

2012 and Atlantis

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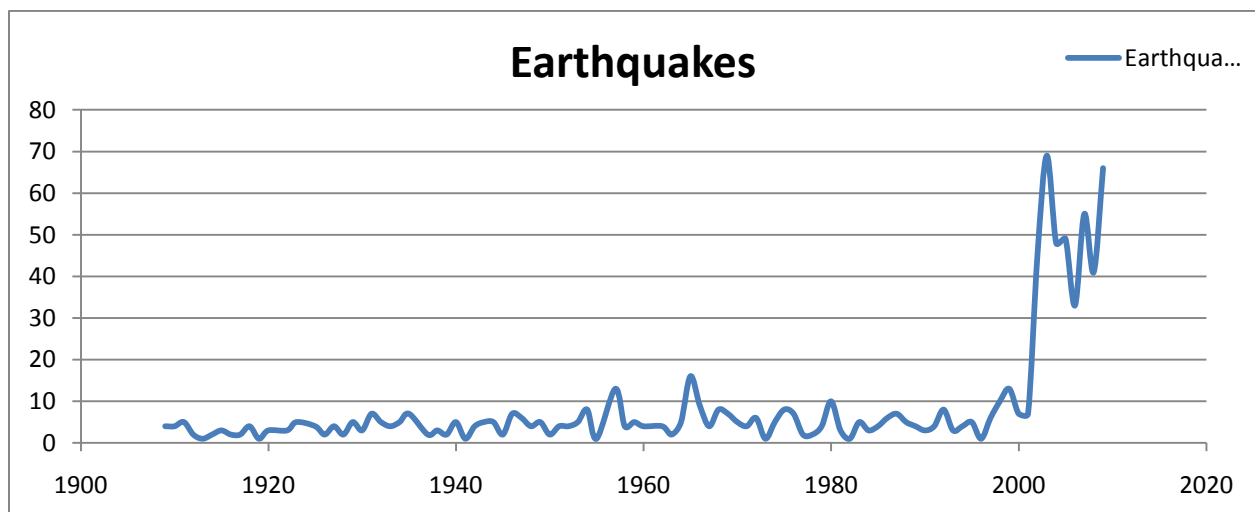
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2012 and Atlantis are topics I've always found ironic due to their speculative nature and their direct relation to my interests in prehistory, philosophy and my work on the fringes of physics. Due to my collage of interests, some people automatically think I'm apprised of the latest doomsday theories regarding 2012 and that I know a thing or two about Atlantis. The truth is, I don't follow all the material on 2012, but my interest in Atlantis is really no secret through I don't openly publicize it. Recently I've decided to share my views on these two topics because I find them interrelated.

