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## "Notice on the state of the Catholic Religion in the State of Ohio"

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The rapidity with which the new State of Ohio has advanced to the rank of one of the foremost of the Union; the fertility of her soil, her local advantages improved by the enterprising spirit of a numerous population, will serve to render even a brief account of the Catholic religion in this State, peculiarly interesting to every member of that communion. -- The following notice, confined to a simple statement of facts may be relied upon for its accuracy.

In the year 1808, father Edward Fenwick of the Dominican Convent of St. Rose's in Kentucky, was sent by his superior as missionary to the state of Ohio. He traversed it in every direction and found some catholic families thinly scattered through the forests. These visits being repeated during several years, Mr. Jacob Dittoe, of Perry county, proposed to give half a section of woodland and build a church and house upon it, provided this Rev. FATHER would be willing to reside there. Two years were employed in making the necessary preparations, at length by the assistance of some neighbouring families, a small log house and church were completed; and the Rev. F. Fenwick, and his fellow-labourer the Rev. F. Young, of the same convent, with the consent of their superiors, took up their residence at the new church of St. Joseph's, near Somerset, in the county of Perry. Their habitation was so deeply buried in the woods, that immediate precaution was requisite to avert the danger of trees falling on the buildings; there, for several years, they patiently submitted to severe privations, and felt the pressure of poverty and want. They, nevertheless, extended their missionary rides to every part of the state. Churches were erected in various directions; and congregations successively formed, partly by converts to the faith, and partly by emigrants from other states.

The Bishop of Kentucky to whose Diocese the Ohio was then annexed, admiring the progress of religion, and the zeal of these indefatigable missionaries, judged it would be expedient, to erect the State of Ohio into a separate Diocese, under the care of the Dominican Order, and proposed at Rome, F. Fenwick for Bishop. This proposal being approved of by Pope Pius VII, F. Fenwick was consecrated first Bishop of Cincinnati, by the Right Rev. Doctor Flaget, bishop of Bardstown, at St. Rose's convent, in Kentucky, in January 1822. The ensuing spring, attended by two other Dominicans, he made his

entrance into Cincinnati; and never surely did a bishop take possession of a see more destitute of the means of support. The congregation, few in number, were too indigent to offer him even a lodging. A small rented house served both for palace and Seminary for himself and clergy. The church (if it might be so called,) a mile distant from the town, was an unfinished frame building, without ceiling or plaster. Such was the Cathedral in which he was installed, with humble ceremony and silent panegyric. After a few months, this building was removed into town, and decently fitted up for divine service. But so rapid was the growth of the congregation, that in less than two years, it was not able to contain the numbers that flocked to it every Sunday. A larger church became indispensably necessary. The bishop aware of the impossibility of procuring sufficient means at home, passed over into Europe to solicit funds for that purpose. It pleased Divine Providence to bless his zealous endeavours.

Cincinnati now possesses a Catholic Cathedral, justly admired for the elegance of its structure, correctness of taste, and above all for its chaste simplicity. The building, which reflects credit on the architect, Mr. Michael Scott, is 110 feet in length, 50 in breadth, and 30 in height. Between the five gothic windows on each side, hang some valuable Italian paintings, a present from his eminence Cardinal Fesch [?]. The altar piece is an excellent painting of the Rosary, by the Flemish artist Verschoot. This cathedral was opened with the usual ceremonies on the third Sunday of Advent. The Jubilee, which had been deferred until the church could be finished, was solemnly published on Christmas day in the evening, by the Bishop, who presided at the exercises of the week. Two sermons in English, and one in German were every day well attended, notwithstanding the extreme rigour of the season. How truly consoling was now the comparative state of the congregation of Cincinnati! Five years have not elapsed, since the Easter communicants of this place were only eleven in number; and on the Sunday morning within the Jubilee, above two hundred persons of both sexes received the holy communion, with edifying devotion.

