

THE LAMP NEWSLETTER

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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THANKSGIVING

GONE BAD... Again!



Dear Readers,

Thanksgiving is my time of the year! I truly love, love, LOVE... THANKSGIVING! I have always LOVED THANKSGIVING! As a child of only four years old, I found that Thanksgiving was the best holiday of all for me.

I soon learned that it was a time of celebration for our family and so many dear friends. It was exciting in numerous ways. My parents, Elder Minor Palm, Jr. and Evangelist Willie Lee Palm, put the best of everything that they could into Thanksgiving. They shopped for the Thanksgiving dinner as early as September, when it was back to school time.

Mama loaded up the shopping cart everytime we went to the market with things for our Thanksgiving dinner...FEAST! There were cans of jellied and whole berries cranberry sauces, boxes of elbow macaroni, chicken and turkey parts to cook for the dressing, bags of flour for the pies, cornbread, and cakes. She purchased the spices like cinammon, allspice, nutmeg,

poultry seasonings, sage, and on and on. Mama bought bottles of the best flavorings...vanilla, almond, lemon, and something else...too. Then, she made sure she had the needed vegetables to get started with the cooking of the grand meal. Mama purchased bunches of celery, bags of onions, turnip roots, collard greens, mustard and turnip greens, string beans, sweet potatoes... and more vegetables.

Now, all of these food items were so Mama could get started or ready with all of the cooking way, way...WAY AHEAD OF TIME! See, Mama had a plan to get everything ready for Thanksgiving. She laid out the longest and most beautiful lace tablecloths for the dining room table that was fully extended with at least two table leaves or extensions. WOW! It was super long. She planned for grandmother, uncles, aunties, cousins, and friends to come to our Thanksgiving dinner...FEAST. And along with this, she got out the pretty things from the china cabinet...that we never used until Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and the real important times. This meant the china, crystal stemware, silverware and other elegant things came out of the china cabinet, too.

Day after day, we were busy in preparation for Thanksgiving Day. It was non-stop cooking, cleaning, baking, and planning for it. A lot of phone calls went on in our house. Mama needed an updated account and count of who was coming over for dinner on Thanksgiving.

And, along with Mama's busyness, she included us all in it: Rodger and Regina, my brother and sister, along with me. We were deeply involved in the work, cooking, planning, cleaning, and serving for Thanksgiving Day. We were assigned many things to do. Boy, did we work! But, Mama always bragged on Thanksgiving Day to everyone how wonderful we were to help so much. Daddy did all kinds of things to help out.

Growing up in our home during Thanksgiving was so... beautiful. We worked together doing what we could to make Thanksgiving a glorious day. Sitting around the table with family and a few friends was truly a great blessing at our house. Oh, I loved it so much!

This continued on through my growing up at home years before I got married in 1972. I was 22 years old then. Mama continued on with the Thanksgiving plans, shopping, cooking and serving like always. And, I still helped, too.

CONCERN FOR OTHERS

Now, Mama and Daddy just didn't focus on OUR Thanksgiving dinner and celebration at OUR house. They were in full-time ministry at our church, Greater Miller Memorial Church of

God in Christ. Our pastor was, the late Bishop Earl Jerome Wright, Sr. Before Bishop Wright was Bishop U. E. Miller, one of the founding pastors at our church.

Mama and Daddy were leaders in many departments of our church. During Thanksgiving and Christmas, they headed our church's missions department projects. They shopped for food for the needy. They were fully committed to getting the food items ready in order to give out loaded boxes full of food and necessities for families and widows. Our house was like a huge factory of major production going on around the clock. We were deeply involved with packing the food boxes and getting them out on time for the needy to have their food, too.

IT AIN'T EASY!

Well, through the years, things were truly so very busy trying to have our family's holiday meals and do the mission work, too. Life gets busy with illnesses, deaths, financial problems, marriages, births of grandchildren, and other things. Plans change. People come and go in our lives. Families change...and change...and change...and..

I have come to an age when I have seen and heard it all..ALL. It's been hard sometimes to even plan for a Thanksgiving dinner. The once wonderful, glorious and marvelous Thanksgiving Feast at home...with Mama and Daddy...and Rodger and Regina...changed...changed..changed... As hard as I wanted it to be just like when I was a child...so...much like a wonderland of the traditional Thanksgiving...things... changed...not by plan...but by... change of time..changes in life.

