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God's Crucible Life in a Biblical Church Apprehending Truth Lord I am fondly earnestly longing into thy holy likeness to grow; Thirsting for more and deeper communion, yearning they love more fully to know. Dead to the world would I be, O Father! Dead unto sin, alive unto thee; Crucify all the earthly within me, Emptied of sin and self may I be. I would be thine and serve thee forever, Filled with thy Spirit, lost in thy love; Come to my heart, Lord, come with anointing, Showers of grace send down from above. Open the wells of grace and salvation, Pour the rich streams deep into my heart; Cleanse and refine my thought and affection, Seal me and make me pure as thou art. Elisha A. Hoffman Do you sing this hymn? Do you mean it? This book will challenge you to match your life to your lip; and do what it takes to reach the goal of this hymn. God's Crucible is designed to accomplish these very aspirations in the life of every willing believer. It is His program, His only program; and if we are not striving to follow His program, then we are rejecting God's plan to save us. Crucible The Choices That Change Your Life Forever B&H Publishing Group Moments of decision. Your life is full of them, and how you respond can have lifelong impact. The decision process can be as intense as a crucible—a vessel in a refining fire, a place where precious substances are tested, purified, and strengthened. In Crucible, we witness how faith, trust, fear, truth, despair, sacrifice, and humility refined David and drew him closer to the heart of God. We learn that God will use the choices we make to transform us into people after His own heart—and shape our lives forever. God's Crucible: Islam and the Making of Europe, 570-1215 W. W. Norton & Company From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author, God's Crucible brings to life “a furiously complex age” (New York Times Book Review). Resonating as profoundly today as when it was first published to widespread critical acclaim a decade ago, God's Crucible is a bold portrait of Islamic Spain and the birth of modern Europe from one of our greatest historians. David Levering Lewis's narrative, filled with accounts of some of the most epic battles in world history, reveals how cosmopolitan, Muslim al-Andalus flourished—a beacon of cooperation and tolerance—while proto-Europe floundered in opposition to Islam, making virtues out of hereditary aristocracy, religious intolerance, perpetual war, and slavery. This masterful history begins with the fall of the Persian and Roman empires, followed by the rise of the prophet Muhammad and five centuries of engagement between the Muslim imperium and an emerging Europe. Essential and urgent, God's Crucible underscores the importance of these early, world-altering events whose influence remains as current as today's headlines. The Crucible for John Francis Taylor End Time Heroes Living First Century Faith In Volume Three, "The Crucible," the saga of John Taylor's life story continues with gripping suspense and poignant accounts of heartbreak and betrayal. In the previous chronical, "The Keys," John enjoyed the influence of strong godly mentors, who are now removed. Left without their timely counsel, will John survive the crucible, the Refiner's fire that tests and tries his faith? Will he lean on God, trusting Him in his battles, or will he trust in his own strength? John returns home from his thirteen-month sea voyage a changed man, no longer a polished aristocrat. He has been transformed into a roughhewn seafarer, matured in every way. His faith is rock-solid as he reengages his life as a Londoner. While aboard the ship, John preached the weekly sermons and he passionately desires to continue his calling to minister the Gospel message. He is given the opportunity to preach in a small church outside London, where he makes a dramatic impact on the parishioners. Weeks later, he meets a traveling preacher who inspires him to take the liberating power of the Good News to the countryside commoner. Upon his return from the sea, John continues his engagement with Mary Van Zandt and they soon marry. He chooses to heed a scriptural precedent found in Deuteronomy, describing how a newly married man should spend his first year of marriage unfettered from responsibilities to "bring happiness to his wife." His decision yields enormous rewards for his marriage, providentially compressing years of marital bliss into a single year. The Crucible "The Crucible" is a 1952 play by the American playwright Arthur Miller. It is a dramatization of the Salem witch trials that took place in the Province of Massachusetts Bay during 1692 and 1693. Miller wrote the play as an allegory of McCarthyism, when the US government blacklisted accused communists. Miller himself was questioned by the House of Representatives' Committee on Un-American Activities in 1956 and convicted of "contempt of Congress" for refusing to identify others present at meetings he had attended. It was first performed at the Martin Beck Theater on Broadway on January 22, 1953. Miller felt that this production was too stylized and cold and the reviews for it were largely hostile (although The New York Times noted "a powerful play in a