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## 2013: A Lucky Year for Us!

### NYCA Enters Our 10th Year at a Pinnacle of Success

2013 was a banner year for NYC Atheists: Richard Dawkins paid us a call, we were written up in the New York Times as one of the secular movement's "most established groups," we made some interesting appearances in the courts to fight for our cause and we applauded American Atheist (AA) billboards blazing once more on Times Square. Topping it off, we exulted that the number of non-churched people in our land soared this year to an estimated one-fifth of our population, a new high.

2014 marks the beginning of our 10th year as an established organization. We have calculated that, at two lectures a month over these years, we have presented some 189 original lectures with top speakers. In the same years, we organized and led more than 324 discussion groups. And don't forget social events: Counting our two annual Solstice celebrations, Fourth of July, Halloween, New Year's parties and two comedy shows in most years, we seem to have hosted some 63 major social events over those years! But wait, there's more.



American Atheists Times Square Billboard

It appears that NYCA has been responsible for some nine marriages or engagements in the past nine years, more than any secular other group we know of (even though we are decidedly not a singles group) and our new couples have produced two new Atheist babies if one includes the imminent arrival of Chloe Hypatia Orenstein, whose parents, Dr. David Orenstein and Francesca Stamatina, met at the Stone Creek pub at an NYCA event.

We experienced some sad events, too, in 2013. Our well-known members Edith Amster and Matthew Zeno

passed away this year. Matthew, one of our younger members, died in an unusual electrical accident on the subway that was written up in all the New York newspapers.

#### Cases Up For Appeal

Our sad times included a negative judicial decision on our NYCA/AA suit to remove the so-called "Miracle Cross" from the 9/11 Museum. But we aren't discouraged; the case is up for appeal. Balancing out this temporary disappointment was a notable Atheist success in San Diego, California, where, after 25 years of litigation by nonbeliever groups, a federal judge finally ordered the giant cross on top of Mt. Soledad to be removed, citing that it is a flagrant "violation of the separation of church and state." Interestingly, supporters of that San Diego cross had argued that it is a "war memorial," not a religious symbol--the same argument that has been given by supporters of the 9/11 "Miracle Cross" in New York. So we are hanging in for the long haul on the Miracle Cross case.

We were plaintiffs in Dr. Michael Newdow's suit to remove "In god we trust" from our money this year and went to New York's Second Circuit Federal Court to hear the famous Newdow present his case for god-free money. Alas, we were incredulous when the New York judge ruled that the motto "In god we trust" has "no religious intent." This case, too, is up for appeal.

Here's more from our busy, productive 2013:

#### January

We considered the subject of grief in January and how to handle the loss of a loved one--a tough subject for Atheists because we do not believe we will ever see our loved ones in an afterlife. Our group leader and Atheist psychotherapist, **Linda Blaikie**, L.C.S.W., spoke at our Brunch on reason-based ways to cope with death. **Dr. David Orenstein**, leader of NYCA's Book and Film

Club, this month led a fascinating discussion on “The Religious War on Science.” Did somebody say something about an alleged Atheist “war on Christmas?” That’s a mere scrimmage compared to the blitzkrieg religion has been exerting on science for centuries.

**What we learned: Dealing with death may actually be easier for those who don’t believe in a heaven or hell. We can accept the finality of life with equanimity. We learned from Dr. Orenstein that religion has a vested interest in combating science: Religion fears that science will damage or destroy the deceptions and fabrications about heaven, hell, god and an afterlife that are the foundation of most religions.**



Linda Blaikie



David Orenstein

### February

Yale professor **Dr. Daniel Greco** talked to us about the philosophy of religion, asking “Is god necessary for you to be moral?” At our February monthly meeting, a film featuring Tufts professor / Atheist celebrity **Daniel Dennett** discussing Darwin argued that evolution dispenses with the need for god.