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

I have always wanted Thanksgiving...and Christmas to be...like my childhood days. My parents did all they could with what they had to make our lives full. But, life is a struggle. What I did not know until I got older is that...you have to work at making life flow...in the midst of troubles and opposition. Life is a real struggle to do anything. It just doesn't happen. Mama and Daddy made it happen because they prayed and prayed. They stood for the same things. They refused to allow Satan to get a foothold in our lives. They stood in faith. They trusted God to help. They got in their secret closet and cried out to the Lord for everything.

Thanksgiving and everything in our lives can go wrong...WRONG...if we don't lean on Jesus. He makes the difference. Amen.

THANKSGIVING GONE WRONG, again and again..

I have photos of some Thanksgivings gone wrong. I am sure that you will relate to what I am showing you.



Here we see the television cartoon program of "The Simpsons." They are having Thanksgiving dinner with their family and look at what is happening. The children have food on them, there is food being thrown, grandfather has fallen asleep in his plate of food, and a whole lot of bad manners are going on at the table. A lot of things can go wrong at the Thanksgiving meal. Even with our best intentions, things can get ugly or out of control. Just pray, smile and be happy that you have family. Be thankful.



In this Thanksgiving photo, we see family and friends have gathered for a great Thanksgiving feast. There is a full room and lots of food on the table. Everybody is busy talking and highly emotional about several things. Maybe they are discussing the Presidential Election. Maybe they are talking about how things are strange around the world. The children are there along with the adults who seem to be greatly caught up in expressing themselves.

Notice the little girl with her hands on her head or ears. She is sick of the conversation between the two adults on both sides of her. The girl can't take much more.

Family and friend gatherings can get out of control. So often we can allow our opinions and views to go wild. We must show consideration to all when we gather at the Thanksgiving table. Arguing over current or past situations is not right. Try to refrain or stop bringing difficult conversations to the table. Have a spirit of love and kindness at the table. Don't use this time together to charge off with a fight of words. Leave them alone. Spend this time enjoying your time together. It is NOT easy.

So, when grace is said, ask God for His peace and His joy at the table. Mention in your table blessings for Him to be at the table. Ask for His Holy Spirit to be among all of you. This will add respect and an anointed covering for the dinner time. If we set the atmosphere in prayer

and thankfulness, this will give us more peace. Seek the peace of God during Thanksgiving. We cannot make our family and friends change their ways. Stay prayerful throughout Thanksgiving. Be mindful of God's goodness.

Sadly, this has become the normal or typical family setting at the dining table. It is the same scene played out at the restaurants, too.

We have allowed the media age or technologies to take over our lives! It is outrageous! How horrible it has become to see everyone at the table absorbed in their phones, computers, and everything.

Yes, reading the newspaper at the dining table is just as bad. All of this should be outlawed...illegal... a crime... prohibited... forbidden at the table!

At the Thanksgiving table, I pray that those who gather for the meal will not be texting and drawn away with their phones. This should be a time to gather in kindness, thankfulness and concern for each other...at the table! Can we lay aside all of these distractions? We need to connect with those who are there in our presence. Come on! Set aside all of the objects that beg for our attention every minute of every day. Do we have to stay on Facebook and Instagram all of the time! ---Wanda J. Burnside





*From the
rising of the
sun to its
setting, let
the name of
the Lord be
praised.*

Psalm 113:3 (CSB)