The distant congregations have increased in like proportion, and full four hundred persons have been converted to the catholic faith. Eight years ago, when the church of St. Joseph's, the first in the state, was built, there were only five catholic families in that neighborhood. At present they exceed 200 families. This church, although considerably enlarged four years ago, being found too small, a larger brick church, 70 by 45, was erected last summer, at Somerset, two miles distant. A handsome church, nearly of the same dimensions, has lately been completed at Sanesville. At Canton, in Stark County, N. Lancaster, N. Lisbon, Danville, Beaver (Guernsey Co.) Jonathan's Creek, East-fork of the little Miami, are churches of various dimensions, in brick and in wood, some begun, and other finished; at which places there are congregations, varying from 20 to 100 families. These, and many other isolated families, some 50, and some 100 miles distant, one from the other, are visited by the missionaries, chiefly from St. Joseph's or Cincinnati. To convey some idea of this fatiguing duty, it has been ascertained by correct computation, that two Dominican missionaries, between the beginning of May last and the end of the month of December, travelled on horseback 2,500 miles, exposed to the extremes of heat and cold. Many clergymen might here be usefully employed, and would be very acceptable, provided they could bear fatigue and poverty.

The missionaries of this Diocese have no fixed salary. They content themselves with the trifling collection made in the church on Sundays, the produce of the farm of St. Joseph's, or what little the faithful are able or willing to spare. The bishop has notwithstanding ordained six priests. Preparations are making for establishing Colleges at Canton and Cincinnati. At the latter place, a school for females has been commenced by some religious Ladies from Europe. They have already 70 scholars, and attend besides a numerous school of poor children on Sundays.

From this simple and correct account of the progress and prospects of the Catholic religion in the state of Ohio, catholic families wishing to emigrate to this rising state, may rest assured, that they will occasionally be visited by clergymen of their own religion, and that in a short time, they will be offered the advantages of a suitable education for their children; and it has been principally with a view to communicate this intelligence to the public, that the Editor of the Catholic Miscellany has been requested to insert this short notice.

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MODERNISTS' DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE  
by Rev. James H. Cotter

[This piece is presented as a sample of Father Cotter's editorial style. It appeared on pages 68-70 of Lances Hurlled at the Sun.]

Protestantism has lately been drivelling over Modernism that lies wounded with Roman javelins, directed as skilfully as that with which St. George defeated the dragon. As "fellow feeling makes us wond'rous kind," Protestantism would fain join hands with the last rebellious set against the truth of Christ and His Church. In so doing heresy only shows that she is the logical parent of infidelity, for Modernism is nothing more nor less than the denial of the fundamental truths upon which Christianity stands, and the modernist is a Czolgosz that would veil his murderous hand to destroy Christ's truth, the while he cowardly declares, as did the trickster in Holy Writ, "Master, we know that thou art a true speaker."

The pitiable and ridiculous distinction without a difference that Modernism uses to show its keenness of vision is unique.

First and worst of its declarations is that the divine facts related in the gospel are not historically true. Is not a fact always true? Take the resurrection of our divine Lord, the fact without which our faith is vain: is not this fact as solidly a historic truth as that Rome's seal on the tomb was broken; as that Pontius Pilate sat in judgment; as that Tiberius Caesar ruled in Rome, and was in his Caprian villa when Christ died? Or would the modernist have a divine fact only a human fancy? Is not this substantially the same as denying God altogether, in refusing to see Him in His work? To count a fact of holy writ only a figment of fancy in history, is as nonsensical as to regard a fact of history as a nothing in its bearing on scriptural narrative. To say that a fact, produced by God and given in holy writ, is not a fact outside the bible's cover, is as villainous as to exclude the Deity Himself from history. Are we to believe that anything will do for the scriptures, but that when it comes to history, which has been rightly defined as "a conspiracy against truth," greater care has to be used? If this

is not obliterating the Divinity by making man's pen more important than the evangelist's stylus, what is it?

