

Hope SPEAK

Dear Hope of Survivors Family,



The question: What's it worth?

Since the fall of Adam, the heart of man has ever gone after that which pleases our fallen nature. When Jesus stepped onto the stage of this Earth's history, He saw the struggle in everyone He met. His disciples were caught in the struggle as they joined ranks with the Savior. James and John, the sons of thunder, used their own mother to try to secure the highest places in His kingdom. Judas Iscariot secures a place among the inner circle, hoping to gain glory, wealth and honor. And even impetuous Peter seemed to have struggled between selfish gain and self-surrender. But Jesus made it abundantly clear, "the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." It's as if He were saying, "If you are looking for a Fortune 500 company, then this not where you need to be." And yet, two thousand years later, there are many who still seem to have missed the point. How could we have missed one of the most important sermons He ever preached?

Everything Jesus did had an eternal value. Every act, word or deed is a timeless lesson of unending worth. Step into one of these lesson moments with me. Jesus has brought His disciples into the temple to see the true value of living. It must have been a very busy time, perhaps during a worship service, because the people all bring their offerings and Jesus "just happens" to sit down opposite the place where the offerings are gathered. No simple plate is passed down the aisle for them to quietly place their sealed envelope in. No nice cloth-lined bag to absorb the noise of dropping coins. It's just one gigantic collection plate—on display for all to see.

This is a perfect opportunity for someone of wealth and power to gain the respect and admiration they "deserve" from the entire church body. Perhaps arriving just a few minutes before the service starts, there they are—strutting right up to the front of the collection line. Well, no one would expect for him to wait in line. After all, that enormous bag of money was far too heavy for anyone to have to struggle with any longer than necessary. If no one noticed them coming in, all heads most certainly turned as the sound of dropping coins broke the silent worshipful air. It is as if God had won the lottery as the loud clinking of coins was heard dropping into the collection plate. The people were impressed, the giver felt his heart swell with pride and he most certainly knew God approved of such a generous offering. "How

pleased He must be that I gave so much to help His work," he thinks to himself.

But there, almost unnoticed, is a more important scene taking place. She is alone. She has lost the one who was more precious to her than life itself. The one to whom she had given her heart and life, the one with whom she had shared her hopes and dreams, is gone. Her heart aches as she remembers how this time used to be one of the most special moments between them. They loved coming into the house of God and joyfully worshipping and singing His glorious praises. But now she is alone. No husband, no support, and almost without hope. And there she is, her heart aching from loneliness and fear, as she quietly makes her way to the enormous collection plate. The dreaded plate with its strategic location designed to gain the attention of everyone, all of those looking toward the plate, the faces of those she had hoped to hide from. It almost worked. They were still talking amongst themselves about the enormous amount given by the man of apparent limitless means.

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“I wonder how much he gave this time?” one woman whispered to her friend.

“I thought the coins were never going to stop falling into the plate.”

“I’ll bet you could have heard the sound of all those coins dropping a mile away,” her friend replied.

But Someone else is looking on. He sees the heart of the rich man swell to near bursting as he takes his reserved seat among the privileged and few. He knows the means that were also not given—the extravagance wasted for personal pleasure and the gross misuses of the blessings God had allowed to flow his way. Sadly for him, at this time, he has failed the test. He gained much of this Earth’s wealth, but what he held back was the part God truly desired, his heart. God wanted him to have a heart that would see the real mission field, the one right beneath his own love of display.

Quietly, carefully, and with hardly a notice, she quickly places her offering into the plate. Those two, small, copper coins barely make a sound as they drop onto the massive pile of gold and silver already filling the donation plate. But He sees. Something so important could not pass by His notice. And this time it’s not man whose heart is filled with joy, it’s God’s; her Creator. He saw the tremendous amount of love she had for Him. Jesus tells His disciples, “out of her poverty, she put in everything—all she had to live on.” She didn’t have anything else to give; she gave it all!

I’ve heard it countless times from well-meaning lips, “when God blesses me with the sale of *this*, or the income from *that*, or the settlement from the *other thing*, I pledge to give a big donation to help *fill-in-the-blank*.” Sadly, they seldom ever do.

