

# Preaching Controversial Subjects

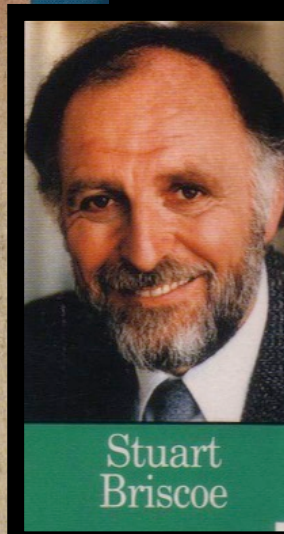
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# MASTERING CONTEMPORARY PREACHING



Bill Hybels  
Stuart Briscoe  
Haddon Robinson



# Controversy is unavoidable

"The path toward  
relevance... is  
strewn with  
controversial  
topics"

- Stuart Briscoe, 80

# Singapore's Hot List

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- ✓ **LGBT**
  - ✓ **Gambling**
  - ✓ **Sex/Porn**
  - ✓ **Singleness**
  - ✓ **Government**
  - ✓ **Euthanasia**
  - ✓ **Divorce**
  - ✓ **Baby Making**
  - ✓ **Required army service**
  - ✓ **Abortion**
  - ✓ **Living Wills**
  - ✓ **Upgrading**
  - ✓ **R-Rated movies**
  - ✓ **Kid's Education**
  - ✓ **Religious Harmony**
  - ✓ **Racial Harmony**
  - ✓ **Muslim Evangelism**
  - ✓ **Working Mothers**
  - ✓ **Role of Women**



**1 Corinthians 7:25-40**

**Why Stay...**

**Single?**

# Pornography



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# LGBT



## THE REFORMATION PROJECT

Bible-Based, Gospel-Centered  
LGBT Inclusion

# November 6-8

National City Christian Church  
Washington, D.C.

### FEATURING CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Matthew  
Vines

Dr. David  
Gushee



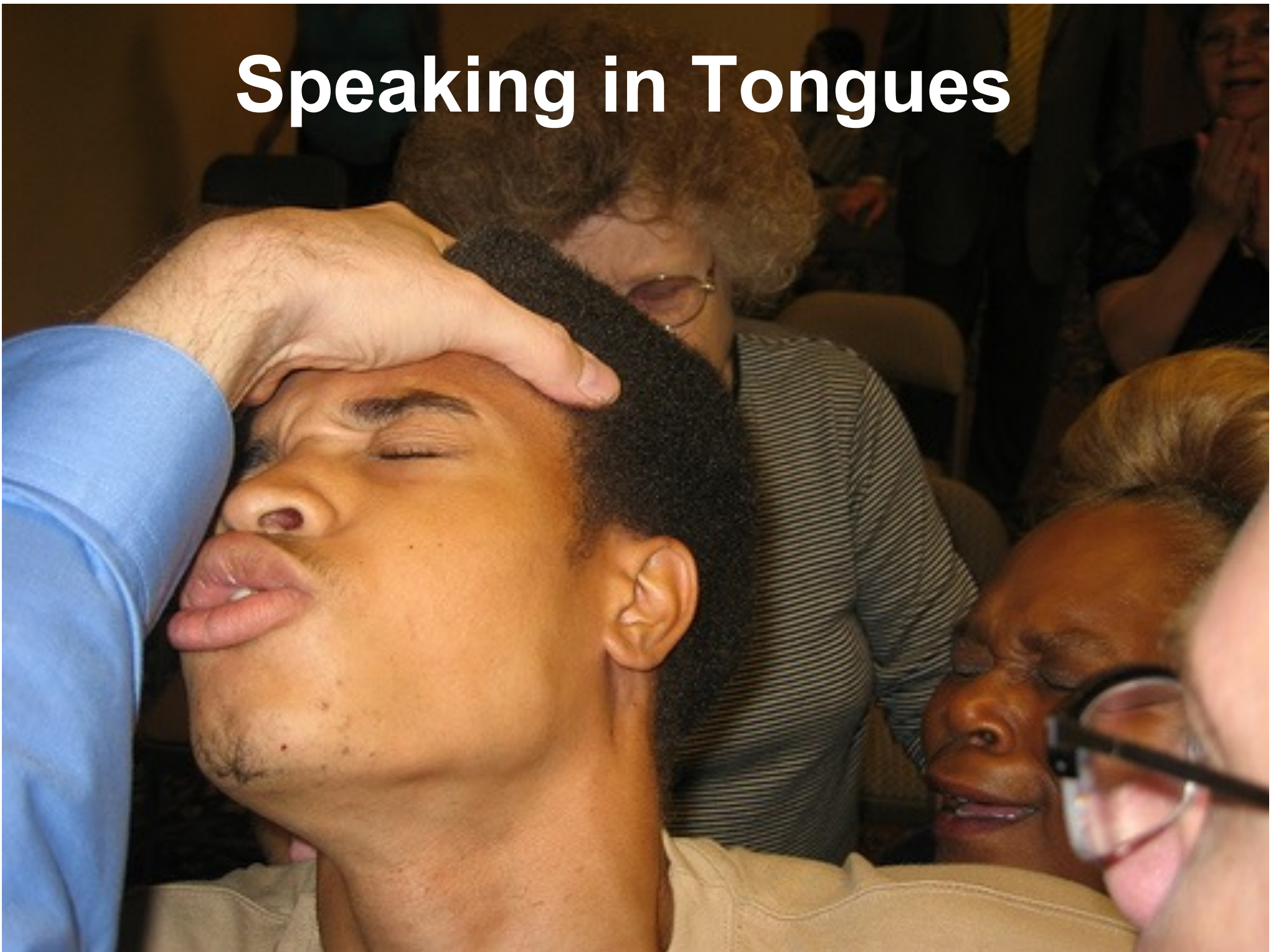
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# Wayne Grudem's Definition of Prophecy