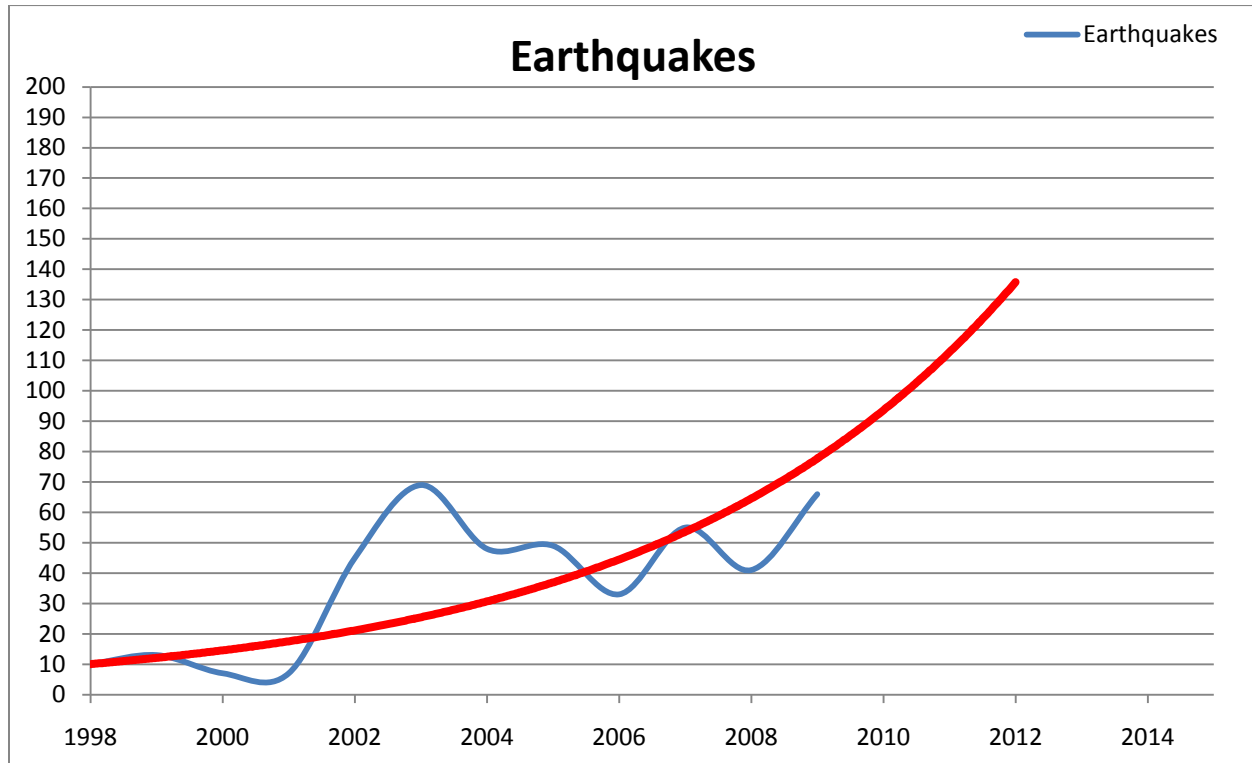
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I find the psychological phenomena around that date interesting. To me it's similar Y2K and what I find interesting is that people tend to be attracted to doomsday theories with some almost relishing in the excitement. Do some people secretly want the world to be destroyed? I doubt an actual doomsday will be that exciting or welcomed. Also, these doomsday theories tend to make certain people very rich, be it either Y2K or 2012. The following doomsday dates after 2012 are already being predicted by some to be 2021 or Isaac Newton's reference to 2060 in recently discovered papers. Smart business people capitalize on this type of hysteria which isn't necessarily wrong especially if they are selling an actual means for survival in case of an emergency. What would be wrong would be to promote hysteria for self interest. I'd be lying if I didn't find some of this interesting and curious such as the Mayan long count calendar. What I don't like are completely absurd absolute conclusions especially without any hard logical reasoning backing it up. This isn't to negate that certain individuals aren't more naturally intuitive than others, but I'm a numbers guy. Sometime ago I decided to sit down and look at some numbers on natural disasters. There was a lot of data. I decided to focus on earthquakes due to the recent devastating quakes in Haiti and Chile. I got data from United States Geological Surveys (USGS) and immediately saw a trend and the graph below details it nicely. After 2000, there is a sharp increase in earthquakes from a century's average of 4.3 large quakes per year. That's a 500%+ increase in large earthquake activity worldwide in the last 11 years. Does this mean anything and is it at all related to 2012 doomsday theories?



The start of this sharp increase on earthquakes appears to have started in 1998 with a spike of 10 earthquakes reported that year with an average of 6.87 magnitude. Some say this increase is due to the Internet's existence and better means to report quakes worldwide, but the problem with that theory is very large quakes, those above 6.0, are national news headliners and reported globally and they've also increased close to 500%.

2012 itself means nothing without context to what's happening in the world geologically and possibly how the cosmos is affecting it. Cosmologically, NASA has predicted increased Solar activity climaxing in 2012. Could this increase in Sun activity be causing an increase in earthquakes around the world? I'd be ignorant to say absolutely no or yes. The Earth is tied permanently to the Sun, all planets are, so increased fluctuations in the Sun's emitted energy will affect the Earth somehow, not necessarily in earthquakes, but let's speculate and assume that the Sun is going through a more violent Solar cycle and it's somehow causing more quakes on Earth. How many large quakes can we predict to happen at this climax of Sun activity in 2012? The graph below shows a predicted exponential increase to 140 large quakes for 2012 which is a 3256% increase over the century's average.



