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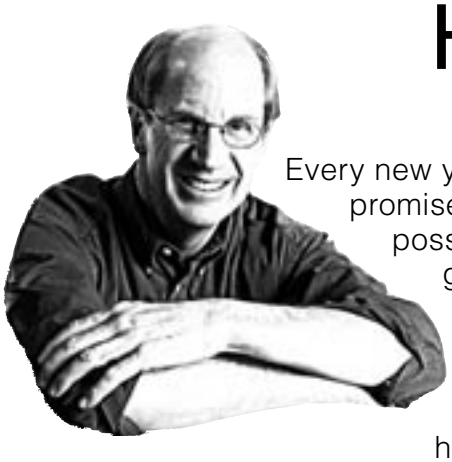
new beginnings through new thought
SPIRITUAL LIVING CENTER of ATLANTA

January February 2007

Here's to a Happy New Year!



Every new year brings the promise, or at least the possibility, of something greater than the year before. We are all optimists at heart. There is a spark within us which hopes for something better than what we have, and a wisdom within us that knows it is already ours, if only we can hang on just one more day. That is the beauty of our human condition at its best.

If we travel to the developing countries of the world, we see people living in poverty at a level which staggers the imagination of the average American. Not only do they have no television, no computer and no car; they also have no clean water, no food and no roof over their heads. But they smile because they are grateful for what they do have. In that smile is a lesson those of us living in the world of Walmart and Starbucks can benefit from greatly.

Most of us measure our level of success by comparing where we are this year with where we were last year. Of course, some things are easier to measure than others. Bank accounts and promotions are easy to measure. Quality of relationships and level of fulfillment are a little more difficult. That's where spirituality comes into play. The most important question is never, "How much do I have?" Instead, it should be, "Am I happy?" Or even better, "Do I feel that my life has meaning?"

There's certainly nothing wrong with money. But the question we should be asking ourselves is, "What is my money doing to make a positive difference in my life and in the world?" In our work, are we doing something that we love, and is the doing of it bringing us daily joy? Does our relationship contribute positively to the growth of both our partner and ourselves? Does our present state of health allow us to do the things we love doing, like hiking and eating and sleeping well? If not, what needs to change?

Life is about quality, not quantity. We can create whatever we want. That is the gift Life has given to us, simply by virtue of being here. Once we recognize this, we take upon ourselves the responsibility to create meaningful experiences that feed our soul. We also take upon ourselves the responsibility to create a world that we would really and truly love to live in. Abundance is nice. Love is wonderful. Joy is always a welcome addition. But peace brings it all together. Inner peace calms us down. And outer peace helps us all to get along, so we can all appreciate and enjoy what we have.

In addition, caring for the planet is not part of some "left-wing political agenda." It is a sacred responsibility that we all share. We've got this one lovely little planet, and we all have to live on it together. If we don't share, we're going to create some real problems. We need clean air and clean water to live. We need a cleaner and more renewable source of energy. We need to stop poisoning the soil with pesticides and other nasty things. It's time to stop arguing and start thinking and creating, before it's too late.

This year, let us pray that everyone, everywhere, finally recognizes that all of us are pieces of the same God. We all seek the same thing. We all seek peace through the God of our understanding. I pray that we find it.

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Sunday Affirmations

By Rev. Paul Gonyea

Basics 1: This Thing We Call "GOD" (January 7)

The Power which created the universe is not a person or an individual being. It is a conscious, loving, spiritual and scientific Principle which supports every part of Its creation, because It knows that everything It creates is part of Itself. All is God, and God is All.

Basics 2: This Thing Called "YOU" (January 14)

As a creation of God, I am made of the essence of God. My intelligence reflects the intelligence of that which created me, and the love in my heart reflects the love that God feels for all Its creation. I am God's greatest idea being expressed in the world as me.

Basics 3: What God REALLY Does (January 21)

God does not come down from anywhere to meddle in my life. Instead, God is that Power which endlessly supports me by expressing all love and wisdom through me. Whenever and whatever I create, I am God creating a new reflection of Itself in the world.

Basics 4: Living the Life We CAN Live (January 28)

Life is about possibility. That possibility takes form when my intelligence, my conscious intent, and my passion for living well all come together in my heart and mind. That means, whatever my mind can conceive, I have the ability to create or achieve.

Spirituality and Peace (February 4)

Peace is God's greatest gift. Peace of mind is the greatest gift of Spirit to the individual, and peace between God's creatures is the greatest gift of Spirit to the world. There is never a good reason for people to be at war, because war is God against God, which is absurd.

Spirituality and Economics (February 11)

The universe is an abundant place. We are meant to exchange value because that is one way that Spirit flows. Money is not evil; it is God in action. The misuse of prosperity occurs when we do not share. There is plenty to go around, so sharing is simply the acknowledgement that abundance is everywhere.

Spirituality and the Environment (February 18)

This planet is a manifestation of the beauty of creation. We are stewards of the earth, and we have the responsibility to treat it with respect. That means protecting the land, the air and the water. It means using our God-given intelligence to live in harmony with this beautiful world we have been given.

Spirituality and Education (February 25)

We have all been given these amazing minds in order to use them to think. Intelligent information is readily available to us, but we have to learn how to think in order to use it wisely. Just because we think of something does not mean it is a good idea. As we share our knowledge, our collective wisdom grows.