**What we learned: We not only do not need god in order to be moral, but god’s morality is arbitrary and hopelessly out of date, according to Greco. The 10 Commandments, for example, basically do not deal with the needs of a modern society. Humans may need to update codes of morality for every epoch.**

### March / April

Paleoartist **Viktor Deak** brought in his reconstructions of prehistoric hominids to show us what our evolutionary ancestors must have looked like. He works from actual fossils, and his reconstructions are exhibited in the Hall of Human Origins at the American Museum of Natural History. In April, **Dr. Steven Jonas**, professor of Preventive Medicine at the medical school of Stony Brook University, discussed his book “The 15% Solution: How the Republican Christian Right Took Control of the U.S., 1981-2022--a Futuristic Novel.”

**What we learned: We are getting closer, through arts and science, to understanding how humans evolved. Dr. Jonas interestingly suggested that perhaps the Republicans have not evolved enough...**

### May

**Gary Berton**, president of the Thomas Paine National Historical Association, told us the story of America’s

first non-theist revolutionary, Tom Paine, who even today is unheralded in our history. And a British movie at our monthly meeting “**The Conspiracy Road Trip**,” took young Fundamentalists to hear experts on evolution, floods and other Biblical events to find out if scientific experts could change their minds about things in the Bible.

**What we learned: American historians might have tried to downplay the role of Tom Paine in the American revolution because his attitudes on religion and politics were way ahead of his time. We also learned that it is almost impossible to change a truly religious person’s mind even when you present them with the scientific facts. Their faith negates science and logic.**

### June

**Dr. Matthew Stanley**, professor at New York University, talked about Sir Isaac Newton. Was he or was he not an Atheist? At our monthly meeting, **Sheila Reynertson** of the **MergerWatch** project told how Catholic hospitals are swallowing up secular hospitals and running the merged hospitals under Catholic principles. Also in June, our **Summer Solstice Comedy Fest** presented four Atheist comics at The Stand Comedy Club.

**What we learned: Evidence suggests Sir Isaac Newton was a suppressed nonbeliever: at his deathbed, he famously refused the holy sacrament. We learned the Catholic church still imposes its doctrines forbidding contraception, sterilization or abortion onto hospitals with whom it merges. MergerWatch is watching and in some cases, suing.**

### July / August

**Steven Lowe** came from Washington DC in July to talk to us about the late great **Robert Ingersoll**, a 19th-century American orator dubbed “The Great Agnostic.” A Boston zoologist who trained at Oxford University, **Dr. Abby Hafer**, told us how she defends evolution by showing her students that “Intelligent Design” is just a political argument--and has nothing whatever to do with science.

**What we learned: Atheist heroes existed even in earlier days of America; sadly, most of them, like Robert Ingersoll, have been left out of our history books. And we learned that teachers like Dr. Hafer do not fear exposing the ludicrousness of the religious “Intelligent Design,” treating it with jokes and laughter rather than the seriousness its purveyors prefer.**



Richard Dawkins

### September

September of 2013 reached luminous heights for us with the visit of author and Atheist celebrity **Richard Dawkins** to our monthly meeting. With 207 people signing up for this event, we had to hold two sessions of the meeting, one right after the other, to accommodate them all. Also in September, **Beth Lamont**, widow of another famous philosopher, **Corliss Lamont**, graced our Brunch meeting, telling us how she is committed to carrying on Corliss's work and legend.

**What we learned: If 207 people turn out to greet Dawkins one evening in New York, we know Atheism has achieved a kind of acceptance and celebrity that we would not have witnessed a decade ago. But we must bear in mind that secular heroes like Corliss Lamont should not be forgotten.**

### October

Our comedy expert, **Paul Herzich**, who once ran his own Comedy Club in Greenwich Village, talked about the connection between comedy and Atheism. And at our monthly meeting, **Adam Lee**, founder of one of the most popular weblogs devoted to Atheism, discussed what he called "objective morality"--that is, his concept that there exists a morality for humans without input from religion.

**What we learned: Comedy is Atheist, insists Herzich, because nothing is sacred in comedy! We learned from Adam Lee that "the opinions of gods are irrelevant" about morality, which is by, and for, humans, and we should form our moral codes based on what is scientifically positive for the human race as a whole.**



Paul Herzich – Producer: Summer Solstice Comedy Fest

### November

In November, we got an intimate glimpse into an important issue for the Atheist movement when upstate New Yorker **Liz Heywood** told us her story. When she was a child, Liz's parents, Christian Science Church members, chose prayer over medical treatment for a life-threatening bone disease in Liz's leg. The disease crippled her and eventually she had to have the leg amputated. Liz is now campaigning nationwide for

mandatory health care for children of religious parents.