I’ve also seen others who give like the rich man, only where they get the most “notice for the buck.” But does God count good intentions or audacious displays of recognized giving? Apparently not. Why? Because they did not give what counts the most. Their hearts. When the heart is held back, the giving will be withheld or directed in a channel that may not be where God intended it to go. God says, “*every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.*” He says everything we have is His, and it is only by His continual blessings that we even have breath to live. So why do we keep ourselves from Him?

In the end, all the stuff we have accumulated, all the treasures we have stored, will one day be gone. Join with me in praying that God will help us choose how He wants us to further His work so Jesus can come soon. No offering given from a heart of love is ever lost. Two thousand years ago Jesus brought His disciples into church to teach them an eternal principle of giving. Once you give your heart to Him, all seems like it could never be enough to thank Him for what He gave for you—His life to set you free.

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Testimonials

“My church has been devastated by news of our pastor having an ‘affair’... Your website says that people do recover from this. This website is the only thing that has made sense in the past 3 weeks...”—FL

“I’ve been abused; and have been helped by Shyleene Rosado for about a year. I’m still trying to heal, God has been faithful, and I’m not working this year, due to a depression. I would love to help translating for this ministry that has been used by God to reach me and take me out of the darkest hole ever. I think I would be of help in translating from English to Spanish. It would be my pleasure and my honor.”—Maria [Latino Division Testimonial]

“I don’t know what I would have done without your ministry. Through the Internet, you have provided help and healing to me and my family. Thank you!!!”—Victim via THOS on Facebook

“I am so grateful to you [Heather] for “entering into my world” and responding to my email. Thank you. It wasn’t until my husband stumbled upon The Hope of Survivors and we both read everything on the site that I came to see that what happened in this scenario was truly abusive. ...Please know how grateful I am to have someone to dialog with on this. I don’t think any of my friends would understand; in fact, one I confided in called it an ‘emotional affair,’ but it was The Hope of Survivors that confirmed to me it was anything but—it was abuse.”—NC

“Words are not enough to express what your ministry has done for me when I was at the lowest point in my life, but I am still going to say thank you. I am also looking forward to being a volunteer with The Hope of Survivors, it is the right thing for me to do.”—NJ

Simply Empathy

—Tiffany Smith*

There are topics that are simply flagrant to bring up in a typical conversation, such as asking a person's weight and age, criticism, bathroom habits, negativity, and very personal topics, such as sexual abuse.

There it is, that noisome term: sexual abuse. To me, this phrase is sufficient; but, its connotations reflect in one's mind as a violent event that happens to an innocent woman or child in a dilapidated trailer park, an occurrence that only happens to those who are addicted to drugs, co-dependant, unrefined, non-religious, poorest of the poor in society. What do you imagine when you think of a sexual abuser? I think of a tall, skinny, white male who has long, dark, greasy hair, with an evil, contorted expression on his face. But this is not the only description of an abuser. Every social class has abusers and those who are abused.

Even though my image of an abuser is of a tall, thin, unkempt male, my experiences with an abuser are very quite on contrary.

There are many things that people do not know about me. This fact would top the list. I suppose I seem like the type of girl who has grown up in the perfect Adventist household. In fact, I have had people tell me the equivalent. I consider myself to have had *my* perfect childhood, in other words I hold no resentment, nor anger, toward anyone about how I grew up and how I was sexually abused at a young age. I have had the childhood that cultivated an attitude of empathy, respect, compassion, self-control, and generosity at an age earlier than most teens even begin to consider acne treatment methods.

As a young child, I was taught to give adults respect and to obey their requests, even when what they are asking or telling me seems unreasonable and hard to understand. Perhaps this is why I was such an easy, six-year-old target.

The first memory I have of an inappropriate physical contact between this older church member and me is when I was six years old. At the time, I didn't know that it was wrong, simply an older man's tight hug of affection with a lower body slip up. This was simply the beginning. In hindsight, I can remember bits and pieces of the gradual increase of physical contact. There



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are some memories that must not be dwelt upon for too long. To me, sexual abuse is one of them. If you are the abused, that is. Thinking about such events makes one's mind impure and fogged, so much so, that it inhibits the energy to flow in a more positive direction, such as outreach and thinking of others.