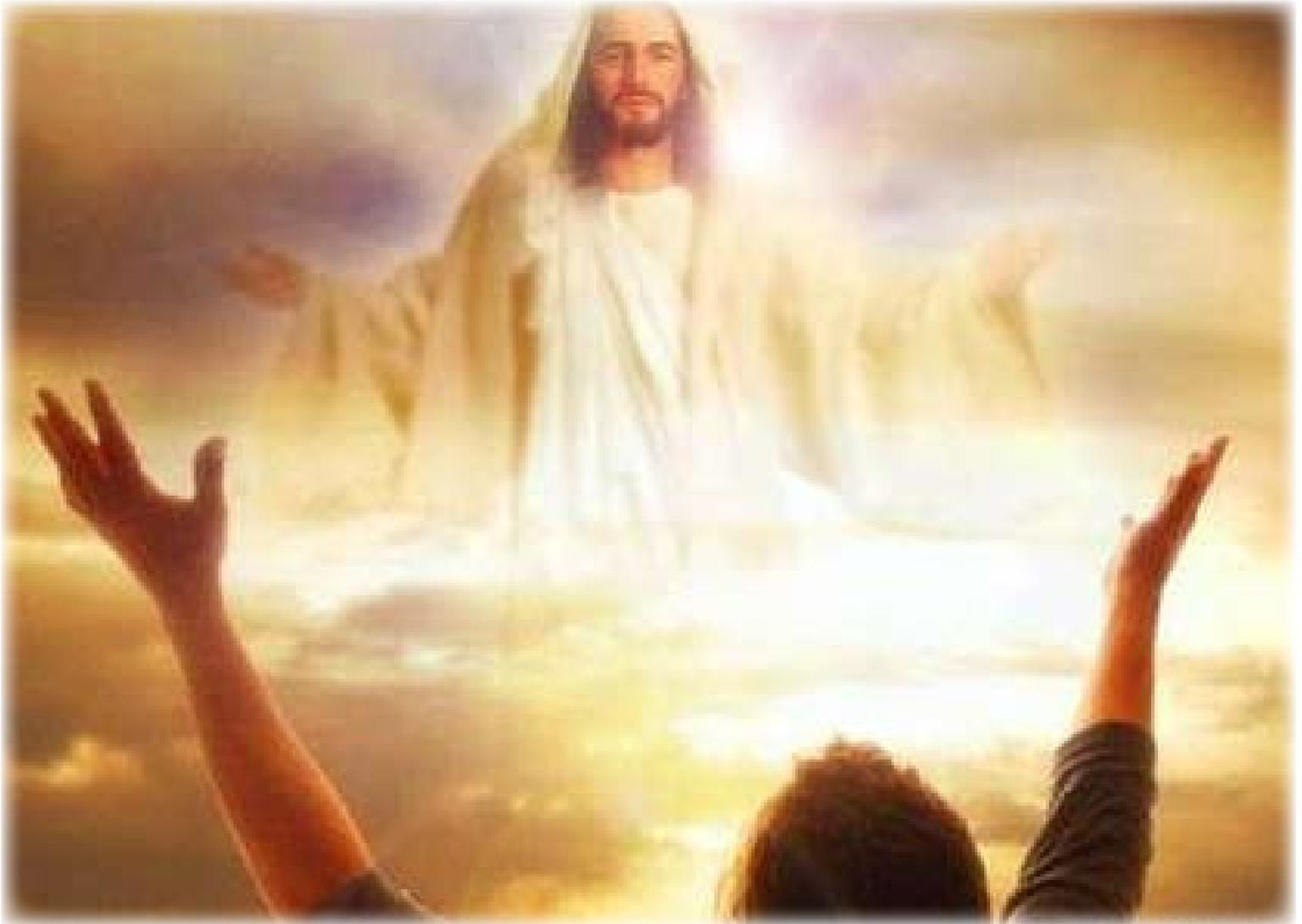
HE IS..... The rising sun entering like a soft melody stirring the senses. Awakening your heart with a song. HE IS the orchestral conductor of the morning, heralding a brand-new iridescent light-filled day. HE IS the One who opens your eyes to see another day. HE IS the heart beating inside your chest and the reason you breathe! HE IS gently welcoming you into His daily-presence, like a fresh cool breeze welcomes relief in the heat of a brown scorched summer.

HE IS..... The sun setting boldly in loud profusion like a magnificent grand concerto! HE IS the Maestro taking a bow! HE IS the sunset-splendour behind the ocean, where dark waters meet vivid red-orange skies... beaming lights of dazzling yellow... the purple and pink masterpiece of a spectacular night-sky. HE IS the almighty Artist magnificently framing the seascape. Masterly painted perfection from a holy palette, displaying Magisterial Lordship!

Let us shout with great Thanksgiving, let us sing loudly in songs of Love and Worship! To this Jesus who is our All-in-all! HE IS... the Rising & the Setting of our Salvation!

Inclined to Worship

by Ramelle T. Lee



Meditation Scripture: I Chronicles 16:29 (KJV)
**“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name:
bring an offering, and come before him:
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”**

The Lord said, "Have you ever thought about what I want you to do for me? Are you longing to love me with all your heart? Can you live without my love? Ponder these questions for a moment. Now, sit back and relax in me. Allow my love to surround you.

Allow the Holy Spirit to settle your thoughts and allow you to lift your voice in praise. Let His Spirit take you to a place of peace and total tranquility. Are you there yet? Have you called out my name and lifted your head and hands in total surrender?

You are precious in my sight. I love to hear you speak my name. I love to hear you sing my praises. I love to hear you witness to others about the way I make you feel inside.

Can you reflect what you adore about my love? I know it's personal. I realize that you can't always put into words what is truly in your heart. However, I am pleased that you would speak my name aloud. You are not ashamed to recognize that I am your beloved. I, your Heavenly Father, am pleased that you take time to worship me in the beauty of holiness.

