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Action and Happiness

Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.

Benjamin Disraeli

Action and Speech

Think before you act. Think twice before you speak.

Anonymous

Adversity is a Great Teacher

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.

William Hazlitt

Be Cautious

It is better to be safe than sorry.

American Proverb

BE REAdy to Learn

Being ignorant is not as much a shame as being unwilling to learn.

Benjamin Franklin

Being Optimistic

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.

Helen Keller

Begin Here

Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close; then let everyone of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourselves.

John Ruskin

Character and Reputation

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it. The tree is the real thing.

Abraham Lincoln

Confess if you are Wrong

Confession of error is like a broom that sweeps away dirt and leaves the surface cleaner than before.

Mahatma Gandhi

Co-operation is Important

If you do not believe in co-operation, look what happens a wagon that loses a wheel.

Anonymous

Courtesy, Like Mercy, is Twice Blessed

Nothing is ever lost by courtesy. It is the cheapest of the pleasures; costs nothing and conveys much. It pleases him who gives and him who receives, and thus, like mercy, it is twice blessed.

Erastus Wiman

Do not Give Up

Never give up! It is wiser and better Always to hope, than ever despair; Fling off the load of Doubt's cankering fetter, And break the dark spell of tyrannical care.

NEVER GIVE UP I Or the burdens may sink you; Providence kindly has mingled the cup. And in all trials and troubles, bethink you, The watchword of life must be, 'Never give up'.

Martin Farquhar Tupper

Don't Think you are Beaten

If you think you are beaten, you are; If you think you dare not, you don't. If you'd like to win, but think you can't, It's almost a cinch you won't. If you think you'll lose, you're lost, For out in the world we find Success begins with a fellow's will; It's all in the state of mind. Life's battles don't always go To the stronger or faster man; But soon or late the man who wins Is the one who thinks he can.

Walter D. Wintle

Deciding is Important

Indecision is fatal. I'd rather make a wrong decision, many of them, than build up a habit of indecision.

I have known men who built successful careers in spite of many wrong decisions, but never one who built a career on indecisions.

James Walker

Don't make Excuses

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

Benjamin Franklin

Don't GO TO SLEEP WHEN YOU ARE AT THE TOP Some of the 'room at the top' is created by the men who go to sleep there and fall off.

Anonymous

Do Not say 'it Couldn't Be Done'

Somebody said that it couldn't be done But he with a chuckle replied That "may be it couldn't but he would be one Who wouldn't say so, till he'd tried."

So he buckled right in, with a trace of grin On his face. If he worried, he hid it. He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done, and he DID it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that, At least no one has ever done it." But he took off his coat and he took off his hat. And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.

With a lift of his chin, and a bit of a grin, Without any doubt or quibbling; He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done, and he DID it.

Edgar Guest

Do not Lose Things Money Cannot Buy

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy.

But it's good, too, to check up once in a while and MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVEN'T LOST THE THINGS THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY.

George Horace Lorimer

Discharge your Duties

The best way to get rid of your duties is to discharge them.

Anonymous

Do Unto Others

Do unto others as though you were the others.

Anonymous

Don't Lose Temper

To be angry is to revenge the faults of others upon ourselves.

Pope

Do Good to All

Do Good to thy friend to keep him, to thy enemy to gain him.

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Benjamin Franklin

Don't Lose Minutes

We are but minutes, little things, Each one furnished with sixty wings With which we fly on our unseen track And not a one of us ever comes back. We are but minutes, use us well, For how we are used we must someday tell. Who uses minutes has hours to use, Who loses minutes – whole years must lose.

Anonymous

Do What you Can

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little – DO WHAT YOU CAN.

Sydney Smith

Don't Proclaim Your Wisdom

Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so.

Anonymous

Do not Pray for an Easy Life

D o not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.

Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day you will wonder at yourself, at the richness of life that has come to you by the grace of God.

Philip Brooks

Defeat is like a Headache

Defeat, like a headache, warns us that something has gone wrong. If we are intelligent we look for the cause and profit by the experience.

Anonymous

Don't Speak, Act

My writings should be cremated with my body. What I have done will endure, not what I have said and written.

Mahatma Gandhi

Do not Entertain Unnecessary Anxieties

One of the most useless of all things is to take a deal of trouble in providing against dangers that never come. How many toil to lay up riches which they never enjoy; to provide for exigencies that never happen; to prevent troubles that never come; sacrificing present comfort and enjoyment in guarding against the wants of a period they may never like to see.