My thoughts concerning the reputation of

the abuser are contradicting. He was not a deacon of the church because he was not at his house during the week, but he was highly respected within the church. He also went on numerous mission trips. I remember him showing me tons of pictures of little 'girl' friends he had made overseas. I remember most of the girls were in pajamas—which he told me was because he would night-sit for the parents, such a similar memory of mine, too. I can just imagine his ulterior motives...

An abuser, a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, does *not* make the Adventist Church an abuser. People are members of the church, which has established doctrines, principles, and guidelines. The church members do not always follow those doctrines, principles, and guidelines. That not only makes them look



church member, but the church didn't make an announcement and say, "Okay men, go select any six year old and condition them to give you sexual favors. If any Seventh-day Adventist Church—or any church for that matter—were to do so, I can guarantee that most members would request to withdraw their membership!"

It is sad to think I was so ignorant not to have known what was happening to me—was wrong. The abuse went on for years, and ended when we relocated to another area.

This began my removal of abusive memories. My realization of how wrong it was began to settle in when I read a testimony of a lady who had been a child victim.

When we moved, my abuser actually made frequent visits to our new house and said that he missed my family and, "especially me." But, after a few months, he stopped coming to visit. He must have found someone else.

Certain events led me to a child advocacy center. I also was given a unique opportunity by the police officers that were handling my case.

Since several years had passed since my last occurrence with my abuser, examinations could not prove that this man actually committed a crime. So the police had to be creative.

The police scheduled a time when I would give my abuser a telephone call. This was to appear like a regular conversation but I was given a list of catch phrases to practice before the telephone call. His responses to those phrases would prove he was guilty of sexual abuse of a minor in several counties as well as other charges. The police would be able to use this phone call as evidence against him in court, because they were using special telephone equipment to tap my conversation. I learned that not just anyone is able to tap a telephone. In fact, the tech expert who was on my case had to obtain a grant from the judge to use such a device. I thought this was neat because I was actually being sneaky and fooling him (my abuser) for once.

When my parents first learned of the abuse incidents they weren't sure what proper legal avenue to pursue. They decided to speak with our pastor, who helped

bad, but also puts the church under a dark shadow. This is the problem I see with telling people of my experiences with sexual misconduct. Yes, I was abused in the church, by a

them take proper action. In fact my parents didn't even go to court, the State took over the prosecution. The pastor also told my parents about The Hope of Survivors (THOS). Throughout the legal proceedings and for a bit of time afterward, I met with Samantha Nelson, Vice President & CEO of THOS, Board Certified Biblical Counselor and Certified Belief Therapist, who was not only a friendly and caring counselor, but also became a close friend and advocate. Samantha counseled with women for a long time before I had met her, but I was a new case because I was her first child to work with. As I remember our long meetings, I appreciate her patience with my lack of generosity with my personal feelings. I found it difficult to speak to her about the previous events that happened between me and my violator. I would talk about gymnastics, events at school, activities with my friends and books

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I was reading. At the time I found it easier to tell the police what had happened, than to tell Samantha, because I knew that the police had an objective. But I now understand that expressing my feelings to Samantha would help me emotionally work through it. The language of abuse is very difficult to articulate, but even more difficult to understand.

I have known people who let their crisis determine their worldview. It works at them, eats away at their thoughts, and eventually consumes them—so much so that it prevents them from working through the incidents. Without my experience with abuse, I feel as though I would not have sufficient empathy toward those who have been sexually mishandled. Sadly, I actually don't know many women who have not been abused in some manner.

I recently graduated from high school with honors and received several notable scholarships. I enjoy writing and journalism. I just finished a summer devotional book and anticipate writing more books in the future.

I understand that the healing comes from your attitude. Kahlil Gibran sums up my thoughts, "We choose our joys and sorrows long before we experience them." To me, this quote means that, through a process of positive thoughts and encouragement, you can work through trying and traumatic experiences. It means that joy is possible; you can obtain joy through God.