driving performance"). Nonetheless, the production won the 1953 "Best Play" Tony Award. A year later a new production succeeded and the play became a classic. It is a central work in the canon of American drama. Fuji Books' edition of "The Crucible" contains supplementary texts: * "Tragedy And The Common Man", an essay by Arthur Miller. * Excerpts from Nathaniel Hawthorne's magnum opus "The Scarlet Letter", a narrative of the Salem Witch trials. * A few selected quotes of Arthur Miller. In The Crucible For Service ZTF Books Online This book titled "In the Crucible for Service" is written by Professor ZachariasTanee Fomum. In this book, the author examines the preparation necessary to enter into the service of God. Drawing from the examples of men of the Bible; Joseph, Moses, David and the Lord Jesus, the author highlights the fact that serving God must always be preceded by serving a man. Ministry is not only the overflow of the Holy Spirit, but also of the anointing. The person who will serve God must have a sense of destiny. With a sense of destiny, such a person becomes very meticulous about everything. He can no longer go anywhere any time. The person asks how each thing fits into the call of God and purposes of God for his life. The author invites whosoever will want to serve God to abandon sin, self-love, and the love of the world and the love of the things of the world so as to be a competent minister for God's service We recommend this book to you, dear reader, with prayer that the Lord will use it to prepare you to enter into His service. Crucible of Fire The Church Confronts Apartheid: Essays by Leading South African Christians 1980-1990 Wipf and Stock Publishers Apartheid: 30,000 detainees between 1986 and 1989, 10,000 of them under the age of 16 . . . children tortured and shot in the streets . . . razor wire, rifles, whips, and fire-bombs...freezing jail cells and worm-infested cornmeal rations...despair, terror, rage. The day-to-day agony of South Africa. Is this tortured land a parable of the rest of the world, where issues and choices are thrown into stark relief? Through the words of South Africa's leading Christian figures in the anti-apartheid resistance, Crucible of Fire brings home to every Christian the urgent need to know and to act. Allan Boesak: ÓWe have stood up from under the broom tree . . . and we have been given courage by this God who never leaves his people alone. . . . The government of South Africa has signed its own death warrant; no government can challenge the living God and survive.Ó Frank Chikane: ÓIt is our faith that gives us hope. We know that in our helplessness we become more dependent on God. In our powerlessness we become powerful. It is our weakness that is our strength.Ó Desmond Tutu: ÓI think we have a vicious and ruthless government, and they would mow people down like flies. . . . We must be quite prepared to take the consequences of standing up on behalf of God's people.Ó Charles Villa-Vicencio: What you are witnessing in South Africa is not some sort of strange society or aberration. It is, in fact, a microcosm of what is happening globally....That is why Christians around the world need to join together. Crucible of Fire cries out for Christians to act together, today. The time has come for faith, the prayers, and the energy of the worldwide church to be brought to bear to bring to an end the diabolical system called apartheid. God's Grand Design Dorrance Publishing God's Grand Design By: William R. Arnold, Edited by Ms. Aurora Payad-Arnold God's Grand Design is to restore mankind to its original state of sacred perfection after Adam and Eve fell and created the original sin of disobedience, hiding, and lying to the Lord. When God cursed the serpent for tempting Adam and Eve to be like God, he promised to send his only begotten Son to save humanity. He did via the incarnate word in the womb of the immaculately conceived Virgin Mary. God wants to be man and receive a new body to defeat death through Jesus Christ. Man wants to become God to receive eternal life. Man's journey to become God starts from being an ignorant baby gaining knowledge, to a cowardly teenager obtaining courage, to an adult converting greed to generosity, to a wise man changing selfishness to unselfishness, and at last, to a free man able to think for himself in eternal service to God in his kingdom. The journey requires him to know right from wrong, good from evil, and God's will from man's will and thus defeat evil, worldly temptations, and demonic possession. Through Christ, God and man are destined to become one through three advents, making the God/Man Christ into the new human spirit (blessings). Then, the Man/God Jesus becomes the new human flesh to make all things perfect in the sight of God. Jesus Christ came as a priest on a donkey to decode the Torah, bring knowledge, and remove blindness to defeat sin. By his death and resurrection, he granted free redemption to man's flesh to give him a new body. The second coming of Jesus Christ as thief in the night will bring awakening to remove deafness by teaching God's truths to defeat evil. As a just judge on a cloud on his third advent, the Lord will remove mankind's dumbness to defeat death. And then man can become worthy