**What we learned: Though religious parents may cite the "freedom of religion" excuse, when withholding medical care harms a child, it is a criminal act. Liz gave us a graphic example of the potential of religion to do harm to children.**



Michael Dorian: Meetup Leader / Godless Revival

### December

**Lauri Lebo**, a reporter who had covered the famous "Dover trial" that threw creationism out of public schools in Dover, PA, came to talk to us about her experiences reporting on one of the most celebrated court trials in constitutional history. Lebo's book, "The Devil in Dover: An Insider's Story of Dogma v. Darwin in a Small-Town," was a sellout to this audience. This month, we partnered with the **Godless Revival** in a Solstice party that featured the band called "Jehovah's Favorite Choir," plus comedy, rants, music and fun!

**What we learned: Justice was served at the Dover trial. The Bush-appointed Republican judge ruled in favor of keeping religion out of public schools even if it is disguised as "creationism" or "Intelligent Design." This inspiring win for separation of church and state gives us the courage to continue to pursue our Miracle Cross and "In god we trust" suits, both now up for appeal.**

As NYCA enters its 10th successful year, keep tuned to this newsletter to see what events we are planning for 2014. Expect to see us tackle more litigation to keep creeping religion out of our schools and public places. Look for exciting speakers from top universities. Look for fun-packed parties and social events. Expect NYCA and AA in 2014 to be more open, more public, more dynamic and "in-your-face," and less accommodating of religion's excesses. We are fighting for our civil rights as nonbelievers and we won't be intimidated anymore.

But most important of all, ask not what NYCA can do for you--ask what you can do for NYCA! You will find, as others have, that volunteer work for Atheism can be life-changing as you work to change our society. Ask any one of our group leaders! They, like you, were once just members of NYCA. With confidence, and NYCA's support, they became the group leaders they are today. Two of them are now writing Atheist books; a third is producing an Atheist film. All credit NYCA for enabling them to become the best that they can be. Find your niche in NYCA and you can change the world. ☐

## Which Side Are You On?

### As Atheists, We Can't Deny We Swing Liberal!



By Tyson Gill, PhD.

We Atheists take great pride in pointing out that we are not monolithic in our politics. In fact we heatedly insist that Atheism transcends political ideologies and includes people from every political outlook. And yes, we are indeed a very diverse community and in theory, anyone of any political and social viewpoint can be an Atheist as well.

But let's get real here. As the more fact-based thinkers in society, we should acknowledge that we are nevertheless mostly Liberal. Saying that in print may seem like heresy and I can sense many Atheist heads shaking "no" even as they read this. But in a 2002 Barna survey of Americans, only 4% of Atheists and agnostics identified themselves as mostly conservative on social and political issues. By comparison, 64% of Evangelicals self-identified as mostly conservative.

According to the Barna Group: *"Consistent with the public's image of atheists and agnostics, they were the segment most likely to describe themselves as being politically liberal (32%) and were the group least likely to describe themselves as being conservative (4%) or as having traditional or family-oriented values (71%)."*

So clearly, while we may vehemently deny it, we Atheists are far more monolithic in our Liberalism than religious people are in their Conservatism. This inherent merging of the "Liberal Atheist" is widely acknowledged and accepted as self-evident by pretty much everyone-- except us.

It should not be surprising that social Liberalism is a far more natural fit with Atheism than is conservatism. Almost all of the quintessential issues that divide the Atheist and Conservative communities are based upon religious arguments. Whether it be abortion, creation, gay rights, or social support programs, it is religious rationales that underpin the Conservative positions.

