before the fires hit.

*So they Mocked God on Sunday at the Golden Globes, Couple days later Their Houses burn down? [pic.twitter.com/KAFBw3q1tH](https://pic.twitter.com/KAFBw3q1tH)*

– Johnny Midnight ☐☐ (@its\_The\_Dr) [January 10, 2025](#)

Many of the celebrities that were laughing that night are certainly not laughing now.

The fires have absolutely destroyed some of the wealthiest areas of Los Angeles, and quite a few celebrities now find themselves living in hotels.

*Hollywood's elite are fleeing their homes as the Los Angeles wildfires rage on—with celebrities racing to find refuge in hotels costing thousands per night.*

*Jamie Lee Curtis as well as power couple John Legend and Chrissy Teigen are among dozens of stars forced elsewhere as the Palisade Fire's trail of destruction continues and the disaster's death toll today rose to 16.*

*And actors Dennis Quaid and Sarah Michelle Gellar are among those seen arriving at the Hotel Bel-Air, built in 1922 and which charges up to \$15,000 per night for a room.*

“People Magazine” has published a list of 60 major celebrities that have lost their homes in these fires.

We should definitely grieve with those that have lost their homes.

More than 60 square miles of Los Angeles has already burned. The entire city of San Francisco covers less than 47 square miles.

When a Los Angeles official gave an update about the fires to the press, she was spotted wearing an upside down cross.

*So, we're supposed to believe what this lady says about the California Wild Fires while she's wearing an upside-down cross around her neck?! ☐ [pic.twitter.com/6TCrUnGI0f](https://pic.twitter.com/6TCrUnGI0f)*

– James Pleickhardt (@JamesPleickhar2) [January 9, 2025](#)

What kind of a message does that send?

The upside down cross is often used by Satanists, and it has been featured in horror movies such as “The Omen” and “The Conjuring.”

Unfortunately, Los Angeles has become one of the most overtly anti-Christian cities on the entire planet.

And now it is on fire.

In fact, on Friday evening a “fire tornado” erupted in the midst of the Palisades Fire.

*Local Los Angeles viewers were treated to a stunning and frightening sight Friday evening as wildfires continued to destroy homes and lives throughout Southern California.*

*FOX 11 captured an incredible phenomenon known as a ‘fire tornado’ or ‘firenado’ spinning up amid the Palisades Fire in Los Angeles at roughly 10:45 local time.*

*“Check out this ‘firenado,’” reporter Adam Krueger says as the flames explode. “Unbelievable...This is a real thing.”*

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Donald Trump is deeply frustrated with what is going on in Los Angeles, and he is calling it “one of the worst catastrophes in the history of our country.”

*Early Sunday morning, on Truth Social, President-elect Trump criticized woke Californian politicians, calling them “incompetent” and claiming they “have no idea how to put” the fires out.*

*“Thousands of magnificent houses are gone, and many more will soon be lost. There is death all over the place. This is one*

*of the worst catastrophes in the history of our country. They just can't put out the fires. What's wrong with them?" Trump said.*

California Governor Gavin Newsom insists that officials in California are doing all that they can, but he agrees with Trump that this is one of the worst disasters that our nation has ever seen.

*Gavin Newsom, the governor of California, said on Sunday the fires would be the worst natural disaster in U.S. history, "in terms of just the costs associated with it, in terms of the scale and scope."*

Just about everyone acknowledges that we have never seen anything like this before.

But could it be possible that just about everyone is missing the entire point of these fires?

God will not be mocked, and we reap what we sow.

For decades, the entertainment industry did as they pleased, and their filth polluted the entire planet.

Now a day of reckoning is here.

Will this wake-up call cause the entertainment industry to finally change course?

**Michael Snyder's** new book entitled "[Why](#)" is available [in paperback](#) and [for the Kindle](#) on Amazon.com, and you can subscribe to his *Substack* newsletter at [michaelsnyder.substack.com](http://michaelsnyder.substack.com).

