

Chapter 1 : The influence of world music traditions on western music. by Annie-Rose Cowdry on Prezi

World War I and World War II were the war mainly battlefield in Europe but spread to the world ad last for years in history. It has a very profound influence on Europe's economy, political and culture.

Many believers have abandoned the professional congregations, called the Institutional Church, for smaller house church groups called, Simple Church. Often, however, they do not fully understand the influence of the world on both the IC or the SC. Neither do they really comprehend what it means to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God. So what I have here, is an attempt to catalog those characteristics of the world in contrast to the kingdom of God to see where and how much one influences another. It should be noted that this is a backward approach. For the Kingdom of God has always been preeminent over the world system. But since we are within the world it is easier to understand it from this point of view. First, a definition of the four categories is in order. The World System This is based upon the selfish nature of the old man. It is demonically controlled, but relies on the flesh to fulfill its objectives. The Institutional Church Began in the Spirit with the new man but through the centuries has been greatly influenced by the flesh and the world system. The Simple Church A reaction against the influence of the flesh and world system in the church, endeavoring to come back to the community of the Spirit. Governments, businesses, and organizations. One leader on top of pyramid of authorities. Grassroots level serves the top down management. Popes to pastors govern congregations in pyramid of authorities. Attempt to restore headship of Christ. Priesthood of all believers. Consensus should be agreement on the mind of Christ, but sometimes becomes mere democracy. Who die to self so Christ may live through them instead. System for the King: Everyone pays tribute and exists for the purpose of the system, whether governments or businesses. All labor for the system that supplants God, for the benefit of the pope and pastors who stand in His place. Individuals Create the Body: A corporate expression of Christ is revealed through the self denial of all individuals who serve one another in love.

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But it seems the brightness of that light has faded of late, with a new survey showing a significant and sudden drop in the number of people around the world who see the United States as having a positive influence.

I bring you blessings and love, my friends. I greet all my old friends, as well as those who have found their way here for the first time. I also greet my good friends who are not present tonight, and those far away. All who read my words should know they are not forgotten. You are all welcome, and even though this kind of communication may be new and unusual for some of you, I beg you to open your minds. Many things are possible of which you human beings have no knowledge at this time. Humanity will see many more things in the coming decades. Tonight I wish to speak about the influence between the spiritual and material worlds. Much has been said about the influence of the world of spirit on the world of matter, but not as much about the influence the other way around. For both affect each other. First I will discuss the influence of spirit on your earthly sphere. There are spiritual spheres throughout the universe: Even within your earth-sphere you have all kinds of spiritual spheres, from the lowest to the highest. Since distance in the world of spirit is not measured by your geographical measurements, it is possible for many spheres to exist on the same geographical or material spot and to overlap. For example, one human person can live on earth, be in this room, and also be connected to a particular spiritual sphere, while another person in the same room can be connected to another sphere of quite a different level. I realize, my friends, this is extremely difficult for you to imagine, because distance for you is a question of space. Yet in absolute reality it is not so. A person is in contact with a sphere that corresponds to his or her general, overall spiritual development. Since no one on earth is harmoniously developedâ€”if you were, you would not have to live hereâ€”you may at one time be in contact with a particular spiritual sphere, and when your mood changes, the currents coming out of your soul, your subconscious, and conscious mind, will connect you with quite a different sphere. In my last lecture I explained to you about the higher self, lower self, and the mask self. Every human being has the first two, and perhaps ninety per cent of humanity also has to some degree the third, the mask self. For those of you here for the first time, it might be advantageous to read my last lecture, so that this lecture can be more fully understood. Wherever the higher self has been restored to its original state by shedding the surrounding layers constituting the lower self, it reaches out and automatically connects with the highest and most radiant spheres, even though you still live on earth, and even though, measured by distance, these very radiant spheres are hundreds of thousands of miles away. Since each sphere is richly populated by spirits fitting into that particular sphere, you are all constantly in touch with spirits of varying spiritual development, as well as with the forces and currents generating from our particular sphere. Some people make evil spirits responsible when their lower self takes over, meaning that they are not to blame. This is not so. Certainly, evil spirits can and do influence you, but only if and when you permit it by your laxity in pursuing your spiritual development and through your inclination to take the line of least resistance. You think that merely because your faults are not as bad as those of certain people of very low developmentâ€”a criminal, for exampleâ€”they do not matter so much. Even if your faults are only minor ones, not outright crimes or recognized sins, you are responsible. The higher your development, the more it is your responsibility and duty to perfect yourself. The more you are free of very wicked or evil trends, the higher your development evidently is. Therefore you possess more enlightenment and more strength and thus more can be expected of you. A so-called minor fault may count just as heavily for you as a crime would for a person of little or no spiritual enlightenment. Your comparison may be all wrong, because you cannot possibly judge where you stand compared to others. By the same token, if higher entities from the world of God can guide, help, and influence you, it can be so only because your inner attitude has called them forth. Wherever a human being is, a number of spirit beings of various stages of development are also close by. In every sphere there are specialists of all kinds. I have said this before and repeat it here because its significance is not yet fully understood. The world of spirit, in all its gradations, is much more specialized than your earthly sphere. This applies to the divine order and to the world of darkness as well as all the variations in-between. Each one of you attracts those specialists whose particular qualities,