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Fear. God. Love.

—Jennifer Schwirzer, LPC

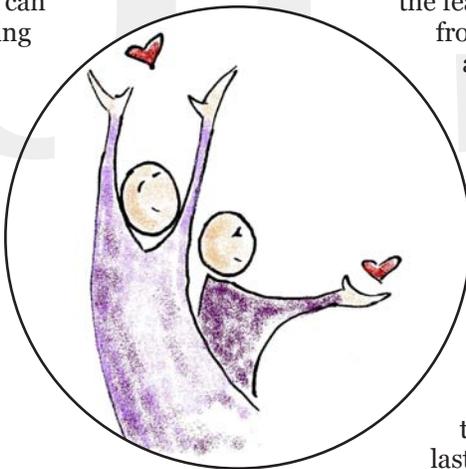
Test your knowledge. Put your hand over the screen and guess the three most common mental disorders in the US. They are, in order, with lifetime prevalence rates: Anxiety disorders (about 18%), mood disorders (about 10%), and ADHD (about 5%).

It might come as a surprise that anxiety rates higher than depression. Actually, anxiety diagnoses multiply like rabbits in the Diagnostic Manual put out by the American Psychiatric Association. Here are the primary ones: acute stress disorder (“shell-shocked,” “gun-shy,” “once-burned, twice shy”), agoraphobia (fear of being trapped), panic disorder (panic attacks), social phobia (extreme shyness), specific phobia (such as fear of snakes), obsessive-compulsive disorder (using rituals to stave off fear), post-traumatic stress disorder (trauma-induced flashbacks and nightmares, etc.), generalized anxiety disorder (fear of everything). Sum up these diagnoses and you have the staggering near 20% lifetime prevalence rate.

PTSD often appears in victims of abuse. Beyond the nightmares and flashbacks, survivors find themselves “triggered” by circumstances that remind them of the trauma. This is why attending the same church and hearing the abusing pastor’s voice week after week can be devastatingly difficult. A transfer of membership helps for a while, but triggers continue to arise. Fortunately, anxiety disorders such as PTSD can be overcome. One of the keys to conquering anxiety is redirection.

Make a fearful face for a moment. Notice your eyes—they’re wide open. Notice the “o” of your lips and your flared nostrils. Fear literally opens up the orifices of the face so that we can take in more information about the potential threat. We can see, smell and taste it better, process the information, and scream if necessary. In other words, when afraid we pay extremely close attention to the object of fear. Fear engages focus.

Focusing on a car barreling down my lane enables a life-saving swerve. Noticing a snarling Doberman, I pick up a rock. Fear can be a good, protective thing. But pathological fear leads us to focus exclusively on non-threats such that we miss actual threats. Post-traumatic stress possesses this tragic feature, leading victims into dissociative hyper-vigilance. We can be so afraid of thugs in dark alleys that we miss the white-collar criminal at the front door. In addition, long-term, unabated stress causes a plethora of health complications.



I believe the Bible contains a very simple formula for anxiety management. It involves redirecting our fear to a place where fear can be ultimately resolved. Recall Jesus’ words: “*Fear not those who can kill the body but not the soul, but fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell,*” Matthew 10:28. Here Jesus redirects our fear from “them”—human threats, to “Him,” God. The reason? God is actually more threatening than “them.” He can do more damage. He “*is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*”

Don’t fear the housecat; fear the lion. Don’t fear the BB gun; fear the assault rifle. Don’t fear the common cold; fear cancer. If you’re going to fear, fear intelligently.

The problem is, this hardly puts God in a flattering light. We might think He’s encouraging a kind of mindless terror of Him simply because He can dominate. But remember that fear serves the valid purpose of arresting our attention. And remember that “*the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,*” Proverbs 9:10. Once He has our attention, He can speak to us. He can pour in new information. He can tell us things like: “I laid aside my divine power so I could suffer alongside you as a human. I lived a life of self-sacrifice and compassion such that children and small animals trusted Me. I submitted myself to hate and persecution, and ultimately carried your sins to a rough, lonely cross where they crushed Me. My eyes grew wide with terror as I felt God’s wrath. My nostrils flared with the fear of separation from Him. My mouth froze into a woeful circle, never to smile again in this life. I finally yielded up My spirit and lay in a grave where I kept Adonai’s Sabbath. When the sun rose I burst forth, carrying with me a new, glorified humanity, sealing you to everlasting life. I am Love. Far from wanting to destroy, I was willing to be destroyed in order to save.”