As Hemant Mehta points out in his video series *The Atheist Voice*, Conservatives mostly invoke the Bible to justify their various positions:

*"And not only are they against it, but when they explain why they are against it, it's for Religious reasons. You know the Bible says [as one example] it's gotta be one man and one woman. It's like, well, if you discard the Bible and you don't accept the Bible*

*as this book of truth, what other option do you have? You go on the side of equality."*

Looking at this relationship from the opposite perspective, the Religious Right views Liberalism as incompatible with their religious worldview. As Andrew Klavan stated in his video interview with Bill Whittle on the topic "Can a Conservative be an Atheist?":

*"I don't think you can actually be a Conservative Atheist and have your philosophy make sense. There is something spiritual at the bottom of Conservatism. The essential component of Conservatism is the individual. You cannot be a Conservative, an American Conservative, without believing in the importance, the sacredness of the freedom of the individual."*

Klavan then goes on to argue that Conservative principles are founded on this "deeply spiritual" idea of the rights of the individual. He claims that there can be no society that respects the individual that has not emerged from a Judeo-Christian tradition. Although how these religious Conservatives get from their supposed deep, overriding respect for individual rights to their manifest positions on pretty much every issue is beyond my ability to comprehend. None of their pro-individual positions seem to really celebrate the individual, any more than their pro-life positions truly celebrate life, or their pro-family positions actually celebrate the family.

#### Doublespeak on 'Individualism'

As Ken Bronstein points out in his "sermon" this month, the individual can accomplish a lot. But in addition, as Hillary Clinton pointed out, "it takes a village" to support us individuals. Conservatives scoff at that notion. They are the "I got mine" part of the population. Regardless of how they rationalize it and justify it with Biblical explanations, they are essentially defenders of cold-blooded social Darwinism who try to influence public policy to protect themselves and their own selfish interests.

The supposed reverence of individuality by Conservatives does not translate into an advocacy for social policies that truly support and raise up the individual to be all that they might become. Rather, they merely invoke "individual liberty" to justify toting guns and "individual responsibility" to

rationalize why the impoverished underclasses don't deserve a bit of help. Deeply rooted in rich humanist values rather than mired in Biblical rationalizations, we Atheists arrive at a set of values that align much more closely with Liberal principles than Conservative dogma. Our respect for the potential of every individual human being is far more genuine and inclusive. We should not allow the Right to own the concept of the individual for their own selfish ends as they have owned life and family and values.

We Atheists, regardless of how we label ourselves, or much how we resist labeling, are largely driven by a set of humanist principles that align, not perfectly but most closely, with Liberal values. We should be less reluctant to call ourselves Liberal. Why? Well if we

were more affirmative in our support of Liberal positions and Liberal candidates, then our political representatives would be forced to respect our vote as much as they respect that of the Religious Right. We cannot become a political force and expect any political voice if we don't choose a side. And the best choice of sides for us could not be more obvious.

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*Dr. Gill spent several years in the Peace Corps teaching science in rural Africa. His outstandingly readable book, "Belief in Science and the Science of Belief--A Guidebook to Fact-Based Thinking," is available on Amazon.com. □*

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KENNETH BRONSTEIN

We are always haranguing our members that, yes, you can change the world. You! One person, given the right circumstances, can make a difference. I see you shrug in disbelief. But I can tell you from my own experience, it can be done--because I did it.

It happened one morning last December in a County Grand Jury Room on Foley Square in lower Manhattan, when I, sitting in the first row of jurors, heard the first witness being sworn in with the words "So help me god." I rose to my feet and said, loudly but not belligerently, "Stop." At the witness table, the grand jury warden, a kind of a civil servant traffic cop who monitors the jury room, said, "What is the problem?"

"Let's go outside the room," I said.

Outside, in the corridor, I told the warden that I had already asked to be "affirmed" rather than sworn in on a Bible on this jury and I had requested that the words "So help me god" not be used in the swearing-in ceremony. (Interestingly, when I made my original request about this, I was told by the swearing-in warden, "This is not television or Hollywood. We only affirm here.")

Now, in the corridor, I told the grand jury warden that I had been given the impression that *all* oaths would be by affirmation in this Grand Jury.

The warden said she had not been notified of that, and that I should meet with an Assistant District Attorney (ADA). Within minutes, an ADA was

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#### How One Person Changed the World for a While

standing in front of me in the corridor asking what the problem was.