good or bad, you possess. For like attracts like inevitably, magnetically. When a human being grows up, he or she is surrounded by guardian spirits who belong to the order and organization of divine worlds, and they can come close to their protege only if he or she asks for divine truth and will, and tries to strive higher. Otherwise they have to stand back and watch from a distance. They will interfere only to protect according to past merits, following exact spiritual laws about which they are very careful and which they do not ever break, because these laws are perfection, love, wisdom and justice. This very same person is also surrounded by a number of other spirits not incorporated into the divine order. Some may belong to the world of darkness. If this person is not a criminal or a really sinful soul, very evil spirits will keep away, for they could not accomplish their specialty with such a person. However, even the specialists of the so-called minor or everyday human faults belong to the world of darkness. They also operate according to their own laws, and accomplish just as much for their purposes as, let us say, a spirit of murder who influences a human being. If your fault is selfishness, there will be a selfishness specialist attached to you. If your fault is that you are inclined to furious outbursts, you will have a specialist around you of a type who will wait for you to permit it to take over, influence you and thus live through you. This gives it a great deal of satisfaction, not only because it thus fulfills its task, but also because it can indulge in its particular weakness. On the other hand, you may be completely void of envy, so you do not have a specialist of envy attached to you. But another person, not inferior to you in his or her overall development, may have this envy specialist around because of this fault. So you must bear in mind that it is your own faults that pull the particular specialists close to you in the first place, and that they constantly wait for an opportunity to live through you. Thus you collude with them, and can get rid of them only through your personal endeavor to overcome your faults. But before you can do this, you first have to recognize all your faults, of which you are often unaware simply because you do not want to be burdened with such unflattering knowledge. Few people really want to know their faults. Most people admit that they have some faults, but to admit faults in a superficial way and to become fully aware of them are two different things. So, for your own protection, each one of you should face himself or herself in utter honesty. You can be sure that whatever your particular faults are, you will carry with you and around you the corresponding spirit specialists who are waiting for an opportunity to inspire you to give in to your particular faults. And since it does not take a lot of pressure to succumb, and it is the easy and comfortable way, very often you follow these inspirations. The stronger the fault is within you and the less aware you are of its full significance, the closer this specialist will be to you! Thus it is at the same time both correct and incorrect for people who know about the existence of the beyond and the spirit-creatures to say that an evil spirit influenced them. When they say this, and mean by it that they are taking full responsibility for their own input, it is correct; but when they say it because they want to absolve themselves of personal responsibility and guilt, it is incorrect. Between these low creatures and the higher entities of the world of God there are many spirits who are very similar to yourselves in their attitudes. They may be deceased people who mean well and are not particularly bad, but who do not yet belong to the divine order and are thus blind in many respects. They often seek to influence human beings because it helps them in some way, or simply because they have nothing better to do. They can learn from you if you take the spiritual path of self-development. However, if you are not stronger than they are, they will influence you, sometimes not harmfully, but, even though they may mean well, they do not inspire you to the best of your spiritual advantage because they are blind. Sometimes their guidance may be to your material advantage, which may or may not interfere with your spiritual progress, and sometimes their influence may be harmless, or appear harmless, but is ultimately to your disadvantage. When and to what degree this can happen is again no coincidence: If you meditate about this, about yourself, your life and your desires, you can find out what spirits are around you. Those of you who walk on the path of perfection, which is the only real protection you have, will not be bothered or influenced by spirits who do not fulfill the will of God in all respects. There are other means of protection, but they have only a temporary effect. If you are in disharmonyâ€”for instance when you feel a quarrel brewing with your fellow-creaturesâ€”and have the presence of mind to bring yourself to pray, to reach out for God within you, or to ask for spiritual guidance, this will surely help, and I recommend it strongly. But it will help only in this particular instance, because you do not always have such presence of mind. Sometimes you will be tired and will let yourself go, and then you become prey to these