**"telling something  
that God has  
spontaneously  
brought to mind"**

**"Why Christians Can Still Prophecy"**  
*Christianity Today* (16 Sept 1988), 29

# Speaking in Tongues

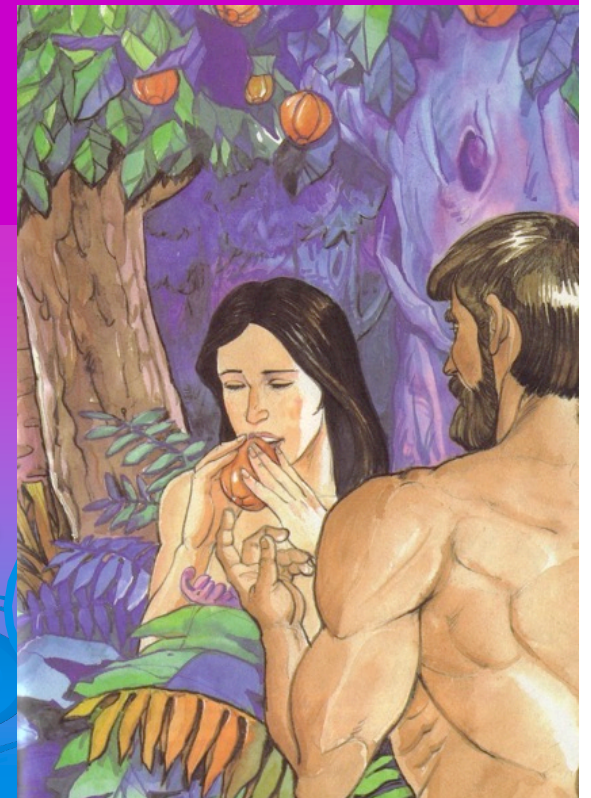




# 1 Timothy 2:11-15

<sup>11</sup>A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

<sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve. <sup>14</sup>And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. <sup>15</sup>But women {Gr. she} will be saved {or restored} through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.