Predicted worst case scenarios due to increased Sun activity go from almost nothing like temporary communication interruptions to large electronic disruptions to a complete blackout of the electrical grid. Others predict that if 2012 is a real doomsday and related to the Sun that Earth could be torched black by a super massive solar flare. I find this last scenario unlikely due to the Earth's protective magnetosphere, but it's not completely unfounded as something plausible (an increase in radiation and cancer possibly). We can't absolutely predict what the Sun will do. For all we know it might explode tomorrow, but the probability of that happening is extremely small. All of science works only in probabilities and estimates. My own plausible worst case scenario would contain an increase in earthquakes, causing possible tsunamis, along with electrical and communication blackouts. It would be global chaos, because the earthquakes would disorient many nations and an electric/communication blackout would ironically send the people of the world into further hysteria due to the popularizing of 2012 doomsday. This hysteria would cause even more destruction by human hands.

Some other interesting points and speculative theories:

- Norwegian government build the "Doomsday" vault to store the worlds seeds in a virtually indestructible bunker in a rock solid mountain with a reported required completion date of 2011.
- Governments have been actively storing human historical art works and literature in massive salt mine caves, like the UK government.

- Conspiracy theorists say that most world governments know about a coming catastrophe and are on a massive campaign promoting Emergency contingency measures for their people. Personally I think emergency planning is excellent for all kinds of reasons excluding speculative doomsday theories.
- Some data shows that planets in our Solar System are getting hotter. Ice caps on Mars are also melting like here on Earth. Some people believe the Earth is expanding due to it getting hotter which could separate the tectonic plates (like in 2012 movie) which would explain why ice caps are melting and why the seasons are a bit mixed.

Should we fear 2012? Maybe but we should always be prepared for a disaster and any emergency. What is obviously very interesting are the numbers. There has been an increase in earthquakes in the last decade which is predicted to continue to increase. If disaster strikes, I really doubt it will be the end. It will be difficult, but if we start fighting each other for selfish needs in times of crisis, everyone suffers. In crisis, band together and unite skills and resources so everyone succeeds and has a chance. If communication blackouts do happen, reestablish communication by any means as fast as possible and avoid violence, vote a leader to guide group survival and reconstruction, and protect yourself against those who think of only themselves. (Checkout links under References on How-To Survive)

Atlantis

I was hooked on the legend of Atlantis for what appears to be a lifetime. Like it was mentioned before, I am very curious about prehistory, so I'll be blunt. I believe civilization on this planet is far, far older than we currently accept; at least tens of thousands of years older. It's naïve to believe that only within the last 6 thousand years that we were the only intelligent life to develop on this planet. The planet is 4.5 billion years old to our best estimates and 6 thousand years is nothing in that perspective. There are hundreds of legends and mysterious structures of antiquity that cannot be placed or easily dismissed. To list just a few:

- Sumerian texts of older histories and legends
- Greek legends similar in many respects to the Sumerian stories
- Mysteries of legendary ancient peoples found in the Bible and the Books of Enoch
- The Great Sphinx which is now estimated to be thousands of years older than expected by some scientists
- The ancient mysteries at Giza such as why there is no artwork in the Great Pyramid
- The mysterious Mayan and Aztec cultures
- Tiwanaku estimated to be 12 thousands years old
- The mysteries of Machu Picchu
- Stone Hedge in England
- Mysteries of Easter Island
- Nazca Lines and Cahuachi in Peru
- Ancient Vedic texts and their stories of legendary ancient figures and machines
- Extremely ancient Bosnian pyramids accepted by some Egyptian archeologists
- The mysterious underwater structures at Yonaguni, Japan
- The mysterious underwater structures off the coast of Cuba and other Caribbean regions
- And the most important, numerous ancient global stories of an ancient global flood that destroyed everything

The story of Atlantis is initially recanted by Plato in ancient Greece about an older story recanted by ancient Egyptian priests about a much older legend of an empire that spanned the Atlantic region and possibly the world. I believe that Atlantis was only the last truly great civilization overshadowing the great Egyptian dynasty and that ancient Egypt was directly related to this lost prehistoric empire of Atlantis. This does not mean there was nothing before Atlantis. Like I said, the history of civilization on this world is far older than we can imagine, and which is interrupted and ended periodically by great catastrophes (not necessarily the same type) including the one that destroyed the dinosaurs.