#### I Drop the A-Bomb

I explained to the ADA that I wasn't looking for an excuse to be released from jury duty; I wanted--no, demanded--to stay on the jury (actually, I knew that once picked for the 10-day grand jury duty, they did not want to dismiss me). Then I casually dropped the information that I am president of NYC Atheists Inc. and had certain expectations. The ADA smiled when I uttered the words "NYC Atheists." I sensed she knew then where I was coming from.

I went on to tell the ADA that I had certain requirements if I were to continue as a juror, and good reasons for them, including the following:

- **I expected *all* oaths to be by affirmation.** I explained that if some oaths administered in front of this jury were religious and others not, it would cause a problem for me, for the witnesses and the for accused, because some religious jurors think that if you don't believe in god, you cannot be a moral or ethical person. I wanted all possibility of religious bias to be removed.
- If any witness swore in using a Bible or said "So help me god," I, as an Atheist, would consider them delusional and **I would dismiss their evidence as unbelievable.** (This is a totally logical assumption, affirmed by Richard Dawkins book, "The God Delusion," though I admit that few attorneys in the court system have ever heard it until now.) *Cont. →*

### Pointers for Your Day in Court

- Asking me to **ignore a religious oath or leave the room was not going to work** because I consider these requests a form of bias. For example, if the oath was to Zeus, Thor or the Flying Spaghetti Monster, how would religious people feel if they were asked to ignore it or leave the room?
- Furthermore, reciting the religious oath on a Bible **does not guarantee to me that the witness will actually tell the truth** because I know that a witness who happens to be a nonbeliever will justify any lies by saying that he didn't take the Bible oath seriously.

The ADA who was listening to me in the corridor said that she understood my position and would return shortly. In about 15 minutes, she returned (after possibly consulting with higher level district attorneys). She said she wanted to check the law further and dismissed the jury for the rest of the day.

#### My Solitary Win

The next day, when we all arrived, I was informed that my request would be honored. I was elated; I considered it a big win for Atheism.

My only letdown was, I wanted to somehow share this victory with other Atheists. Though it had been a solitary fight for me--me, alone, against traditional, centuries-old biases--and perhaps it would not carry over to other juries in this courthouse; still, it was a victory. In addition, I had undoubtedly raised the consciousness of several district attorneys, court wardens and court stenographers. I had paved the way for other people's requests for total secularism in American courtrooms.

To anyone who wants to duplicate my action in the future, I would give a few pointers. First of all, you must understand that I had planned ahead of time to take action. My feeling was that as president of an Atheist organization, I could not sit on this jury without taking a stand about any religious bias during the procedures. Secondly, I saw it as an opportunity to raise consciousness among a group of people who apparently did not fully appreciate that the traditions they followed were perpetuating religious bias.

Thirdly, I realized I had to shift my emphasis a bit so that Atheism was not seen as the problem in that courtroom but, rather, *religious bias* is the problem. And fourthly, I had to focus on the argument that affirmation makes better witnesses of those who are nonbelievers than does swearing to tell the truth on a Bible they don't respect.

#### Be Firm and Win

I would add that even though I felt I had a great argument, I had to be firm. Remember, the Grand Jury personnel--the attorneys, the clerks, the wardens--are just trying to do their jobs and get through the day. The courts are overloaded. They don't want delays. If your argument is logical, if they see that you are serious and firm and your viewpoint has merit, they will do what they can to accommodate you rather than risk being sidelined into a bias trial.

Fellow Atheists, when you are on jury duty, do not hesitate to make the protests I made. Two or three or four of these corridor requests for affirmation rather than taking an oath on a Bible and it won't be long before Bible swearing will be dispensed with altogether. □

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# UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

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**JANUARY 8, 2014 (WED.) 7:00 PM**  
**NYC ATHEISTS LIVING W/ ATHEISM**

**GROUP LEADER: LINDA BLAIKIE, L.C.S.W.**



**SUBJECT: "ALIENATION AND BELONGING: HOW MUCH IS CAUSED BY EXTERNAL SITUATIONS VERSUS INTERNAL STATES?"**

**LOCATION:** Moonstruck Diner - 449 Third Ave. / 31<sup>st</sup>-2nd Floor

**COST:** Free to members (can join at meeting if desired), but participants are expected to purchase a drink or food to compensate Moonstruck for use of their space.