William Jay



Determine to like your work. Then it will become a pleasure, not drudgery.

Perhaps you do not need to change your job. Change yourself and your work will seem different.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Even Anger has its Place

Anybody can become angry – that is easy; But to be angry with the right person, and to the right degree, and at the right time, and for the right purpose, and in the right way – that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.

Aristotle

Examine The Faults in You

There are five fingers to the palm. We point out, when we come across a bad man, with the pointing finger. When you point at others, only one finger points out at them and three fingers point back to you. So, when you point out one fault in others, you must be able to examine three times whether there is a fault in you.

Sathya Sai Baba

Failures Are Spurs To Success

What is a failure? It's only a spur To a man who receives it right,

And it makes the spirit within him stir To go in once more and fight.

If you never have failed, it's an easy guess You never have known a high success. What is a miss? It's a practice shot Which we often must make to enter

The list of those who can hit the spot Of the bull's eye in the centre,

If you never have sent your bullet wide, You never have put a mark inside.

Edmund Vabce Cooke

FROWNING AND SMILING

It takes thirty-four muscles to frown, and only thirteen to smile. Why make the extra effort?

Anonymous

Give happiness when you Seek It

The best way to cheer you up is to try to cheer somebody else up.

Mark Twain

Are you Discouraged?

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the Legislature in Illinois and was badly swamped.

He next entered business, failed and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner.

He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged – and then she died.

Later he married a woman who was a constant burden to him. Entering politics again, he was badly defeated for Congress. He failed to get an appointment to the U.S. Land Office. He was badly defeated for the U.S. Senate.

In 1856 he became a candidate for the Vice-President and was again defeated. In 1858 he was defeated by Douglas.

One failure after another – bad failures – great setbacks. In face of all this he eventually became one of the country's greatest men, if not the greatest.

When you think of a series of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel small to become discouraged, just because you think that you're having a hard time in life?

Anonymous

BE Up and Doing

Sure there is lots of trouble, Sure there are heaps of cares, Burdens that bend us double, Worries that come to wear.

> But we must keep pursuing Something, and see it through; Still to be up and doing Is all that there is to do.

Though you would like to idle, Wait for the world to right, Keep your hand on the bridle, Fight when you have to fight.

> Women are won by Wooing, Fortune is won the same, And to be up and doing Is all there is to the game,

Few ever fail by trying, Few ever win who wait, All of your sitting, sighing Never will conquer fate.

> Whatever path you're hewing, One thing is certain, son; Either be up and doing Or soon you'll be down and done.

> > Douglas Malloch

Forget each Kindness That you Do

Forget each kindness that you do As soon as you have done it, Forget the praise that falls to you The moment you have won it,

Forget the slander that you hear Before you can repeat it, Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer, Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done To you whatever its measure, Remember praise by others won And pass it on with pleasure,

Remember every promise made And keep it to the letter, Remember those who lend you aid, And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness That comes your way in living; Forget each worry and distress Be hopeful and forgiving

Remember Good, remember truth, Remember heaven's above you And you will find through age and youth True Joys and hearts to Love You.

Friends and Enemies

Have you fifty Friends? – It is not enough Have you one enemy? – It is too much

Italian Prover

GENEROSITY AND PRIDE

Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.

Khalil Gibran

Faith Alone is Not Enough

Faith without work is like a bird without wings; though she may hop about on earth, she will never fly to heaven.

But when both are joined together, then doth the soul mount up to her eternal rest.

Francis Beaumont

Give to The World The Best You have

Give to the world the best that you have, And the best will come back to you,

Give Love, and Love to your heart will flow, A strength in your utmost need.

Have faith, and a score of hearts will show Their faith in your work and deed.

Madeline Bridges



He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.

The Bible

Get The Best of The Worst

If the worst happens, and you get the best of it, it isn't so bad after all

HAVE COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT

To see what is right and not to do it, is want of courage.

Confucius

How often do You Lose Temper?

Anger begins in folly, and ends in repentance.

Pythagoras

Help and Co-operation

No man is so rich that he does not need another's help. No man is so poor as not to be useful in some way to his fellow men; and the disposition to ask assistance from others with confidence and to grant it with kindness is part of our very nature.

Pope Leo XIII

How are you Playing the Game?

Life is a game with a glorious prize, If we can only play it right, It is give and take, build and break, And often it ends in a fight;

> But he surely wins who honestly tries Regardless of wealth or fame, He can never despair who plays it fair – How are YOU playing the game?