Your voice is heard in the heavens. Realize that the angels of the Lord are also listening. You have an audience that never sleeps. The heavenly choir is also standing at attention. They glorify my name, just as you choose to do through your worship and praise. You make me feel special as you praise and worship me. I am never too busy to hear your voice lifting up beautiful words of adoration to me, the King of glory.

As you spend precious time in my presence, I will come to your rescue and reward you for reverencing and lifting up my name. I will take care of your needs and shower you with blessings. I see your desire to please me and show forth your praises.

While you are showing love to me in your heart, just know that I am smiling at you.

Continue to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. You will be given treasures from heaven that no man can take away. I will bless you. I will always love you!"



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For Yesterday

For yesterday ~
I thank You, Lord.
There were years
that seemed
just like a dream.
There were life-changing scenes.
But I've come to know
that You allowed me to go
through that maze,
those difficult days.
You were there always.

You helped me grow,
You kept me strong ~
like a tree amidst the storms.
You had hopes for me
when the future I couldn't see.

When I despaired,
so misty was the view -
until I saw You,
looking down from heaven
showing You care.

Nothing compares
with Your love.
You saw my heart
and picked me up.
I owe everything to You.
For all You've done for me,
I'm grateful.
Lord, I thank You.

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Be Thankful

Let's offer up a sound of praise
To the Lord above, each and every day
With grateful hearts of jubilation
Thankfulness and appreciation

For things around us, great and small
By His own Word, He made them all
Beautiful sights we take for granted
Awesome colour His hand has painted

Sights and sounds, both far and near
Blessings He gives that bring us cheer
Things we have that brighten our lives
Family and friends that help us to thrive

Tests and trials that make us strong
And faith to endure, however long
What do we have that we didn't receive?
Even a measure of faith to believe

Thank You Lord for the joy You bring
We give You praise for everything!

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"O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me" (Psalm 30:2 KJV).

WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE SICK and SHUT –INS...



Miss. Regina M. Palm

Ms. Kathryn Mitchell, the UK

Mother Barbara Lee

Mrs. Michele Barnes

Mrs. Katie Holloway

Mrs. Shirley Hickman, Australia

Evangelist Ruby Combs

Missionary Margaret Beason

Mr. Jack Dempsey Johnson

Elder LaMont Powell

Mrs. Karen Nevois

Ms. Yovonnna Scales

Ms. Lola Darlene Gardner

Mother Esther Mitchell, Jamaica

Pastor Lincoln and Pastor Beverly Wilson

Mr. Philip Mitchell, Jamaica

Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.

Mr. Michael Crowley

Evangelist Vera Beauford

Mrs. Henrietta E. Barney

Pastor Lorna LaMarr, the UK

Ms. Carmela Johnson

Pastor Shirley Douglas Little

Mrs. Josefa Palm

Ms. Belinda Scales

Mrs. Jackie Jackson

Mother (Mrs). Essie Stafford

Ms. Margot Maranatha, Australia

GLORIOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!



October 23, 2016

HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY!

MRS. CAROLYN TOUSSAINT of Florida

Dearly Beloved Friend

Award-winning Writer, Women's Ministry Leader,
Wife (husband- Bruce), Mother, Grandmother



October 25, 2016

HAPPY 65th BIRTHDAY!

ELDER RODGER MINOR PALM of Michigan

The Wonderful Brother of Wanda J. Burnside and Regina Palm

Preacher, Musician, Ministry Leader,

Retired Governmental Official

Husband (wife-Josefa), Father, Grandfather

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May God Continue to Bless...



*Simmie and Wanda J. Burnside
44th Wedding Anniversary
November 4, 2016*



*"Through the years,
It has been...
Nobody but You Lord,
Nobody but You!"*

HAPPY 
anniversary



Closing Thoughts....

I'M JUST TIRED

by Michele Barnes

I can remember the statement, "I'm just tired! I'm too tired to deal with it. I'll deal with it tomorrow!"

Now, if you have said that, tomorrow when you wake up, you might have forgotten about what you put off yesterday! And you know who's smiling and happy that you put that issue or that problem off untiltomorrow? Satan! He is so happy when we forget, especially when we forget to pray!

Recently, my daughter Ida called to talk to me about her actions concerning her old friend, Denise. Denise called Ida when Ida was too tired to hear or talk about the same ole' depressing mood that Denise gets in from time to time. "Why she gotta call me?" Ida asked me.