of receiving God's rewards of paradise in heaven or heaven on earth. With God in the Crucible Preaching Costly Discipleship Abingdon Press Often the church is accused of being so embedded in the culture that effective prophecy leveled at the culture is impossible. But this book illustrates that there was a time and a place where the church community was faithful to its mission as the body of Christ, as church leaders led, people lifted high the cross, and they marched into the uncertainty that still prevails. Here is a time and place where the call to risky discipleship was answered not with whimpers, whines, and excuses, but with the power of faithful Christians living out their call. This book illustrates what it can mean to faithfully answer the call to discipleship and God's service. Many people wonder if they would be able to stand up for their faith if it meant great personal sacrifice or the sacrifice of people they love. They wonder what they would risk for their faith, if anything. In the United States where cost/benefit analysis is a popular way to assess risk, many Christians wonder if they might not have to stand alone, because too many see the risks as too costly. As suggested by the title, this book draws upon a collection of sermons and addresses given by Peter Storey in a variety of contexts between 1966 and 1993. The original audiences ranged from the all-white Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg, to the South African Council of Churches, to the nation of South Africa, and to the world. All of these sermons and addresses are directly related to specific historical events: security police confrontations, beatings, and tear-gassings in churches around the country of South Africa; an imposed State of Emergency; the murder of 14-year-old Stompie Sepie by Winnie Mandela's thugs; and the violent jockeying for power between Mandela's African National Congress, Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi's Inkatha Movement, and F. W. de Klerk's regime. The book offers the full perspective of what it means to speak truth, empower people to stand for the truth, and to pastor souls during times when living truth seems almost impossible. Key Features: 1. Foreword by Desmond Tutu 2. 15 chapters, each including a brief description of the original context, the sermon and its connection with the present, and a prayer 3. Epilogue by Will Willimon Report of the third (fourth, fifth) annual meeting of the Congregational Union ... of Victoria, etc Jesus on Leadership

Timeless Wisdom on Servant Leadership Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Discover the essence of transformative leadership by studying how Jesus led. Gene Wilkes, a popular conference speaker, describes how Jesus led. He identifies seven practical principles for today's leaders, to assist them with everything from humbling their hearts to building a team for Christ. The Biblical repositior (and quarterly observer) [afterw.] The American biblical repository [afterw.] The biblical repository and classical review, conducted by E. Robinson. [With] General index, January 1831-October 1844 The Biblical Repository and Classical Review Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry IVP Books In this expanded edition of her spiritual formation classic, Ruth Haley Barton invites us to an honest exploration of what happens when spiritual leaders lose track of their souls. Weaving together contemporary illustrations with penetrating insight from the life of Moses, Barton explores topics such as facing the loneliness of leadership, leading from your authentic self, reenvisioning the promised land and more. The Crucible of Christian Morality Psychology Press Content Description #Includes bibliographical references and index. Faith Formation 4.0 Introducing an Ecology of Faith in a Digital Age Church Publishing, Inc. Using an ecological approach to study how emerging technologies impact individual and communal formation, Faith Formation 4.0 looks at how our efforts to be story-keepers, story-sharers, and story-makers have evolved over four eras of human communication. Framed by the Great Commission imperative to "make disciples," this book offers a road map to help leaders develop goals to form, inform, and transform new members, as well as long-time believers, within a faith community. The author successfully illustrates that church success depends not only on knowing the Christian message of God's enduring love, but also how to use today's tools appropriately for evangelization and faith formation. Jesus on Leadership Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Wilkes explores Jesus' principles of leadership and applies them to church, home, and workplace situations. Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry InterVarsity Press In this expanded edition of her spiritual formation classic, Ruth Haley Barton invites us to an honest exploration of what happens when spiritual leaders lose track of their souls. Weaving together contemporary illustrations with penetrating insight from the life of Moses, Barton explores topics such as facing the loneliness of leadership, leading from your authentic self, reenvisioning the promised land and more. Five Views on Sanctification Zondervan Christians generally recognize the need to live a holy, or sanctified, life. But they differ on what sanctification is and how it is achieved. Five Views on Sanctification brings together in one easy-to-understand volume five major Protestant views on sanctification. Writing from a solid evangelical stance, each author describes and defends his own understanding of the doctrine, and responds as well to the views of the other authors. This book addresses such practical questions as: How does one achieve sanctification in this life? How much success in sanctification is possible? Is a crisis experience following one's conversion normal---or necessary? If so, what kind of experience, and how is it verified? The Counterpoints series provides a forum for comparison and critique of different views on issues important to Christians. Counterpoints books address two categories: Church Life and Bible and Theology. Complete your library with other books in the Counterpoints series. Preaching That Makes the Word Plain Doing Theology in the Crucible of Life Wipf and Stock Publishers This work includes essays in preaching method and a series of sermons on Romans 10, a mini-treatise on preaching. It reflects on the tasks of preaching and teaching preaching as a form of communication that is critical to the life of the church. Despite the numerous existing volumes, useful texts are still needed. The quest is for methods of preparation that can be applied with consistency, and that suggest habits for labor, which can be tedious or cause tasteless outcomes. The volume is intended as a contribution to replenishing voices that already have spoken ably and eloquently. It is located in the praxis of one who preaches with weekly regularity, while at the same time teaching homiletics. It aims at absorbing and synthesizing proven methods, while relating them to a generation that lives in the tensions of faithfulness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, the decline of a Christian consensus in the culture, the rise of secularism, and competition from other religions. Added to that is the challenge of vying for space in the public sphere with countless social prophets, such as talk show hosts, radio commentators, screen writers, and entertainers with various agendas. What one finds in the following pages is a venture of service to the newly called, the fledgling preachers, the veterans, as well as those who teach. It dares to challenge proverbs like, "It is better caught than taught," or "Those who know don't tell, and those who tell don't know." It risks a word in an attempt to speak reflectively about a task that is daunting to the novice and as near to a veteran as a second skin. It is a brazen attempt to step out of "comfortable skin" to tell another how it feels from the inside. It hazards a gesture to say how to do the work with confidence without becoming arrogant. How do you scratch the pad or go to a blank computer screen from week to week? By what means does one glean and give a fresh word before the exhaustion of delivering the last word has abated? Web sites that supply sermons are in the public domain and can easily be discovered. The challenge for those who mount the pulpit from week to week does not relent. The labor reflected in these pages is born of the bias that all preaching can be improved with study, reflection, and critical assistance. The Agile Church Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age Church Publishing, Inc. Brings theological insights together with cutting-edge thinking on organizational innovation to help churches flourish in a time of profound uncertainty and spiritual opportunity. Postcolonial Europe in the Crucible of Cultures Reckoning with God in a World of Conflicts Rodopi Over the past forty years Europe has grown as a global presence and today it plays an important role in a variety of ways: politically, socially, economically, and culturally, European theologians have no choice but to take cognizance, of this fact and respond to the broad social challenges by clarifying their views on God and being a prophetic voice in cultural, political and social decisionmaking. The authors in this volume take up four main contemporary global challenges, i.e. globalization, violence, gender, and the environment, and the volume provides its readers with first-rate theological reflections in Europe. The articles offered here are the result of an intensive workshop held in Leaven in September 2004 and are sponsored by the European Commission and the VLIR. as part of a three-year study program on the understanding of God in Europe. Homosexuality Good & Right in the Eyes of God? : the Wedding of Truth to Compassion & Reason to Revelation Emmaus Ministries A look at the Biblical and scientific foundations of truth, righteousness, and love for dealing with homosexuality; why America fell for a massive program of propaganda; and the Godly strategy for rebuilding a sane understanding of human sexuality. Let My People Go The Fivefold Ministry and the Rise of the Apostolic Church Covenant Books, Inc. Let My People Go by E. E. Edgar, MBA [-----] Singing the Ethos of God On the Place of Christian Ethics in Scripture Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Noting that academic