“For it is related in our records how once upon a time your State stayed the course of a mighty host, which, starting from a distant point in the Atlantic ocean, was insolently advancing to attack the whole of Europe, and Asia to boot. For the ocean there was at that time navigable; for in front of the mouth which you Greeks call, as you say, 'the pillars of Heracles,' there lay an island which was larger than Libya and Asia together; and it was possible for the travelers of that time to cross from it to the other islands, and from the islands to the whole of the continent over against them which encompasses that veritable ocean. For all that we have here, lying within the mouth of which we speak, is evidently a haven having a narrow entrance; but that yonder is a real ocean, and the land surrounding it may most rightly be called, in the fullest and truest sense, a continent. Now in this island of Atlantis there existed a confederation of kings, of great and marvelous power, which held sway over all the island, and over many other islands also and parts of the continent.”
- *Timaeus* 24e–25a, R. G. Bury translation, Loeb Classical Library

It is referred to as an island in the middle of the Atlantic ocean. Right now there is nothing there except the Azorean islands, Madera island, and the Canary islands (which are close to Africa). There have been thousands of researchers trying to find Atlantis and there have been many discoveries, but no one ever found anything conclusively labeled “Atlantis”. So will my insight help at all? My approach is simple, stick to the obvious clues given. The clues initially given came from Plato and other ancient Greek scholars which are:

- Atlantis is an island that was destroyed suddenly by geological catastrophe
- In the middle of Atlantic ocean
- Located outside the Pillars of Hercules (Strait of Gibraltar), the entrance to the Mediterranean ocean
- Its influence spread far and wide
- Atlantic ocean’s name derived from ancient Greek mythology of “Sea of Atlas”, related to “Mountains of Atlas”
- The capital city was circular and ringed with water between the rings

“Poseidon carved the mountain where his love dwelt into a palace and enclosed it with three circular moats of increasing width, varying from one to three stadia and separated by rings of land proportional in size. The Atlanteans then built bridges northward from the mountain, making a route to the rest of the island. They dug a great canal to the sea, and alongside the bridges carved tunnels into the rings of rock so that ships could pass into the city around the mountain; they carved docks from the rock walls of the moats. Every passage to the city was guarded by gates and towers, and a wall surrounded each of the city's rings. The walls were constructed of red, white and black rock quarried from the moats, and were covered with brass, tin and the precious metal orichalcum, respectively.” - Critias 116BC

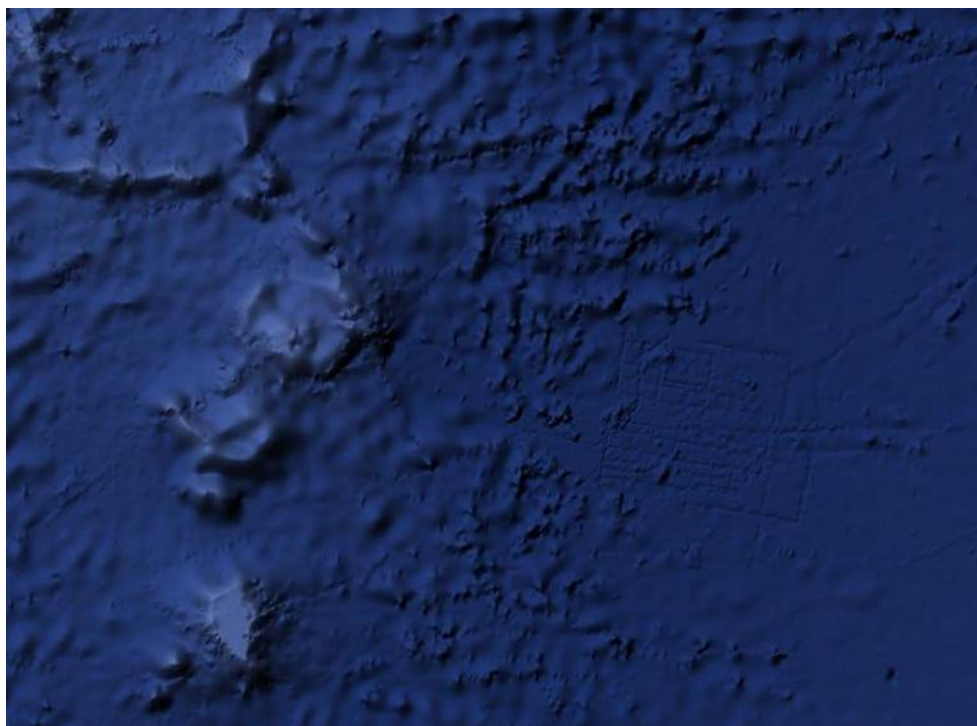
Based on these very few clues and tooled with Google Earth, the Richat Structure was very obvious match and located in the Sahara desert in the nation of Mauritania near Ouadane. I wonder how many hidden mysteries are located under the endless sands of the Sahara desert. This structure is mysterious not only in its formation but also on how it came to be. The formation itself is very ancient and is 50 kilometers in diameter, the size of the modern city.