The modernist will tell us that Christ did not, for most of His life, know He was God. Wonderful discovery! Infinite wisdom then grew in days and years. We always supposed that the infinite transcended time and space, and had its life not measured by time, its being not trammelled by space. Here again the modernist shows that reason was the great rule whereby to measure revelation, for human reason revealed God to Himself. Could anything be more impious? Christ, the Son of God, was not God always, only until human power disclosed the divinity and did its character by impiously dating its beginning. Here certainly is the infidel character of modernism manifested in placing humanity superior to divinity by showing its heavenly glory, and unlocking with crippled hand the tremendous and limitless powers of the infinite.

The modernist denies that Christ founded the Church, instituted the sacraments, and as a consequence declares there is no perpetuity in its dogmas. Mad conceits are these, which are undone by the miracle of the Church's existence, despite all the forces of the world-tyrants, wild beasts, bad philosophy, and meaner still, the betrayals of false brethren. The modernist comes under the ban of those whom St. Paul pronounces "wise in their own conceits," and he has in truth read history poorly when he did not learn humility from man's knowledge -- a beautiful fabric, if he wills, but one dyed all over with error, absurdity, misconception or sin, as contrasted with an infallible Church that has schooled and will forever guide the generations in reason, common sense, truth, and sanctity.

On the tomb of Modernism will one day be written an epitaph, but Catholic truth will never have on it the dust or the touch of the grave.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SOMERSET, OHIO  
REGISTER OF BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES, 1827-1851  
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1834, continued

In Chillicothe:

---- -4 E---- Godclif, daughter of Valentine Gorif and Mary Mickly;  
spons. Gregory Huntman and Caroline Bowman.  
same Bertha Caroline, daughter of Jxerome(?) and Caroline Swik (?);  
spons. Eve Bowman and Barbara Jeune (?).  
same Stephen, son of Paul Burger and ---- Eykelberger; spons. John  
Bowman.  
Mary Ann, daughter of Jerome Preyer and Anna Maria Birick (?);  
spons. Bartholomew Rile and Frances Willinger.  
Ferdinand, son of Bartholomew Rile and Ursula Birket; spons.  
Ferdinand Rile and Eva Bowman. TJVDB  
Feb. 16 Mary, daughter of Eneas Bradly and Elizabeth Sholt; spons. John  
Litzinger and Rose Donaly. DJO  
Feb. 17 Elizabeth Bradley, daughter of John Sholts and Lucy Squires.  
DJO  
Mar. -- Louise, daughter of Joseph Hodges and Elizabeth Hodges; spons.  
Michael Ditoe and Barbara Ditoe. TJVDB

Mar. 14 James Henry Finck, son of John and Elizabeth Finck; spons. James Finck and Mary Walker. NDY  
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Feb. 6 John Wach, son of John and Mary Wach; spons. Martin Stafford and Mary Runion (?). NDY  
same Margaret M., daughter of Michael and Catherine McFa---; spons. Mary Runion (?). NDY

Mar. 15 Rose Ellen Busey, daughter of Patrick Busey and Elizabeth Juri (?); spons. Joseph Juri and Elizabeth ----. DJO

Mar. 23 Robert McLochlin, son of John and Ann McLochlin; spons. Bernard Polind. NDY

Apr. 6 Elizabeth Cook, daughter of James and Mary Cook. NDY

Apr. 20 Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Colman and Elizabeth Colman; spons. George Rese and Emily Rese, born Aug., 1833. TJVDB

May 2 Ursula Johnson, adult; spons. William Harper and Martha Down--. NDY

May 4 in Columbus, Mary, daughter of James Seytere and Ann Beel; spons. Simon Godeman and Mary Selsam.