biblical scholars and Christian ethicists have been methodologically estranged for some decades now, Brian Brock seeks to reframe the whole Bible-and-ethics discussion in terms of this question: What role does the Bible play in God's generation of a holy people -- and how do we participate in that regeneration? Brock first examines various major contemporary thinkers on the Bible and Christian ethics, including John Howard Yoder, Brevard Childs, John Webster, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He then undertakes major discussions of Augustine and Martin Luther, unpacking their interpretation of the Psalms. Finally, Brock articulates the processes of renewal in God's people. His close study of a few individual psalms shows how we enter the world of praise in which all human life is comprehended within God's work -- and is thus renewed. Immersion in the exegetical tradition of the Christian faith, Brock argues, must be the heart and soul of theology and ethics. Herald of Gospel Liberty The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia combines the defining function of a dictionary with an encyclopedia's comprehensive presentation of accurate, dependable information. Summarizing the state of knowledge on more than 9,000 topics and including 3,500 cross-references, ISBE contains articles on every person and place mentioned in the Bible, every word in the Bible that has significant theological or ethical meaning, and all terminology that touches on the transmission and interpretation of the Bible. The Christian Witness, and Church Member's Magazine New SCM Dictionary of Christian Spirituality SCM Press This dictionary attempts to give direct access to the development of Christian Spirituality. It is a series of pieces written by experts to provide instant, accurate and thought-provoking information of high scholarship. The Crucible of Doubt Reflections on the Quest for Faith This insightful book offers a careful, intelligent look at doubt--at some of its common sources, the challenges it presents, and the opportunities it may open up in a person's quest for faith. Beyond Integrity A Judeo-Christian Approach to Business Ethics Harper Collins Integrity is essential to Judeo-Christian business ethics. But today's business environment is complex. Those in business, and those preparing to enter the business world, need to grapple with the question of how integrity and biblical ethics can be applied in the workplace. They need to go 'beyond integrity' in their thinking. Beyond Integrity is neither excessively theoretical nor simplistic and dogmatic. Rather, it offers a balanced and pragmatic approach to a number of concrete ethical issues. Readings from a wide range of sources present competing perspectives on each issue, and real-life case studies further help the reader grapple with ethical dilemmas. The authors conclude each chapter with their own distinctly Christian commentary on the topic covered. This third edition has been revised to provide the most up-to-date introduction to the issues Christians face in today's constantly changing business culture. Revisions include: * 30 new case studies * 1/3 new readings * 50% substantially revised * sidebars that reflect the issues in the news and business press * summaries and material for discussion Msm Mustard Seed Motivation Xulon Press MSM...Mustard Seed Motivation Robert Hugh Park, Author MSM, the life action plan for a world caught up in personal accomplishment, driven by forces beyond the control of the individual. An intimate personal five generation word video, which sweeps you away from a mundane life, to one filled with unimaginable joy. This plan will remove fear, doubt and worry, replaced by confidence and trust in leading you through a seven stage relationship building process. How to communicate at a level never before thought possible. Selfishness; replaced by Selflessness. Getting; replaced by Giving, providing unmistakable happiness. You'll learn about deceit, and how it rules and reigns, without even knowing it. Your future is no longer in question. It's not driven by some hyped up, quick fix formula increasing the size of your bank account. And, it's without cost, available to all, and lasts forever. Mustard Seed Motivation. Want to know more? Robert is the son of an itinerant minister, Verne Hugh Park. He lives in North Canton Ohio, with his lovely wife Gale. They have three grown daughters and nine grandchildren, and have served in various capacities in six churches as adult and senior high teacher, music minister, special music, deacon and finance committee member, missions committee and pulpit committee chairman. He has written and taught over 400 Sunday school lessons and business seminars with over 1400 students in attendance. He also writes for his personal blog. His latest writing adventure, "Mustard Seed Motivation," is a compilation of real life stories covering five family generations of the Park family which serve to paint a vivid and exciting picture of biblical salvation. He retired as Vice President of a large hydraulic distribution company, and is now involved as a Free Lance Copywriter. Writing has always been his passion. Rethinking Faith A Constructive Practical Theology Fortress Press What can