influences which, as we said, can have an effect on you only because of what is already within you. Therefore, the only definite and permanent cure and protection for you is to tear out the bad growths at their roots. This happens on the path of perfection and self-development, the path of happiness. If you are willing to take this path, you will be guided and helped. But first this will and decision must be clearly formulated within you; then it will be recognized. At that point your divine guidance can automatically and immediately get close to you and can, among other things, guide you to the proper human help which you also need in order to take this path. You will be guided to the place and the person best suited to your temperament and character. This is how the different spiritual spheres with their respective creatures influence humans. Human beings are not helpless prey to these influences, but determine them. And by rejecting any influence that does not come from the divine world, a person not only takes hold of his or her own life but also weakens the forces of darkness, for the less they have to work with in the material world, the more power they must eventually lose. Humans have another kind of influence on the world of spirit. I will try to give you a picture of this, though it can be only a very limited one. You know that, as I have said many times, your thoughts and feelings are spiritual creations. They create forms of all kinds in the spiritual world. If your life is in accordance with your destiny, and you fulfill the maximum you are able to according to your developmentâ€”which is very rarely the caseâ€”you create forms that will build harmonious spheres, structures, and landscapes in the spirit world. This may sound incredible to some of you. However, my dear ones, I assure you it is true! The day will come for all of you when you will see this truth. As a matter of fact, when you see it, you will know what you have known all along in spirit. This knowledge was only temporarily blurred from your consciousness while you were incarnated. People who give in to the lower self create forms that correspond to the quality, strength, and type of their lower self.

Chapter 3 : How is Satan god of this world (2 Corinthians)?

Germany, one of the world's largest economies, is a member of major international organizations, including the United Nations, the European Union, Group of 20 and blog.quintoapp.com country's chancellor.

It is the chief medium by which people across the globe see American fashions, customs, scenery and way of life. However, during the occupation of former Axis enemies countries after World War II, the government played a major role in restructuring the media in those countries to eliminate totalitarianism and promote democracy, against communism. Its mission was to destroy Nazi cultural remnants, and encourage democracy by exposing Germans to how American culture operated. There was great detail on sports, politics, business, Hollywood, and fashions, as well as international affairs. Many of these distributors broadcast mainly American programming on their TV channels. In , a survey of 20 countries by Radio Times found seven American shows in the ten most-watched: Often part of the negotiating in free trade agreements between the U. Of the top ten global brands, seven are based in the United States. Burger King in Ankara , Turkey. Carayannis and Campbell note that "The USA occupies, also in global terms, a very strong position in the software sector. In part it looked explicitly at American models, especially Fordism. More generally it promised a new level of modernity and was applied to economic production and consumption as well as public administration. Various versions of rationalization were promoted by industrialists and social democrats , by engineers and architects, by educators and academics, by middle class feminists and social workers, by government officials and politicians of many parties. As ideology and practice, rationalization challenged and transformed not only machines, factories, and vast business enterprises but also the lives of middle-class and working-class Germans. The small businesses were determined and fought back to protect their source of income from the U. During the Cold War, the Americanization was the method to counter the processes of Sovietization around the world. Education, schools, and universities in particularly, became the main target for Americanization. However, the resistance to Americanization of the university community restrained it. The investments were of very high visibility and generated much talk of Americanization. The basic reason for the U. Public opinion began to resent American advertising and business methods, personnel policies, and the use of the English language by American companies. Criticism was also directed toward the international currency system which was blamed for inflationary tendencies as a result of the dominant position of the U. Until the late s, the Communist press could be counted on to be especially critical of the United States. To some extent Russia continued that role under Vladimir Putin and there are similar tendencies in China. Putin in published an op-ed[clarification needed] in The New York Times attacking the American tendency to see itself as an exceptional, indispensable nation. Americanization has arrived through widespread high speed Internet and smart phone technology since , with a large fraction of the new apps and hardware being designed in Silicon Valley. In Europe, there is growing concern about excess Americanization through Google , Facebook , Twitter , the iPhone and Uber , among many other American Internet-based corporations. European governments have increasingly expressed concern about privacy issues, as well as antitrust and taxation issues regarding the new American giants. There is a fear that they are significantly evading taxes, and posting information that may violate European privacy laws. He reviews the recent research on the Europeanâ€™American relationship during the Cold War that has dealt with the cultural impact of the United States upon Europe. He then discusses the relevant work on this subject in the fields of economic and business history. American culture in the arts and literature.