Denise is a childhood friend of Ida's. Ida is good at reasoning with Denise. Denise often tells her family that she needs their support with her nine-year-old daughter. Denise suffers from depression and is under the doctor's care.

As I listened to Ida, I added that she knew what she needed to do. Then I told her that I would call her back "tomorrow." In less than an hour, Denise called my daughter back and said she called protective services on herself. She told them to come and get her daughter. Denise feared she would hurt her.

Thank God Denise did not hurt her daughter! She told them that she didn't want her back! Yes, a single mother, standing in the need of prayer! For herself and her nine-year-old daughter who is now without her mother.

Thank God that God is neverNEVER!... too tired...to hear our cries! As family and good friends, don't turn someone away who is in need! You must at least pray with them or even for them. You may be tired and don't know what to say or do, but they called you, because they knew you cared! And this moment is the time you need to pray asking the Lord for strength and the right words. You can also reach out and call their family to help that hurting person. We have a chance to be prepared!

My daughter, Ida, is disappointed in herself and her friend. But mental illness is a challenge for everyone. Let us remember them in prayer!

This is the holiday season when so many people suffer the greatest with depression, worry, sadness, sorrow, loneliness, and worries. This Thanksgiving and Christmas season, take time for someone who needs your prayers and concerns. I know that we all have so much to do and we get extremely tired with lots of things. We get caught up running here and there....and doing this and that! But, pray for others, stop and care. God wants you to love others.

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:6 NIV).



RESTORE! RESTORE!

Hosted by: Wanda J. Burnside

Co-Hosted by: Ramelle T. Lee

Sponsored by: Mr. Simmie Lee Burnside, Jr.

**God promised that
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Exodus 22:4**

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REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

This graphic has a very special place in my life, heart and memories. If there is anything that means so much to me, it is the work and ministry of missions. In my opening of this newsletter, I shared the memories of the dedication and productivity of my mama and daddy planning and shopping for food staples, fruits, vegetables, breads, canned goods and necessities for the needy. At our church, this was a major project and undertaking for Thanksgiving, Christmas and whenever needed throughout the year.



Please give to bless others in need. Reach out to them with love and concern. Give your time and money to support mission projects in your church or in your community. Volunteer or join organizations who truly are involved in serving those who have struggles and difficulties in providing for their daily needs.

Some people adopt families who are having hard times. I suggest that you contact your local school, community agencies and church to receive their recommendations and referrals. This way, you will make better connections and contacts with the right people who are in honest need of help.

Pray and ask the Lord about what you can do. When He speaks and shows you what you should do, depend on Him to lead and guide you. He will give you strength and others to stand with you. I know He did that for my parents, Elder and Evangelist Palm, Jr., as they worked in missions for over 50 years unto their deaths. God is faithful. ---Wanda J. Burnside



GIVING THANKS

By Yvette Wilburn

Thanks for being a living God on earth and in Heaven,
and for all of the grace and mercy you've given.

Thanks for giving us this earth,
and for the miracle of birth.

Thanks for Jesus, Your Son,
Our Savior, who is second to none.
Thanks for giving the gift of Your word,
so that we don't have to depend
on rumors we've heard.

Thanks for giving us the Holy Spirit
who fills us with wisdom and love,
Thanks for giving us divine consideration from above.

Thanks for giving us love one on one,
and for giving us power to get things done.

Thanks for giving us a chance for eternal life,
and a surefire way to deal with strife.

Thanks for giving us relatives close and far,
and for the opportunity to praise
You right where You are.

Thanks for giving us family and friends,
Thanks for the broken hearts You mend.
Thanks for giving us health on our sick beds,
and for the power to trample on serpents' heads.

Thanks for giving us peace among our woes,
and for giving us victory against our foes.
Thanks for keeping us through our circumstances,
We give You thanks in advance.



Thanks for the blessings
and lessons that are sure to come,
and for the hills that my help comes from.
Thanks for being the Author and Finisher of our story,
and for the many instances we can give God the glory.

Thanks for the tests that come from You only,
and for giving us a victorious testimony.

Thanks for hearing us when we pray,
and for being the same every day.
Thanks for giving us a will to obey,
Help us to remember to give You thanks everyday!

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Psalm 103:2-5 KJV

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”*



*He has shown kindness
by giving you rain from
heaven and crops in their
seasons; he provides you with
plenty of food and fills your
hearts with joy.
Acts 14:17*

The United States of America ***2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS OVER...***



Dear Lord, We need your blessings.

Amen.

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