practical theology contribute to other theological disciplines and the church about the nature of God and the church's witness to Jesus Christ in the world? What can we learn about the love and power of God in Jesus Christ from the community of survivors of violence? Rethinking Faith urges all Christians to consider themselves practical theologians by drawing on their own experiences in making theological assertions. Poling couples his understanding of the tradition with his work with survivors of violence to demonstrate the resilience of Christianity. The Crucible's Fire: A Story of God's Faithfulness Lucid Books "The Crucible's Fire" paints a picture of God's steadfast love through trials as he holds one family in the loving and protective crucible of his faithfulness. Strengthen your own trust in God's refining faithfulness as you join this family through the joys and pains of raising a special needs child. Assisted Suicide Legal, Medical, Ethical, and Social Issues : Hearing Before the Subcommittee on Health and Environment of the Committee on Commerce, House of Representatives, One Hundred Fifth Congress, First Session, March 6, 1997 Revelation and Theology The Gospel as Narrated Promise Wipf and Stock Publishers Arguing that the Christian doctrine of revelation is necessary for understanding the prevenience of God's grace, Ronald Thiemann defends the doctrine of revelation by focusing on the identity and reality of the promising God depicted in the biblical narrative. According to Thiemann, The crisis of revelation has occurred within a cultural context decisively marked by radical pluralism. The modern defender of God's reality must seek to show how God is, both in relation and prior to those human concepts by which we seek to grasp his reality. He or she must do so by an argument which resists the reduction of theology to anthropology. In analysis of such diverse thinkers as John Locke, Friedrich Schleiermacher, and Thomas Torrance, Thiemann criticizes the epistemological foundationalism adopted by theologians to provide

theoretical justification for the divine origins of Christian beliefs. He argues that the doctrine of revelation must be seen as an account supporting the intelligibility and truth of a set of Christian convictions. His notion of the narrated promise reveals God's prevenience as promiser and humanity as recipient of the promise. In an examination of the Gospel of Matthew, Thiemann shows how the biblical narrative identifies God as the God of promise and invites the reader to participate in God's prevenient reality. *This Side of Heaven: Race, Ethnicity, and Christian Faith* Oxford University Press on Demand Historically white Christian colleges, universities, seminaries and congregations are struggling to transform themselves into communities that are welcoming to minorities. This collection of essays enables those who are engaged in these initiatives to understand the historical linkage of race, ethnicity and Christianity. *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* B&H Publishing Group For 25 years the Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary has been the go-to Bible reference resource for lay Bible students, teachers, pastors, academic courses, and libraries. Now this bestselling dictionary has been UPDATED with 200 new articles and over 500 new photos compiling a collection of over 6,500 articles from Aaron to Zuzite are written so as to equip the reader for greater competence in understanding and interpreting the Scriptures. *T*An excellent companion to the Holman Illustrated Bible Commentary. *Interpreting Religion: Making Sense of Religious Lives* Policy Press This edited collection harnesses a diversity of interpretivist perspectives to provide a panoramic view of the production, experiences, contexts, and meanings of religion. Scholars from the US, South Asia and Europe explore religious phenomena using ethnographic, comparative historical, psychosocial, and critical theoretical approaches. Each chapter addresses foundational themes in the study of religion - from identity, discourse and power to ritual, emotion, and embodiment. Authors examine dynamic intersections of race, gender, history, and the present within the religious traditions of Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism, as well as among the non-religious. Cutting boldly across religious traditions and paradigms, the book investigates areas of harmony and contradiction across different interpretive lenses to achieve a richer understanding of the meanings of religion. *Covenant Essays* One World Publishers Essays present a fascinating prose communication; well presented, each works out a consistent theme. The essays in this collection, created over a fifteen-year span, stand on their own, although several themes carry through--Jesus's lordship, the kingdom, the church, the faith; these constitute constants framed by the three Forms of Unity, that is, the original stuff of the Reformation. `.embed-container { position: relative; padding-bottom: 56.25%; height: 0; overflow: hidden; max-width: 100%; } .embed-container iframe, .embed-container object, .embed-container embed { position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0; width: 100%; height: 100%; }`