Chapter 4 : Influence Between the Spiritual World and the Material World

The basis for the impact is, of course, America's position as the world's dominant superpower. Not only does the USA have "hard power" - the ability to get people to do what it wants.

This is a great error. Just about everything that happened in the remainder of the century was in one way or another a result of World War I, including the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, World War II, the Holocaust, and the development of the atomic bomb. It was the first war to use airplanes, tanks, long range artillery, submarines, and poison gas. It left at least 7 million men permanently disabled. World War I probably had more far-reaching consequences than any other proceeding war. Politically, it resulted in the downfall of four monarchies--in Russia in 1917, in Austria-Hungary and Germany in 1918, and in Turkey in 1922. It contributed to the Bolshevik rise to power in Russia in 1917 and the triumph of fascism in Italy in 1922. It ignited colonial revolts in the Middle East and in Southeast Asia. The war also brought vast social consequences, including the mass murder of Armenians in Turkey and an influenza epidemic that killed over 25 million people worldwide. Few events better reveal the utter unpredictability of the future. At the dawn of the 20th century, most Europeans looked forward to a future of peace and prosperity. Europe had not fought a major war for years. But a belief in human progress was shattered by World War I, a war few wanted or expected. At any point during the five weeks leading up to the outbreak of fighting the conflict might have been averted. World War I was a product of miscalculation, misunderstanding, and miscommunication. No one expected a war of the magnitude or duration of World War I. At first the armies relied on outdated methods of communication, such as carrier pigeons. The great powers mobilized more than a million horses. But by the time the conflict was over, tanks, submarines, airplane-dropped bombs, machine guns, and poison gas had transformed the nature of modern warfare. In 1915, the Germans fired shells containing both tear gas and lethal chlorine. The tear gas forced the British to remove their gas masks; the chlorine then scarred their faces and killed them. Some 60,000 were killed or wounded. At the end of the battle, 10,000 British men were killed, missing, or wounded. Four years of war killed a million troops from the British Empire, 1. The war left a legacy of bitterness that contributed to World War II twenty-one years later.

Chapter 5 : What is a World View? - Definition & Introduction

The Power of Influence Want to affect the world? You have more power than you think. Posted May 03, SHARE. TWEET. EMAIL. His influence, generated by what he said and did (and by the.