May 5 in Columbus, William, son of William Wheat and Mary Mannin; spons. Thomas Here (?) and Juliana Cinie.  
same John, son of Michael M. Radelhorst (?) and Theresa Clement; spons. Clement Baer and Agnes Tol; born in March. TJVDB

May 11  
[This record is too faint to read on the microfilm, except for the name Forker. This record and the next two will be published at a later date, if they can be obtained from the original.]  
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June 15 Margaret Kelly, daughter of ---- Kelly and Elizabeth Campbell; spons. --ard McGuire and Bridget Herrington. J. M. M. Grady

June 15 John Sheehan, son of Patrick Sheehan and ---- Flinn; spons. Charles and Mary Elder. JMMG

June 24 Frederick Kame, son of Joseph and Teresa Kame; spons. Frederick Stiner and Magdalen Mongolt. JMMG

June 26 James Mackin, son of Patrick Mackin and Rosanna Mead; spons. James and Margaret Hamilton. JMMG

July 6 Elizabeth Hürhultzer, daughter of John Hürhultzer and Esther Snack; spons. Dominic Kim and Mary Ann Miller. JMMG

July 13 Elizabeth M. Geary, convert, age 21; spons. Felix and Mary Cull. JMMG

July 13 Anna Dempsey, daughter of William Dempsey and Mary Ann Here; spons. Patrick McDonnel and Bridget Kennedy. JMMG

July 22 El'a Theresa Moeller, daughter of Lewis and Elenora Moeller; spons. Henry Dittoe and Cath. Dittoe. NDY [L.J. Moeller was a physician and later was a newspaper editor and superintendant of the Franklin County Infirmary; Mrs. Moeller was a daughter of Jacob Dittoe jr.]

Aug. -- Martha, daughter of Charles Elder and Elizabeth Elder; spons. James Costigan and wife. NDY  
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Sept. Joseph Coon, son of Isice Coon and Mary Ann Gorman; spons. John Hareholser and Hester Hareholser. DJO

Sept. 20 Mary Collins, daughter of John Collins and Rose Collins; spons. John Moun and Cridel (?) Cheny. DJO

Sept. 20 James Nicholas McGowan, son of J. McGowan and Mary; spons. James Huit and Frances Huit. NDY

Sept. 26 Margaret Jane Freele, daughter of Hugh Freele and Catherine; spons. Catherine Keenan. DJO

Sept. 26 Sarah Ann Wiest, daughter of Theodor Weist and Cecilia Wiest; spons. James Perogus and Sarah Perogus [Perrung - see Oct. 28, 1835]. NDY

Oct. 12 Ceremonies supplied for Catherine M'Donnell, daughter of Patrick M'Donnell and Elizabeth Fink alias M'Donnell; spons. James Fink and Catherine Ward. DJO

Oct. 24 Ceremonies supplied for George, son of Charles Vigors and Maria Huite or Vigors; spons. Mary Huite. DJO  
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Nov. 1 Elizabeth, daughter of John Steckle and Catherine Stine or Steckle; spons. James Snider and Elizabeth Snider. DJO

Nov. 2 Thomas, son of William Jackson and Mary Hodge or Jackson; spons. Henry Dittoe and Elizabeth Dittoe. DJO

Nov. 29 Mary Ann, daughter of Rody Ryan and Mary Donelly or Ryan; spons. Peter Early and Catherine Cull. DJO

Nov. 23 James Joseph McKenny, son of Michael and Mary McKenny; spons. ---- and Mary Scallon. NDY

Dec. 3 Maryann, daughter of Henry McDevitt and Helen Donnelly or McDevitt; spons. John Lynch and Elizabeth Bradly. DJO

Dec. 23 Charles, son of George Stuter and Regina (Wert) [of Columbus]; spons. Michael Waganer and Mary ----. J. B. V. DeRaymacher

January

~~Dec.~~ 30 1834. Patrick Durfy (?) son of [remainder blank]

1835

Feb. 15 Peter McIllarney, son of John and Mary McIllarney; spons. Patrick ---- and Mary Ann Butler Kirwin (?). NDY  
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Mar. 8 Mary Gongler [Kunkler?], daughter of G---- and wife Mary Rontyin [perhaps Kuntzin]; spons. ---- Dumolt and Ann Gongler. JMMG