I Would Be True

I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for there is much to suffer; I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all – the poor, the friendless; I would be humble, for I know my weakness; I would look up – and laugh – and love – and lift.

Howard Arnold Walter

If you Want to Show Kindness, Do it Right Now

Friends, in this world of hurry And work and sudden end If a thought comes quick of doing A kindness to a friend

Do it this very Instant! Don't put it off – don't wait! What's the use of doing a kindness If you do it a day too late?

If you have Built Castles in the Air

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost;

> that is where they should be; now put foundations under them.

> > Henry D. Thoreau

If you have to Advise, do it Gently

Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Is your Country Proud of you?

I like to see a man proud of his country, and I like to see him so live that his country is proud of him.

Abraham Lincoln

Keep Your Cool

Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.

Jefferson

Learn from Past Mistakes

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

George Santayana

Laugh at Your Fate if It is Hard

Fate used me meanly; But I looked at her and LAUGHED That none might know How bitter was the cup I quaffed; Along came Joy, and paused beside me where I sat, Saying, T CAME TO SEE WHAT YOU WERE LAUGHING AT.'

KEEP YOUR TROUBLES TO YOURSELF

Build for yourself a strong box, Fasten each part with care; When it's strong as your hand can make it, Put all your troubles there;

Hide there all thought of your failures,And each bitter cup you quaff;Lock all your heartaches within it,THEN SIT ON THE LID AND LAUGH,

Tell no one else its contents. Never its secrets share; When you've dropped in your care and your worry Keep them forever there;

> Hide them from sight so completely That the world will never dream half; Fasten the strong box securely THEN SIT ON THE LID AND LAUGH.

> > Bertha Adams Bachus

Law of Increasing Returns

Render more service than that for which you are paid and you will soon be paid for more than you render. The law of 'Increasing Returns' takes care of this.

Anonymous

Never Trouble Trouble

Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you.

Learn to Forgive

How many friends have you lost because you would not overlook a fault? How much happiness have you missed by hoarding up dislikes?

No one is perfect. There is not a hero in history who had not his faults and his peculiarities. No man can go through life happily without carrying a good supply of forgiveness.

Herbert N. Casson

Love Your Friends Notwithstanding Their Faults

All men have their frailties, and whosoever looks for a friend without imperfection will never find what he seeks.

We love ourselves notwithstanding our faults, and we ought to love our friends in like manner.

Let Your Aspirations Be high

Aim at the sun, and you may not reach it; but your arrow will fly far higher than if aimed at an object on a level with yourself.

Joel Hawes

No half-actions

I hate to see things done by halves. If it be right, do It bodily... if it be wrong, leave it undone.

Bernard Gilpin

Live Within Your Means

The man who will live above his present circumstances is in great danger of soon living much beneath them;

> or as the Italian proverb says, "The man that lives by hope, will die by despair."

> > Joseph Addison

Live In The Present: Don't Put off Living

One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today.

Dale Carnegie

Mighty Small Things

Small kindnesses, small courtesies, small considerations, habitually practiced in our social intercourse, give greater charm to the character than the display of great talents and accomplishments.

M.A. Kelly

My Love Today, My Love Tomorrow

I have so little to give, my dear So little of silver and gold, But I can give you a gift, my dear That couldn't be bought or sold MY FRIENDSHIP, if you find it sweet; MY SMILE of greeting, when we meet; MY TEARS, to comfort you in pain; MY HAND to hold, in joy or sorrow, MY LOVE today-MY LOVE tomorrow.

Chest A Halt Fulmer

One has To Fight Before One Wins

There is always the battle to be fought before the victory is won. Too many think they must have victory before the battle.

Dean Stanley

Rise Every Time You Fall

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Oliver Goldsmith

Optimist And Pessimist

An optimist is one who sees an opportunity in every difficulty – A pessimist is one who sees a difficulty in every opportunity.

Anonymous

Seek Opportunities To do More

I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more.

Jodas Edward Salk

Possession of Money

To possess money is very well; it may be a most valuable servant;

to be possessed by it is to be possessed by a devil, and one of the meanest and worst kinds of devils.

Tryon Edwards

Produce More Happiness Then You Consume

You have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.

Bernard Shaw

Recognize your opportunities and seize them

Opportunities do not come with their values stamped upon them. Everyone must be challenged.

A day dawns, quite like other days; in it, a single hour comes, quite like other hours; but in that day and in that hour the chance of a lifetime faces us.