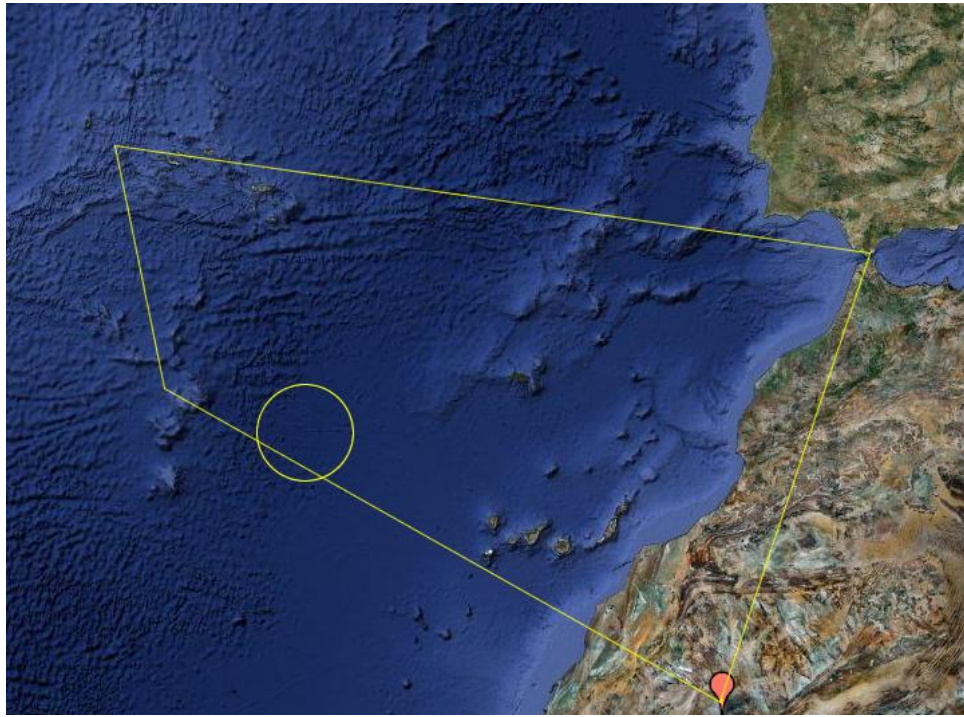


The rings are almost perfect in description of the Atlantean city built by Poseidon, which besides being the legendary sea god is also believed by some, myself included, to be a great ancient prehistoric king. It is located fairly close to the Atlantic Ocean and within the estimated boundaries of Ignatius L. Donnelly's Atlantis empire (see the map below). This formation is also located south of the Pillars of Hercules, south of a famous mountain in that region, Kediet ej Jill, that disrupts navigational compasses because it's made completely of magnetite (two very weird structures very close to each other), and parallel to Egypt. The Sahara in its distant past was lush with vegetation. Some scientists believe that during the ice age the Sahara was as arid as today, but 8000 years ago it wasn't. Others believe the ancient Nile River actually passed through the Sahara. So could this be one of the famous cities of Atlantis that was destroyed by a possible massive tsunami over 12,000 to 25,000+ years ago (one of the last ice ages)?