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# Larry Tomczak's Week in Review: Equipping and Inspiring You in Evangelism, Part 1

*Editor's Note: This is part one of a multipart article. Click on the following links to access the other videos and articles: [part two](#), [part three](#), [part four](#), [part five](#), [part six](#), [part seven](#), [part eight](#).*

Before he left planet Earth, Jesus gave us our marching orders to take His life-changing [gospel message](#) to the whole world. All of us have family, friends and neighbors we want to see come to Christ but hesitate and can feel ill-equipped. That's why God's giving you this resource!

From over 50 years of equipping Christians in over 30 nations of the world, let this veteran evangelist serve you with this fast-paced and motivational presentation so you'll be bold and effective in the adventure of [lifestyle evangelism](#) in 2025.

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These key insights, which I have distilled into seven points, will help you get the job done. You'll glean from the video an impartation and the strong encouragement that you and I need.

Get started with part 1 today and follow next week with the second part as you learn to capitalize on divine appointments He provides.

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Many opportunities for sharing Christ come disguised as God-ordained interruptions. Let's seize the opportunities and see new success in our witnessing this year. Watch!

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# **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: A Christian Response**

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## **My Personal Experience**

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# Top of the Week: Kathryn Krick's 2025 Prophetic Word: Year of Acceptance

Following are snippets of the top stories posted over the past week on [mycharisma.com](http://mycharisma.com). We encourage you to visit the links to read the stories in full.

## [Kathryn Krick's 2025 Prophetic Word: Year of Acceptance](#)

As we continue to seek the Lord and what He has to say about 2025, it is clear that God is ready to do exceedingly, abundantly far more than we ever could have asked for or imagined.

During a Five-Fold Church service, [Kathryn Krick](#) gave a prophetic word of what the Lord has placed on her heart for this coming year.

"I'm very excited about this year. I'm more expectant than ever for what God is going to do this year with what He has revealed for 2025," Krick says.

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## [Rick Renner's Prophetic Warning of a 2025 Storm: Are You Ready?](#)

As we step into 2025, Rick Renner of Renner Ministries delivers a prophetic word brimming with both challenge and hope. He speaks to the body of Christ with clarity, urging us to brace for a season of intense warfare but also to rise in faith, equipped with God's promises.

Renner begins with a reminder of the apostle Paul's

instruction to Timothy in 1 Timothy 1:18: “Remember the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest wage a good warfare.” He emphasizes that prophetic words are tools for spiritual battle, declaring, “God has given you everything you need to walk in victory in 2025.”

## A Season of Intense Warfare

### [3 Blood Moons Are Coming, and You Won't Believe When the First One Hits](#)

Some remarkable celestial signs will be on display in the coming months that may hold prophetic significance for our world. [This series of four heavenly phenomena](#) includes two lunar events over the next 14 months that appear to represent a possible message about Israel.

It all kicks off with a total lunar eclipse known as a “blood moon” that will appear over the U.S. Mar. 14, 2025. This particular one will fall directly on the Jewish holiday of Purim. That’s when the Jewish people celebrate the biblical account of Esther when they were delivered from annihilation at the hands of an enemy named Haman in the Persian empire, which is modern-day Iran.

And that’s not the end. There will actually be two more blood moons, with one coming this fall before Rosh Hashanah, and then the third one also falling directly on Purim Mar. 3, 2026.

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### [Unlocking the Language of Heaven: The Mystery of Angelic Tongues](#)

In a recent teaching, evangelist Perry Stone delved into a fascinating topic in the Bible—the “tongue of angels”

mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:1.

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal,” Stone quotes, [pointing to the apostle Paul’s declaration](#). According to Stone, this verse opens a line of discussion not only on the necessity of love but also on the spiritual dimensions of language.

## **A Heavenly Language Rooted in Scripture**

### **[Unveiling the Spiritual Risks of Investigating the Occult](#)**

Tony Merkel, [host of “The Confessionals” podcast](#), recently shared a cautionary spiritual perspective in an interview with Charisma Media. His personal experiences on the spiritual dangers of hunting for portals and investigating the occult serve as a sobering reminder of the risks inherent in engaging with the demonic realm.