Many people in the world believe these two words do not really belong together. The stereotype of the clueless and uncultured American runs deep and not just abroad. The common man and woman with common tastes have been celebrated in America since its independence. Indeed, it has become so powerful and ever-present that some fear it may actually damage their own national cultures. Guggenheim Museum, New York Copyright: It was not always so. Before the 20th century, America was viewed as a cultural backwater. It was around the time of the First World War that things began to change, that America first began to export some of its home grown culture abroad through films and music. It was not until after the Second World War, however, that the flood gates really burst. The property has gone into the hands of a joint stock company and we own the bulk of the shares. A constant stream of American TV, films, songs, computer games and websites have spread American words and expressions far beyond its borders. Through sheer volume American English has gradually replaced the British variety as the accepted international standard. It is the young who are particularly likely to pick up American slang through songs, films and TV. And not everyone is happy about this. Much of American popular culture shoots for the lowest common denominator, and sometimes that can be very low indeed. On the other hand, American English and culture provide a common channel of communication and point of reference for people all over the world. An estimated 2 billion speak some form of English, and most of those have the American variety as their model. Now that is cultural influence. Why does America have such reach in these media? One answer is market. The United States has a domestic market of over million people in addition to a potential global market of more than two billion English speakers. That means Americans can profitably produce a great many TV programs, films, songs, computer games and other products for use at home and then export the same programs abroad at very low prices. No other country has this advantage in both numbers and language. Another reason is innovation. It is often in the United States that new forms of communication have either been invented or perfected. TV broadcasting is a good example of this. In the s American TV networks created a zoo of new program types including game shows, soap operas, mystery shows, westerns and, of course, situation comedies sit-coms that were later exported internationally. Later, cable TV expanded the variety and quality of American shows creating such international best sellers as The Sopranos, Sex and the City and Heroes. Perhaps the easiest example to recognize is the phenomenal rise in the use of personal computers and the World Wide Web over the last decades. Both were pioneered in the US and eventually spread world wide, carrying American cultural influences with them. One wit went so far as to claim that cyberspace was American territory an exaggeration, but only barely. Yes, economics and innovation have their place in the story, but hey! The fact is that American programming is popular. It successfully appeals to the emotions and interests of a global audience. American culture celebrates the commonplace, the average, the universal and as a result it has gained a universal audience. Motion pictures may not have been invented in the US, but modern movies were perfected there. The figures are imposing. In addition, all the twenty movies earning the most money world wide in were American or were made in partnership with an American film company. One interesting effect of the dominance of American culture in films and other media is that many people who have never been to the country nonetheless feel they have a good idea of what it is like to live there. The stereotypes that American film and TV sell to their domestic public become the stuff of international opinion. For example, the action heroes of movies like the Rambo and Die Hard series are regularly referred to when discussing American foreign policy. In that connection, the image of the Texas cowboy has been particularly popular recently. Equally, people may feel that they know what it is like to live in New York after seeing several years of episodes of Friends or Seinfeld. Depending on what you watch, you can easily conclude that most Americans are gun-happy or girl-happy or simply slap-happy. And, as much as these stereotypes may annoy Americans when they travel abroad, they have only themselves to blame for spreading them around the world. Literature American literature spans too great a

range to be quickly summed up, but American authors are certainly well-liked in popular literature today. Here, however, Americans must share the limelight with authors from many other nationalities, not least the British. If anything can characterize American literature in general it might be, first â€” that it began to make a serious impact internationally only after the First World War with authors like Ernest Hemingway, T. Eliot, Robert Frost and John Steinbeck. Secondly â€” that at the heart of many of the best American works of fiction can be found individualists, misfits and social outcasts who view American society with varying degrees of disapproval and distrust. Beginning with *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain, American authors have used fiction to criticize and poke fun at American society, trying to force it to live up to the ideals it so often claims it stands for. Overall, this may have given the world a somewhat darker view of American society than it deserves, but once again the Americans can hardly complain. They are their own worst critics.

Music It is no exaggeration to say that American popular music conquered the world in the 20th century. All these forms of music have swept across the globe, most recently through international systems of music distribution established by MTV stations and internet downloads. There is little point in reeling off a list of internationally famous American music stars. The really interesting thing about this phenomenon is that it long ago grew beyond its roots and became international in scope. American music has been re-imported into America with new sounds and impulses, creating a creative dialogue with the world. Rap has been adopted as a style of musical expression across the world. Even the entries in the popular Eurovision Song Contest held annually are now sung in American English and heavily influenced by American music. Not that America lacks important composers, directors, musicians or symphony orchestras. It need not bow to anyone in quality or quantity. Classical music thrives in the United States, but it still cannot hold a candle to the scope and power of its popular music. Once again the genius of American culture lies in its close connection to the average citizens who make up its population, to their common touch and the common taste.

Art As in literature, American influence came late to the international art scene. New York City came to rival Paris as a hub of new artists and art forms. In sum, America added its creativity and energy to the cutting edge of art, a position it has never relinquished. But America remains at the center of activity not least because of its wonderful art collections and museums dotted across the nation. Artists have always needed patrons to buy their work. The United States remains their greatest source of patronage.