**JANUARY 12, 2014 (SUN.) 12 NOON**  
**NYC ATHEISTS BRUNCH / SPEAKER**

**SPEAKER: JONATHAN ENGEL ESQ.**



**SUBJECT: "THE AGONY AND THE ELATION WHEN THE 'ENGEL V. VITALE' CASE TOOK PRAYER OUT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS"**

Engel is the son of the late Steven Engel, who was one of the plaintiffs in the landmark Supreme Court case "Engel v. Vitale" (1962), which held that organized prayers in public schools constituted an improper establishment of religion and were therefore unconstitutional and a violation of the First Amendment. Engel's talk will focus on separation of church and state in general and the "Engel" case in particular:

**LOCATION:** The Press Box Restaurant, 932 Second Avenue (bet. 49<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup> Sts.) -2nd Floor.

**COST:** BRUNCH is \$20, which includes a selection of Buffet Entrees, salad, one soft drink, coffee, tax and tip.

**JANUARY 17, 2014 (FRI.)**  
**NYC ATHEISTS HAPPY HOUR / BOOK AND FILM CLUB**

**6:00 PM – HAPPY HOUR**  
**6:30 PM – FILM CLUB**

**HOST: DAVID ORENSTEIN**



**FILM: "AGORA"** - A must see, this film takes place in Alexandria, Egypt (300 CE). The brutal battle between Pagans, Christians and Jews fighting for control is depicted, with the ultimate destruction of the Great Alexandria Library. Also fascinating is learning about Hypatia – an Egyptian woman and one of the great mathematicians of her time --who was killed by the mob that destroyed the Library.

**LOCATION:** Stone Creek -140 East 27th St. (3rd/Lex)  
**COST:** Free, but participants are expected to purchase drink or food to compensate Stone Creek for their space.

**JANUARY 21, 2014 (TUE.) 7:00PM**  
**NYC ATHEISTS DISCUSSION MEETUP**

**GROUP LEADER: MICHAEL DORIAN**



**SUBJECT: T.B.A. DORIAN PICKS TIMELY, LIVELY TOPICS THAT SPUR RAMBUNCTIOUS DISCUSSION.**

**LOCATION:** Stone Creek -140 East 27th St. (3rd/Lex)  
**COST:** Free, but participants are expected to purchase drink or food to compensate Stone Creek for their space.

**JANUARY 30, 2014 (THUR.) 6:30PM**  
**NYC ATHEISTS MONTHLY MEETING**

**SPEAKER: JACK GRINBAND Ph.D**  
Dept of Neuroscience and Radiology Columbia University



**SUBJECT: "HOW THE BRAIN FILTERS RELEVANT AND NON-RELEVANT SENSORY EVIDENCE"**

**LOCATION:** SLC Conference Center– 15 West 39th St.(3rd Floor)

**COST:** We ask for a donation of \$10 to help cover the cost of room rental.

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JAN.	12**	Sun.	12:00 PM	NYCA Brunch / Speaker
JAN.	17***	Fri.	6:00 / 6:30 PM	NYCA Happy Hour / Book & Film Club
JAN.	21***	Tue.	7:00 PM	NYCA Meet-Up Discussion Group
JAN.	30****	Thur.	6:30 PM	NYCA Monthly Meeting

**FEBUARY 2014**

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FEB.	27****	Thur.	6:30 PM	NYCA Monthly Meeting

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 \*\*\* Stone Creek Bar and Lounge – 140 East 27th St. (3rd/Lex) – REAR ROOM  
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			<u>TWC</u>	<u>RCN</u>	<u>FIOS</u>
Wednesdays:	5:30 PM	Atheism in History	57	84	35
	6:30 PM	This Week in Atheism	57	84	35
Thursdays:	5:00 PM	NYC Atheists	67	85	36
	5:30 PM	Atheists Book Club	67	85	36

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