“*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear,*” 1 John 4:18. Fear intelligently and God will put your fears to rest in the warm embrace of His everlasting love. He’ll turn your fears to tears of repentance for ever doubting His goodness. Go to Him now, submit to His Word, surrender yourself, “*and you will find rest to your souls,*” Matthew 11:29.

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News & Announcements

We have a lot of good news to share with you, so please review the following announcements carefully.

New Volunteers

In answer to our prayer for the Lord to “send forth laborers,” we’d like to introduce you to the latest additions to The Hope of Survivors. For more information about any of them, please visit the About Us page of the website.



Ardis Stenbakken joined the board of directors in August. She is the former Women’s Ministries Director for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and, under her leadership, the Church voted to implement and observe the yearly Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day—something Steve and Samantha have been actively involved in since 2002. Ardis’ expertise and compassion for hurting women are a great asset to The Hope of Survivors.



Kashae Ferguson and Gail W. Jenkins (not pictured) joined The Hope of Survivors in July and August, respectively. They will be working as Victim Support Service volunteers, providing emotional and biblical support to victims of pastoral sexual abuse. They will also be actively involved in exhibiting on behalf of the organization at various functions.



Annette Anderson joined the ministry in August to help with public relations and marketing. The necessity of raising awareness of the escalating problem of pastoral sexual abuse is critical, as is the need to let victims know The Hope

of Survivors is there for them.

Welcome to each of you, and may the Lord work through you as you work with The Hope of Survivors to bless others.



Conference Location Survey Results—We Asked. You Answered!

1. The Hope of Survivors is planning a large annual conference for victims. There have been requests for several locations. We want to know...**where would YOU like to attend the annual Hope & Healing conference** for victims of pastoral sexual abuse?

Indianapolis, IN	29.3%
Long Island, NY	23.2%
Jacksonville, FL	17.1%
Sacramento, CA	13.4%
Honolulu, HI	11%
Lincoln, NE	6.1%

2. The Hope of Survivors is currently considering using web technology to host a *Hope & Healing* conference for victims of pastoral sexual abuse via webcam. A “webinar,” in other words. **Would you be interested in participating in a webinar conference?**

Yes	65.9%
No	11%
I don’t know.	23.2%

3. The Hope of Survivors has provided conferences for victims of pastoral sexual abuse free of charge (except for meal costs) in the past. In order to help offset the organization’s expenses, **would you be willing to pay a fee to attend a Hope & Healing conference?**

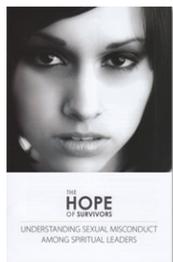
Yes	72%
No	4.9%
Maybe	23.2%

4. If you answered “yes” and would be willing to pay a fee to attend a *Hope & Healing* conference, **how much would you be willing to pay** (not including your personal meals, travel and lodging expenses)?

\$50	65.9%
\$100	25.6%
\$200	8.5%

Thank you to those who responded to the survey. We will utilize this information, taking it into consideration, as we plan and prepare for future victim’s conferences in the United States. For those of you in other countries, please don’t feel left out—you will soon be able to participate in selecting a country of your choice for a future *Hope & Healing* conference location.

New Resource!



Understanding Sexual Misconduct Among Spiritual Leaders

Ever wonder what is really happening to you or someone you know? Are you trying to decide how to help someone who has been abused by a pastor? Or wanting to know how the church should address the issue? This booklet provides information for victims,

spouses, youth, pastors and wives, church leaders and congregants, and an overview of the issue of pastoral sexual misconduct. It is a "must" for those who need answers and help! (8.5x5.5, 20 pages) Only \$2.95 each.

Order online at: <http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/products.asp>

Immediate Needs...