# GUIDELINES ON PREACHING CONTROVERSIES

- *Do your homework*
- *Present both sides*
- *Be humble*
- *Preach the Bible*



# Benefits of Controversial Preaching

- People grow in understanding
- People grow in maturity
- Relevance



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***Dogmatism (legalism = conviction  
without scriptural support)***

**Dangers of  
Controversial  
Preaching**

***People may leave the church  
(but see John 6:66)***

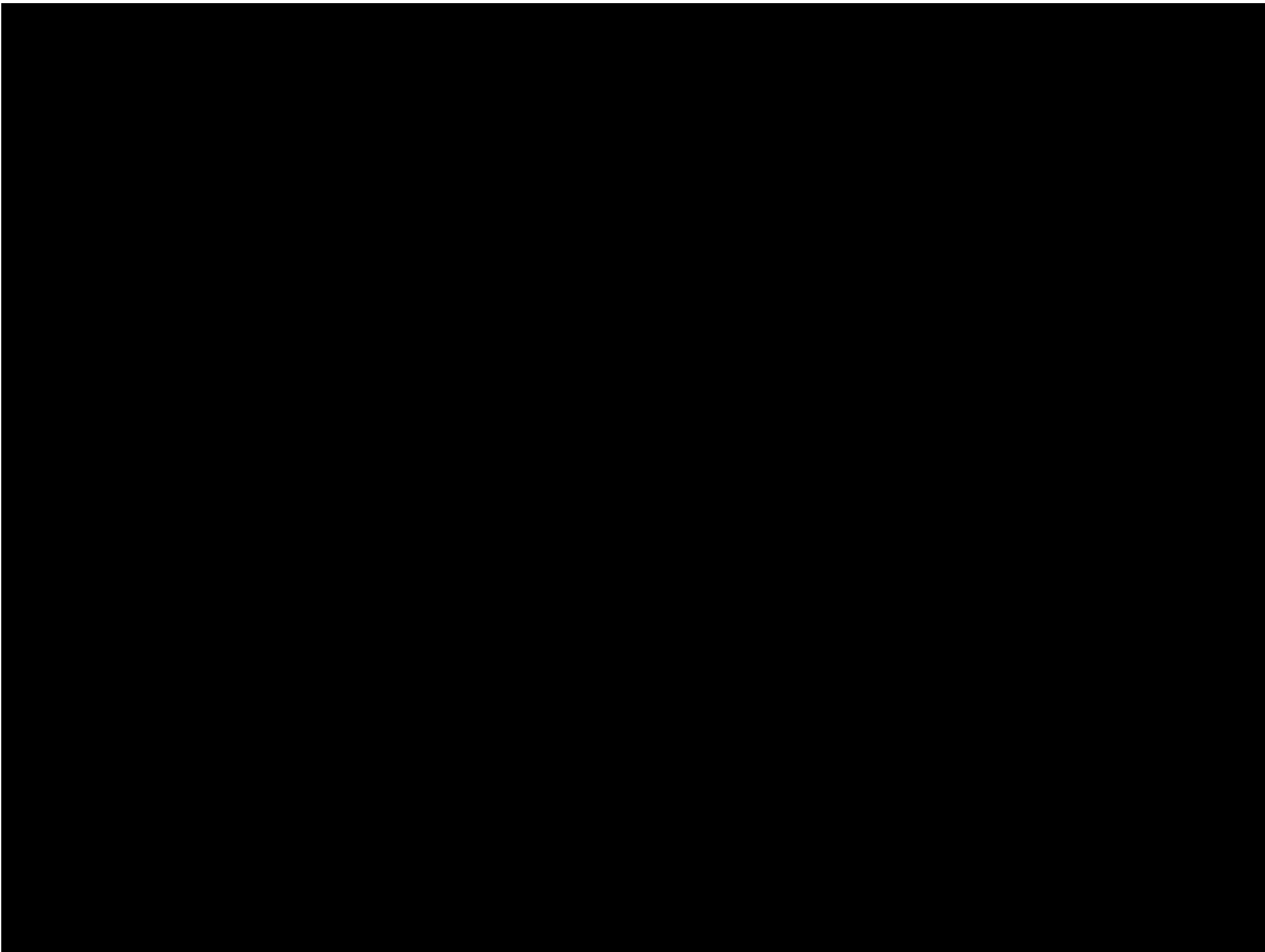
# Courageous, Controversial Preachers in the Bible



***Jeremiah: "Leave Jerusalem"***

***Paul: "Salvation is by grace"***

***Jesus: "You hypocrites!"***



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