Maltbie Babcock

Rebukes are not easily Forgotten

It takes but a second to administer a rebuke, but it may take a life-time for the one who has been rebuked to forget.

Anonymous

Small Successes Lead to Bigger ones

Have confidence that if you have done a little thing well you can do a bigger thing well too.

Stoney

Smile When There Are Tears In your Eyes

It is easy enough to be pleasant, when life flows by like a song; but the man worthwhile is one who will smile, when everything goes dead wrong. For the TEST OF THE HEART IS TROUBLE, and it ALWAYS COMES WITH THE YEARS and the smile that is worth the praises of earth, is the smile that shines through tears.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Speak only If you Must

The more you say, the less people remember. The Fewer the Words, the Greater the Profit.

Fenelon

Suffer to Show Your Sincerity

Self-suffering is the truest test of sincerity.

Mahatma Gandhi

Start Each Day A Fresh

Finish everyday and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in forget them as soon as you can.

Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Struggle is God's Gift

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift; We have hard work to do, and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle – face it; it's God's gift.

Anonymous

The Test of Love

What we can do for another is the test of power; What we can suffer for is the test of love.

Bishop Westcott

Sow Beautiful Thoughts

The person who sows a single beautiful thought in the mind of another, renders the world a greater service than that rendered by all the fault-finders combined.

Seek only One Thing In Life

The man who seeks one thing in life, and but one, May hope to achieve it before life is done; But he who seeks all things wherever he goes, Only reaps from the hopes Which around him he sows A harvest of barren regrets.

Owen Meredith

Supreme Power

The supreme power is not horse power. It is heart power. It is the greatest of all prime movers. It is love that makes the world go round, says an old song.

Yes – make no mistake, it is not money. It is not rank. It is not power. It is love.

Herbert N. Casson

Self-discipline is Essential

The anvil remains unaffected by the blows delivered by the sledge hammer. Even so the man of selfdiscipline remains proof against pain, trial and tribulation.

Shri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Start It...

Don't look at a thing; start it. Don't put it off a day; start it. Don't pretend, you must think over; start it. Don't start half-heartedly; put everything you can muster into your start.

Dr. Donald A. Laird

Step Into the shoes of Your Adversaries Before you Judge Them

Three-fourths of the miseries and misunderstandings in the world will disappear if we step into the shoes of our adversaries and understand their standpoint. We will then agree with our adversaries or think of them charitably.

Mahatma Gandhi

Serve With Pleasure

Service can have no meaning unless one takes pleasure in it.

When it is done for show or for fear of public opinion, it stunts the man and crushes his spirit.

Mahatma Gandhi

THERE IS A WAY

Tell yourself, There is a way'. All thoughts are magnetic. As soon as you tell yourself, I'm beaten. There's no way to conquer this problem, negative thoughts are attracted, and each of these helps to convince you that you are right, that you are beaten. Believe instead, There is a way to solve this problem', and positive thoughts rush into your mind to help you find a solution.

Dr. David Schewarte

There Is no Failure, Save in Giving Up

A little more persistence, courage, vim, Success will dawn o'er failure's cloudy rim. Then take this honey for the bitterest cup; There Is No Failure, Save In Giving Up. No real fall, so long as one still tries, For seeming setbacks make the strong man wise. There's No Defeat. In Truth, Save From Within Unless you're beaten THERE, you're bound to win.

C.C. Cameron

The Philosophy of Work

Work as though you were a stranger in this land, a sojourner; work incessantly, but do not bind yourself; bondage is terrible.

Swami Vivekananda

THE SAFEST WAY TO DESTROY AN ENEMY

The only safe and sure way to destroy an enemy is to make him your friend.

The Light of The Whole Life Dies When Love is Done

The night has a thousand eyes, And the day but one; Yet the light of the bright world dies With the dying sun. The mind has a thousand eyes, And the heart but one; Yet the light of the whole life dies When love is done.

The World is A Looking-glass

The world is a looking-glass, and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face.

> Frown at it, and it in turn will look sourly upon you, laugh at it and with it, and it is a jolly, kind companion.

> > William M. Thackeray

The Best Rose Bush

The best rose bush, after all, is not that which has the fewest thorns, but that which bears the finest roses.

Henry Van Dyke

The Bee works for others

The bee is more honored than any other animal not because she labors, but because she labors for others.

St. Chrysostom

THE MAN WHO MAKES NO MISTAKES

The only man who makes no mistakes is the man who never does anything.