- Donations to offset the current budget deficit (\$14,000).
- Monthly operating expenses (postage, office supplies, utilities, printing, etc.), staff, educational materials and victim assistance.
- *Hope & Healing* (victim's) conference expenses (meeting space rental, meals, travel, materials, etc.).

Donations are the primary source of funds that make it possible for The Hope of Survivors to maintain its ministry. Since The Hope of Survivors receives no denominational subsidies, your gifts are vitally important. Thank you for considering a tax-deductible donation to further the work of this ministry and bring hope and healing to wounded hearts.

Testimonials about THOS operations:

"I took some time to look at the documents you sent me earlier today. I must say that I'm impressed that THOS has such internal organization at its core to have thought through so many a delicate issue with such caution and diligence. I have great respect for the intent of each document, without reservation, and would have no problem signing and submitting to any of them."—Prospective Volunteer, OR

"Remarkable appeal letter [Good morning The Hope of Survivors Family, 8/25/10]! One of the best I have ever read! Cheers!"—Herb Douglass, Th.D.

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How Can I Help? GET CREATIVE!

NEW!!! Set up monthly recurring donations to The Hope of Survivors. It's easy! Just go to <http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/donate.asp> and type in the amount you'd like to contribute. Victims thank you for your contributions, as they help provide the support they need for healing!

Host a **benefit concert!** Contact us to find out how.

Did you know The Hope of Survivors is listed on the social networking site **Facebook**? Check it out! (http://apps.facebook.com/causes/47537?m=33935&recruiter_id=12747904)

No money? You can still support The Hope of Survivors! We will receive a penny each time you search the Internet using **www.GoodSearch.com**. Just be sure to type The Hope of Survivors in the charity to be supported box.

You can also donate through **American Express Giving Express** by going to: <http://amex.justgive.org/nonprofits/donate.jsp?ein=65-1211701>.

Thank you for supporting The Hope of Survivors!

Calendar of Events

October 1-17, 2010

Pastor Steve & Samantha will be out of the office for a much-needed vacation. You may experience some delays in service during this time.

December 5-8, 2010

Agoura, CA—West Point Evangelism Convention
Location: Renaissance Agoura Hills Hotel
 30100 Agoura Road
 Agoura, CA 90301

The Hope of Survivors will be exhibiting at the West Point Evangelism Convention. This is an excellent venue for reaching victims of pastoral sexual abuse and for raising awareness among church leaders. All are welcome to visit the booth, pick up educational materials and speak with representatives from The Hope of Survivors. Volunteers Peggy Mahrt & Gail Jenkins will be staffing the booth. There is no fee to enter the exhibit hall and visit the various exhibits.

Exhibit hours are as follows:

Sunday, December 5—6:00pm-9:00pm

Monday, December 6—7:00am-9:00pm

Tuesday, December 7—7:00am-9:00pm

Wednesday, December 8—7:00am-12:00pm

Samantha and Steve Nelson are Co-Founders of The Hope of Survivors. They strive to facilitate healing in the lives of those who have been wounded by a spiritual leader.

The ministry is founded on the commission in God's Word, which calls us to *"...comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."*

—2 Corinthians 1:4



January 10, 2011

Des Moines, IA—*Faith & Fidelity* Conference

Time: 9:15am-12:15pm & 2:00pm-5:00pm (Monday)

Location: Iowa-Missouri Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
 1005 Grand Avenue,
 Des Moines, IA
 50265



Steve and Samantha Nelson will be presenting a *Faith & Fidelity* seminar to Conference pastors on the prevention of pastoral sexual abuse and misconduct, as well as how the church/organization should respond if a situation arises.

January 15-30, 2011

Pastor Steve and Samantha Nelson will be out of the office for a Bible Land Study Tour. You may experience some delays in service during this time.

Hope & Healing victim's conferences are currently being considered in various locations (i.e., Indianapolis, IN; Long Island, NY; Jacksonville, FL; etc.) and will be scheduled when funds become available to conduct such programs.

To schedule or sponsor a conference in your area, call (866) 260-8958. Check our web site for additional details and the most current information.
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