Merkel, who described his initial fascination with portals as “unhealthy,” opened up about the spiritual warfare he has faced as a result of his explorations.

“Doing this stuff definitely gets a target on your back,” Merkel said, likening the experience to being an active player in a game. “If you’re a Christian and you’re just riding the bench, nobody’s going to guard you. But as soon as you start becoming a problem, that’s when the opponent pays attention to you.”

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## **My Personal Experience**

I recently spent one week in the Baylor Scott & White Hospital in North Texas, where I was treated by a very diverse staff of Asian, Hispanic, Black and white nurses and doctors. There was no obvious ethnic majority. My primary doctor, I assume, was Muslim since his name was Mohammed.

Nonetheless, regardless of who was treating me, I could rest assured that I was getting the best treatment possible because BSW does not practice DEI. The hospital hires its staff based on competency and qualifications, not the group with which they identify. I will avoid a hospital that practices DEI and hires its staff to fulfill group quotas.

The same is true when I fly. When I board an airplane and look into the cockpit, I don't care about the race, sex or skin color of the pilot and co-pilot. My only concern is "Do they know how to fly this airplane?" Were they hired to fulfill a quota; or were they hired because they were the most qualified applicants?

## **What the Bible Says**

While we as Christians are to care for the poor and lift those who are disadvantaged, we cannot guarantee their outcome. That is a personal thing on their part and will depend on the

choices they make and how they spend their time. The Bible is clear that God holds each of us individually responsible for our choices and actions. Ezekiel 18:20 says,

“The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.”

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In the Parable of the Talents told by Jesus in Matthew 25:14-30, we see that each person was unique and received “talents” based on their individual ability. Later, each was rewarded or punished according to their own actions or inaction. The Parable of the Talents obviously reflects a meritocracy, and Paul echoes this same principle in 2 Corinthians 5:10 where he says, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

## **Be the Best You Can Be**

In the early days of our life and ministry together, Sue and I heard the Lord say, “Be the best you can be.” In other words, don’t try to be like someone else or try to outdo someone else. And don’t measure your own success by someone else’s accomplishment. Be the best you can be, and you will hear Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matt. 25:21b).

We must stop comparing ourselves with one another. Instead of practicing DEI, we should be encouraging every person to be the best they can be and to develop their individual and unique gifts. God Himself will then promote them as He did Joseph, moving him from slavery and prison to being the ruler

of Egypt.

If the entire church will take this approach, individual members will find personal fulfillment and also find themselves part of a healthy, functioning body of Christ.


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## **Bill McCartney, Promise Keepers Founder, Hall of Fame Football Coach, Dies at 84**

[Bill McCartney](#), founder of famed men's ministry [Promise Keepers](#) and Hall of Fame football coach who led the University of Colorado Buffaloes to the team's only national championship in 1990, died Dec. 10 at 84 "after a courageous journey with Dementia," his family announced.



## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENT: THE PASSING OF BILL MCCARTNEY

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Bill McCartney, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, who left this world peacefully at the age of 84 after a courageous journey with Dementia.

Our father surrendered his life to Jesus at 33 years old setting a trajectory for our family and many others. We share his faith in Jesus and truly believe our Dad has been reunited in Heaven with his beloved bride and our Mother, Lynne Marie.

Coach Mac touched countless lives with his unwavering faith, boundless compassion, and enduring legacy as a leader, mentor, and advocate for family, community, and faith. As a trailblazer and visionary, his impact was felt both on and off the field, and his spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those he inspired.

While we mourn his loss, we also celebrate the extraordinary life he lived and the love he shared with everyone around him. We are grateful for the outpouring of prayers and support during this time and ask for privacy as we navigate this difficult moment.

Details about memorial services will be shared in the coming days. Coach Mac deeply believed that investing in the local church was the most impactful way to transform a community. In honor of his legacy, and in lieu of flowers, we invite you to consider making a donation—beyond your regular tithes and offerings—to a local church in Bill's name.