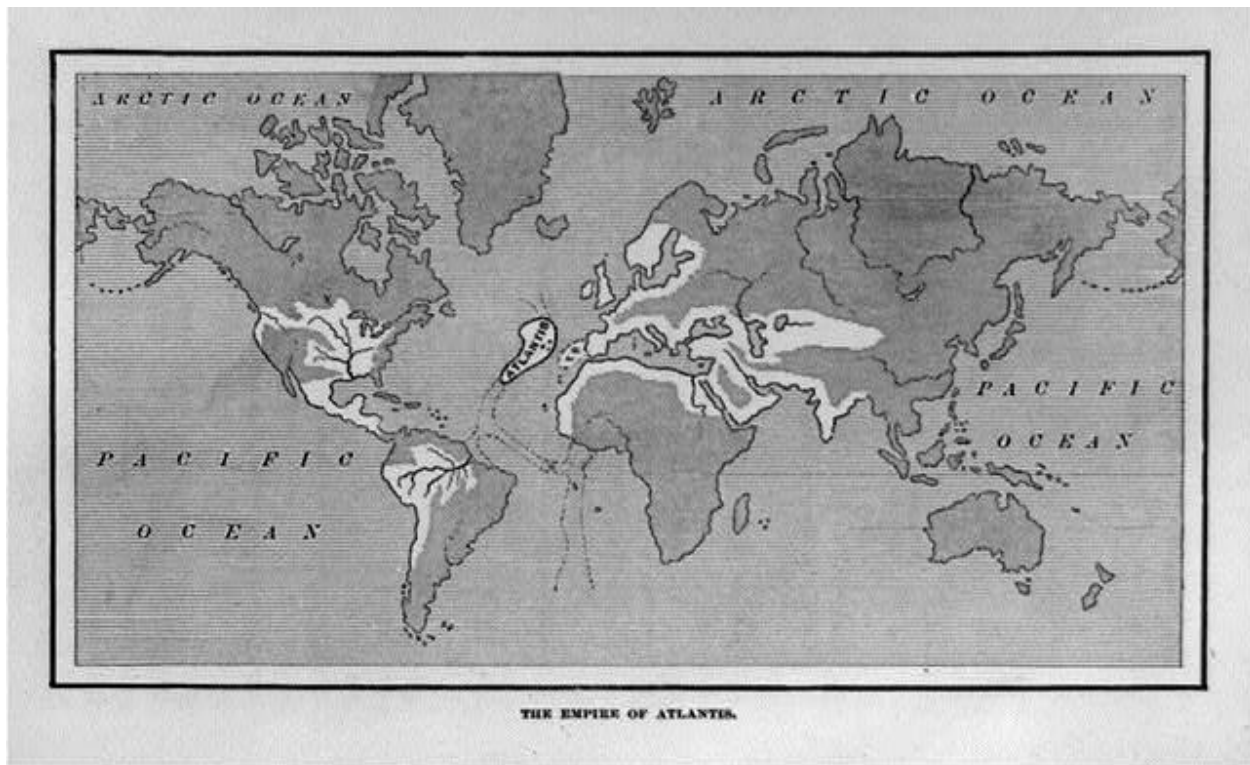


There is also a curious structure situated under the Atlantic Ocean below the Azores and outside the Pillars of Hercules. What makes this formation curious are the very visible 90 degree angles and its obvious rectangular shape. It looks completely artificial and is about 150 kilometers long which is the size of a large city.





The following map shows the supposed extent of the Atlantean Empire (from Ignatius L. Donnelly's *Atlantis: the Antediluvian World*, 1882).



It is with logical reasoning that during one of the last ice ages, this circled portion of the Atlantic ocean was exposed for multiple reasons. The reasons are:

- During the ice age, enormous amounts of the planet's water was frozen in massive northern glaciers which would reduce the world's sea levels considerably

- This circled region is where two tectonic plates meet which have been steadily moving apart for millions of years. It is possible that in the not so distant past during one of the last ice ages, this region had a higher elevation besides the lowered sea levels because the plates were closer together.



The massive fault line this region sits on could have violently moved apart one night during a violent period in Earth's history. This violent movement of land mass, and the reason that caused it, would have caused massive global tsunamis destroying most of this ancient advanced empire and all history of it as the massive surrounding waters undulated by the collapse of this land mass onto North America, Central America, South America, Europe, Africa and the Mediterranean region. If such a violent event did happen at such a grand magnitude in one part of the world, could it have happened at the same time in other places around the world? Could this event be the source of all ancient global great flood stories? Could this event happen again?

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