Sport Oddly, for a country that loves spectator sports and spends enormous amounts of money on games, the United States has not made all that great an impact on the world of international sports. Of course, it regularly dominates track and field events at the Olympics and puts in a good show in winter sports, as well. But when it comes to international sports contests, the US is often a world to itself. There are two reasons for this. First, two of the most popular games in the country are played almost nowhere else â€” baseball and American football. Both share common roots with the more international British games of cricket, rugby and football excuse me, soccer â€” but they have developed in their own separate ways in North America. The second reason was just mentioned â€” soccer. Americans do not play it much. Yes, a new Major League Soccer confederation was set up in But it is not the first time this has been tried in the States. Or maybe this is the wrong perspective to view the question from. Perhaps the change will come in the opposite direction, with Europe and the world adopting American games. It has happened before. Basketball was invented in the US and is a global sport today. Come to think of it, there is now an American football league in Europe. Can baseball be far behind? Certainly the last sixty years have shown American culture in all its forms to be an extremely exportable commodity.

Chapter 6 : Influence of New Wave Around The World

Instead, what matters today is influence. To rank the world's global cities, I worked with urban geographer Ali Modarres, former Accenture analyst Aaron Renn and demographer Wendell Cox.

Historical remnants[edit] A map of colonial Africa in showing the European "sphere[s] of influence". Many areas of the world are considered to have inherited culture from a previous sphere of influence, that while perhaps today halted, continues to share the same culture. New Imperialism era[edit] An example of spheres of influence was China in the late 19th and early 20th Century, when Britain, France, Germany, and Russia later replaced by Japan had de facto control over large swaths of territory. These were taken by means of military attacks or threats to force Chinese authorities to sign unequal treaties and very long term "leases". In , Winston Churchill gave a speech regarding the division of China by the great powers, where he declared that "we shall have to take the Chinese in hand and regulate them", "I believe in the ultimate partition of China" and "the Aryan stock is bound to triumph". However, the foreign powers and their control in some cases could have been exaggerated; the local government persistently restricted further encroachment. Delimitation of British and Russian influence in Iran In the Anglo-Russian Convention of , Britain and Russia partitioned Persia Iran into spheres of influence, with the Russians gaining recognition for influence over most of northern Iran, and Britain establishing a zone in the Southeast. Both parties disclaimed any idea of annexing Siamese territory. Secretary of the Treasury , aimed for the United States to establish a sphere of influence in North America. The " Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere " could thus be quite easily drawn on a map of the Pacific Ocean as a large "bubble" surrounding the islands of Japan and the Asian and Pacific nations it controlled. The presumption of the US-British and Soviet unrestricted rights in their respective spheres started causing difficulties as the Nazi-controlled territory shrank and the allied powers successively liberated other states. The wartime spheres lacked a practical definition and it had never been determined if a dominant allied power was entitled to unilateral decisions only in the area of military activity, or could also force its will regarding political, social and economic future of other states. This overly informal system backfired during the late stages of the war and afterwards, when it turned out that the Soviets and the Western Allies had very different ideas concerning the administration and future development of the liberated regions and of Germany itself. Western Europe , Oceania , Japan , and South Korea , among other places, were often said to lie under the sphere of influence of the United States. However, the level of control exerted in these spheres varied and was not absolute. For instance, France and Great Britain were able to act independently to invade with Israel the Suez Canal they were later forced to withdraw by joint U. Then in , the Soviet Union collapsed, replaced by the Russian Federation and several other ex-Soviet Republics who became independent states. The difference is that these countries themselves opted to join". Influence shows in several ways, such as in size, frequency of visits, etc. In most cases, a company described as "bigger" has a larger sphere of influence. This is also true for shopping centers that, to reap the most profits, must be able to attract customers to their vicinity. However, one can evaluate the spheres of influence of two shopping centers by seeing how far people are prepared to travel to each shopping center, how much time they spend in its vicinity, how often they visit, the order of goods available, etc.

Chapter 7 : America's Cultural Role in the World Today

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Chapter 8 : Outbreak of World War I - HISTORY

But his influence extended much further. At a time when people rarely traveled more than 20 miles from where they were born, Franklin made eight Atlantic crossings and visited ten countries.

Chapter 9 : Home - Global Influence

They engage with people in open, mutually-beneficial ways. Those with huge positive influence understand the power of relationships, connection, and engaging with the world openly.