Mar. 25 Mary, daughter of Anthony and Margaret Bloom; spons. John and Mary ----. A. Fahy

same Mary Ann, daughter of Joseph and Eliza Stickt; spons. Allas Fink. AF

Mar. 22 Clara L. Dittoe, daughter of Peter and Ann Dittoe; spons. J. Johnson and Sarah Johnson. NDY

Mar. 29 William George Swartz, son of Alexander and Elizabeth Swartz; spons. Joseph Butler and Christine Gonlof [Gongloff]. NDY

Mar. 29 Elizabeth Rese, daughter of George and Emily Rese; spons. Robert Harkins and Martha Spurck. NDY

Apr. 5 James, son of James and Sara Gordon; spons. D--- and Helen Clarke, at St. Patrick's Church. AF

same George and John, sons of William and Catherine Gordon; spons. James Clarke and Mary McCleary; at the Church of St. Patrick. AF

same Anastasia, daughter of John and Mary Farrell; spons. Cornelius Sweeny and Margaret Grace, all at the church of St. Patrick, called Jackson Township. AF  
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Apr. 9 Christine, daughter of Fridolin and Mary Roarer; spons. Christine and Nicholas Congloff [Gongloff]; all live near Somerset. AF

Apr. 19 Mary, daughter of George Borer and Margaret Mires; spons. John Hucket and Osillae [Otilia ?] Borer; all live in Rush Creek Township. AF

Apr. 18 Mary, daughter of James Jones and Jane Rice; spons. H. Dittoe

and wife. AF  
 Apr. 21 Elizabeth Jones, age about 50 years; spons. Mary Snib (?). AF  
 May 1 Catherine, daughter of Joseph McFarlin and Sophia Howk. AF  
 May 2 at St. Patrick Church, James, son of John Diamond and Elizabeth  
 Dempsey; spons. William Kelly and Sarah Dempsey. Antonius Fahy.  
 May 31 Samuel Hare, son of Henry and Teresa (?) Hare; spons. William  
 Dempsey and Sara Syl---. NDY  
 same Lucy Hare, daughter of Henry and Sara Hare; spons. Mary Dempsey.  
 NDY [The surname in this record is not at all clear; it has been assumed the  
 same as the record above, which is clear.]  
 June 7 Catherine Lambing, daughter of John Lambing and Margaret Wolf;  
 spons. David and Sarah Peronge. JMMG  
 same Catherine Clovis, daughter of Anthony Clovis and Cecilia  
 Newyeare; spons. Anthony Fritzes (?) and Mary Kreste. JMMG  
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 June 10 Agnes, daughter of Lewis and Nancy Sneider; spons. Massim and  
 Mary Dean. AF  
 July 5 Peter, son of James Cull and Catherine Early; spons. James and  
 Rosanna M. Kinney. JMMG  
 July 19 George, son of Philip Harvey and Elizabeth Hodge; spons. Robert  
 Harkins and Catherine Dittoe. JMMG  
 same Nicholas John, son of David Fink and Elizabeth Gongloff; spons.  
 Nicholas Gongloff and Mary Fink. JMMG  
 ---- Mary Jane, daughter of Joseph McFarlin and Sophia Hawk, in  
 April. AF  
 July 26 Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Rosanna Buchannon; spons.  
 Emanuel Crosson and Esther Dempsey. AF  
 same Margaret, daughter of same; spons. William Dempsey and M.  
 Buchannan. AF  
 same Mary, daughter of same; spons. William Dempsey and Mary Dempsey.  
 ADF  
 Aug. 2 Edward, son of Henry and Bridget Gilligan, at St. Patrick;  
 spons. Edward Brady and Bridget Nangle.  
 same Mary, daughter of John and Mary Wible; spons. Peter Bash and  
 Margaret Bash. (all in Jackson Township) AF  
 Aug. 17 John, son of Arthur and ---- Runy; spons. Patrick Cull and Ally  
 C----. All live in Somerset. AF  
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 Sept. 4 John, son of James Miner and Bridget McKean; spons. John Miner  
 and Lenty Small. A. D. Fahy  
 Sept. 20 Ar(?)olia Hook, daughter of George and Rosanna Hook; spons,  
 David Finck and Eliner Gonloff. NDY  
 Oct. 4 Charlotte, daughter of John and Julianna Litzinger; spons.  
 William Stine and Mary Case. NDY  
 Oct. -- Louisa, daughter of Richard and Catherine Louge; spons. Airan  
 and Polly McKenzie. ADF  
 Oct. 25 Godfred son of Joseph and Rose Kim; spons. Edolph Kim and  
 Magdalena Mangold. ADF  
 Oct. 25 Henry, son of Benjamin Horden and Ann Freeman(?); spons.  
 Frances Tummel and Ane Musselman. AF  
 Oct. 25 Mary Frances, daughter of Elias Vickers and Mary Huet; spons.  
 James Huet and Frances Huet. AF  
 Oct. 28 Mary, daughter of James and Sera Perrung; spons. David and Sera  
 Perrung. AF