> Do not be afraid of mistakes providing you do not make the same one twice.

> > Roosevelt

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TRUST YOUR Ability, NOT YOUR LUCK

There may be luck in getting a good job – but there's no luck in keeping it.

Jonathan Ogdan Armour

The Essence of Knowledge

The essence of knowledge is, having it, to apply it not having it, to confess your ignorance.

Confucius

Truth Never Dies

Truth never dies. The ages come and go. The mountains wear away, the stars retire. Destruction lays earth's mighty cities low; And empires, states and dynasties expire; But caught and handed onward by the wise, TRUTH NEVER DIES.

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Unselfishness Pays

Unselfishness is more paying, only people have not the patience to practice it.

Swami Vivekananda

When All Else is Lost

When all else is lost, the future still remains.

Christian N. Bovee

Words Produce Ripples

Drop a stone into the water In a moment it is gone.

> But there are a hundred ripples Circling on and on and on.

Say an unkind word this moment In a moment it is gone.

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But there are a hundred ripples Circling on and on and on.

> Say a word of cheer and splendor In a moment it is gone.

But there are a hundred ripples Circling on and on and on.

Walking With Sorrow and Pleasure

I walked a mile with pleasure, She chatted all the way But left me none the wiser For all she had to say. I walked a mile with sorrow And never a word said she But Oh! The things I learned from her When sorrow walked with me. **Robert Browning Hamilton**

Be The Best of Whatever you Are

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail, If you can't be the sun be a star; It isn't in size that you win or you fail BE THE BEST of whatever you are.

Douglas Malloch

Govern Thyself

Govern thyself, and you will be able to govern the world.

Benjamin Franklin

Our Thoughts are our Judges

Men should be judged, not by their tint of skin, The Gods they serve, The vintage that they drink, Nor by the way they fight, love, or sin, But by the QUALITY OF THOUGHTS THEY THINK.

Laurence Hope

You Must Fight if you Would Win

There is always the battle to be fought before the victory is won. Too many think they must have the victory before the battle.

Dean Stanley

Don't Lose Patience

It is the last step in a race that counts; It is the last stroke on the nail that counts; Many a prize has been lost Just When It Was Ready To Be Plucked.

It is you The world is Waiting For

The world is waiting for somebody, Waiting and watching today; Somebody to lift and strengthen, Somebody to shield and stay. Do you thoughtfully question, "Who"? 'Tis you, my friend, tis you!

The world is waiting for somebody. And has been years on years; Somebody to soften its sorrows, Somebody to heed its tears. Then doubting, question no longer, "Who?" for, oh, my friend, tis you!

Can you Laugh even in the face of Defeat?

It's easy to laugh when the battles fought And you know that the victory's won; Yes easy to laugh when the prize you sought Is yours when the race is run; But here's to the man who can laugh when the blast Of adversity blows; he will conquer at last; FOR THE HARDEST MAN IN THE WORLD TO BEAT IS THE MAN WHO CAN LAUGH IN THE FACE OF DEFEAT.

Emil C. Aurin

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Rainbow and Tears

Not in the time of pleasure Hope doth set her bow; But in the sky of sorrow, Over the value of woe. Through gloom and shadow look we On beyond the years; The soul would have no rainbow Had the eyes no tears.

John Vance Cheney

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Learn to Appreciate

If your friend is a help, a joy, an inspiration to you, tell him so. There are discouraged hearts everywhere just hungry for appreciation and sympathy.

God Reads The Soul, and Not The Face

God reads the soul, and not the face; He hears the thoughts, and not the tongue,

> In Heaven the features wear no grace Save that which round the spirit hung

And only they are lovely seen Whose lives on earth have noble been.

Ernest Shurtleff

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As You Sow, so Shall You Reap

Sow a seed, and you will reap a habit; sow a habit, and you will reap a character; sow a character, and you will reap a destiny.

Charles H. Deems

How Much Time Do We Waste?

One more solemn thought: How old are you? Nineteen. Have you reckoned the number of minutes that have elapsed since your birth? The number is startling: nine million, three hundred and thirty-three thousand, two hundred... Each of those minutes has flown to God; God has examined them and weighed them, and for them you must give account.

D.S. Kopplin

One Step At A Time

One step at a time, and that well placed, We reach the grandest height; One stroke at a time, earth's hidden stores Will slowly come to light; One seed at a time, and the forest grows; One drop at a time, and the river flows Into the boundless sea.



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