With love and gratitude,  
The McCartney Family

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McCartney coached CU from 1982-1994 and remains the winningest coach in the Buffaloes' history. In 2013, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. After starting his career

at the secondary level, he became the first-ever high school coach to be hired by the University of Michigan's Coach Bo Schembechler.

But it was his founding of national men's faith organization Promise Keepers in 1990 that propelled him into a different spotlight. Following his conversion from Catholicism, per the Promise Keepers website,

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## **Top of the Week: Prophetic Word 2025: Rick Renner's Call to Prepare for a Storm**

Following are snippets of the top stories posted over the past week on [charismanews.com](http://charismanews.com). We encourage you to visit the links to read the stories in full.

**[Prophetic Word 2025: Rick Renner's Call to Prepare for a Storm](#)**

As we step into 2025, Rick Renner of Renner Ministries delivers a prophetic word brimming with both challenge and hope. He speaks to the body of Christ with clarity, urging us to brace for a season of intense warfare but also to rise in

faith, equipped with God's promises.

Renner begins with a reminder of the apostle Paul's instruction to Timothy in 1 Timothy 1:18: "Remember the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest wage a good warfare." He emphasizes that prophetic words are tools for spiritual battle, declaring, "God has given you everything you need to walk in victory in 2025."

## A Season of Intense Warfare

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### **[Tongue of Angels: Unveiling the Mystery of Heavenly Communication](#)**

In a recent teaching, evangelist Perry Stone delved into a fascinating topic in the Bible—the "tongue of angels" mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:1.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal," Stone quotes, [pointing to the apostle Paul's declaration](#). According to Stone, this verse opens a line of discussion not only on the necessity of love but also on the spiritual dimensions of language.

## A Heavenly Language Rooted in Scripture

### **[3 Blood Moons to Appear Soon—Here's When the First One Arrives](#)**

Some remarkable celestial signs will be on display in the coming months that may hold prophetic significance for our world. [This series of four heavenly phenomena](#) includes two lunar events over the next 14 months that appear to represent a possible message about Israel.

It all kicks off with a total lunar eclipse known as a "blood

moon” that will appear over the U.S. Mar. 14, 2025. This particular one will fall directly on the Jewish holiday of Purim. That’s when the Jewish people celebrate the biblical account of Esther when they were delivered from annihilation at the hands of an enemy named Haman in the Persian empire, which is modern-day Iran.

And that’s not the end. There will actually be two more blood moons, with one coming this fall before Rosh Hashanah, and then the third one also falling directly on Purim Mar. 3, 2026.

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[\*\*Beloved Christian Radio Station Faces Sudden Shutdown—Here’s What Happened\*\*](#)

Contemporary Christian radio station “The Fish,” 104.7, [\*\*is set to go off the air in February.\*\*](#) The Atlanta station is shutting down after being sold to the Educational Media Foundation, which owns K-LOVE and Air1.

The station’s current owners, Salem Media Group, said the agreement with EMF is part of a larger set of transactions to “strengthen its balance sheet and repay nearly \$160 million in long-term debt,” WSB-TV reported.

Radio station hosts Kevin Avery and Taylor Scott released a joint statement on the matter.

[\*\*Jonathan Cahn: 2025 and the Prophetic Lightning Strike\*\*](#)

What kind of prophetic warning was God giving us through the New Year’s Eve lightning strikes?

In a new prophetic message, [\*\*Jonathan Cahn\*\*](#) unpacked what he believes the Lord was saying through the New Year’s Eve lightning strikes on major U.S. buildings in New York and

Washington D.C.

Cahn first points out that it was the Washington Monument, the Capitol, the Empire State building and the One World Trade Center that were all hit with the lightning. The odds of [lightning](#) hitting all of these buildings on the same day, right before the start of the new year is not likely at all. It is quite plausible that this event was indeed a message, a warning from the Lord.

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