Oct. 29 Rosana, daughter of Miles Clark and Abbalone Litzinger; spons. Willm. Musselman and Charity Ellen Clarke. ADF  
 ---- -- Charles, son of James Elder and Mary Lynch; spons. Jerome Mudd, doctor, and Caroline Mudd. ADF  
 Nov. -- Susan, daughter of John Case and Catherine Talbot; spons. Philip Case and Anna Myers. ADF  
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 Nov. 4 Jane, daughter of Michael Sweetman and Mary Howard; spons. John Sheridan and Anna Cumiskey. ADF  
 Nov. 25 Margaret, daughter of Dolph Ruddy and Elizabeth Herholzer; spons. John Herholzer and Mary Ann Miller. J. G. A. Alleman  
 Dec. 26 William, son of Philip and Ann Little; spons. Allick Bawn and Alley Dav---. [ADF]  
 Dec. 26 Francis Kun, son of James ---- and Hester Herholster; spons. John and Mary Elder. [ADF]  
 Dec. 26 Ann, daughter of William and Margaret Patridge; spons. Hugh and Rose C[lark]. [ADF]  
 Dec. 31 Ellen, daughter of Terence and Catherine Kelly; spons. John Moor and Catherine Lennon. [ADF]

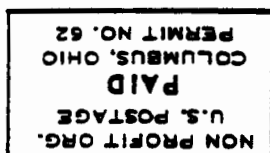
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Jan. 1 Emily, daughter of Samuel and Deleliegh Benjamin; spons. Benjamen and Catherine Deane. ADF  
 Jan. 18 Margaret Cecilia, daughter of Reason Schrivner and Mary Sears; spons. Samuel Mc A. Fee [McAfee] and Jane Sears. JMMG  
 Jan. 19 Sarah, daughter of Elijah M'Kendriee and Susan Ciggins; spons. Teresa Wills. JMMG  
 Jan. 21 Ann Elizabeth Elder, daughter of John and Mary; spons. Joseph Elder and [blank] Case. NDY  
 Feb. 2 Matilda Frances Finck, daughter of Adam and Alice Finck; spons. Robert Harkins and Catherine Dittoe. NDY  
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 Feb. 11 Alice More, daughter of John and Alice More; spons. Catherine Redmond and Thomas Scallion. NDY  
 Mar. 14 Frederick Florian, son of Jacob Bohrer and Anna Maria Bohrer or Bohrer; spons. Frederick Remigius Steiner and Catherine Steiner.  
 Apr. 3 Joseph Stutan, son of John Stutan and Mary Hyman; spons. Joseph Stutan and Catherine Freis. F. J. T. Jarboe  
 (To be continued)

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 CORRECTION

The Chronicle of Events in the Diocese for 1988, published in the February issue, stated that the groundbreaking for St. Joan of Arc Church and the dedication of the church, offices, and classrooms for St. Brigid of Kildare Parish took place on July 18. The correct date was September 18. In addition, the name of the chapel for St. Brigid Parish is not "St." but "The" Mary of the Gael, a title given to St. Brigid.

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