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Season for Nonviolence

January 30 - April 4

The Season for Nonviolence is a national 64-day educational, media, and grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and our communities. Inspired by the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this international event honors their vision for an empowered, nonviolent world. At each service in February a candle will be lighted and inspirational messages given by guest speakers to recognize this season.

For information on how you can participate in other activities of the season, please contact the office or Practitioners Vanecia Wills-Leufroy 770-901-9155 or Cheryl Burney 770-640-5036. Please watch for further announcements.

Your daily life is your temple and your religion.

Kahlil Gibran

SLCA Membership Meeting

February 25

Members of the Atlanta Church of Religious Science DBA Spiritual Living Center of Atlanta will conduct its annual membership meeting at 12 noon on Sunday, February 25 following an abbreviated 11:15 AM service.

Be an informed member by attending and hearing our financial report and discussion of the direction of growth and election of Board of Trustee members. There will be time for questions and answers.

IMAGINE ending work early on Friday afternoon, climbing into your car and taking a leisurely drive into the North Georgia mountains, arriving at the beautiful Brasstown Lodge. Imagine being surrounded by new and old friends while relaxing in front of an enormous fireplace with a mug of something warm. Imagine a changed YOU driving back to Atlanta on Sunday.

Imagine yourself at this year's SLCA Spring Retreat enjoying:

- **Inspirational Speakers** such as Reverend David Leonard and Reverend Paul Gonyea.
- **Exceptional Entertainment** featuring classically trained LA Jazz musician David Zasloff.
- **Experiential Workshops** to deepen your perspective on life,
- **Outstanding Night Activities** including metaphysical movies and one of the most entertaining dance parties this year!
- **Good Food, Good Friends and A Really Good Time** for building relationships and loving yourself a little more.

S L C A

Spring Retreat

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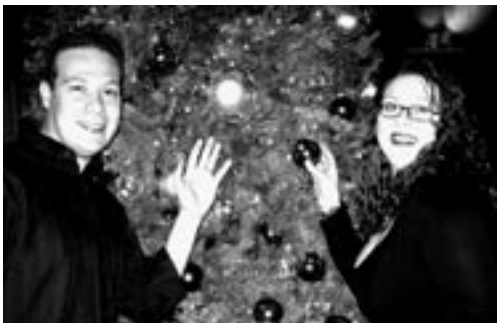
March 16, 17 & 18

BRASSROWN VALLEY LODGE

Just how good can you stand it?

Come join us. With room for only 130 people, spaces won't last! For two nights and three lovely days, delicious meals and all your workshops it's $295.00 each person for double occupancy, $425.00 for a single room. $100 deposit will hold your spot. Reservations must be placed by February 15, 2007. For those who want to see if they can stand an extra day in the mountains our special group rates can be extended for a Thursday arrival or Monday departure.

Can't wait to see you there! Registration is available through our office or in the lobby on Sundays in January and February.



Pictures from the SLCA Annual Holiday Party

(More pictures on Page 4 and at www.SLC-Atlanta.org)

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Feeling Safe and Secure

Rev. Chuck Johnson

We all desire to feel that we are physically safe, that we live in a relatively crime free area and to have confidence that our investments and careers are secure. A desire for security is among our most basic of human needs according to Abraham Maslow.

In today's world that appears to be topsy-turvy many workers may feel less confident in their future. Nervous investors scramble to avoid market fluctuations. Corporate executives may be nervous about a hostile take-over. Simply looking and listening to the world around you may reveal our shared human need for security coming through as fear.

Our Science of Mind teaching is here not to play to these fears as some organizations might, but to set us free from fear. Developing a greater understanding of our human needs and revisiting some basics of our philosophy should empower us to feel more secure right in the midst of all of life's question marks.

Your security and mine rests on what we know rather than on tangible things. Our sense of security relies on confidence that whatever happens, we will be all right.

We were not created by accident or chance. We are not isolated or alone. We are, in fact, an individualization of the Divine Creative Intelligence that created us and we are fully supported in living life well as we understand this relationship. The Bible puts it this way, in Hebrews, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

Willis Kinnear, an associate of Ernest Holmes, said we have not been tossed out into an inhospitable world, but that God as the creative process is continually active and always present in our lives. "Those things you have need of are always being provided," Kinnear said.

We may take reasonable action to secure our homes and offices. We invest wisely. We proactively care for our health. And we live each day without unnecessary concern over our safety because we know whatever we have created… we may create again. Our security does not depend on ANY THING we have created in the past. We are secure because we understand a law of creation is forever delivering whatever good things we choose to attract. God as the Creative Process responds to each of us according to our belief.

Live life joyfully and confidently, with full acceptance of your creative partnership with God. Know that security is yours now and always because you can never be forsaken or left out of the Divine Creative Process.

Science of Mind® 205

Change Your Life In A Year!

PART THREE: A Prosperous YOU!
Taught by Rev. Paul Gonyea

This 8-week accredited class begins March 7.

Science of Mind®100-B

The SPIRITUAL Path

Rev. Chuck Johnson leads this 16-week accredited class series on the fundamentals of Science of Mind.

Learn to expect a greater expression of life.

Explore who or what God is.

Expand your belief about God.

Understand that all thought is creative and learn to pray more effectively.

Tuesdays

Beginning February 6

Each Tuesday, classes are presented twice daily at
11 AM - 1 PM
and
7 - 9 PM.

Classes meet at the Spiritual Living Center of Atlanta's classrooms.

Tuition

$250 for the entire 16-week course, $20 per class

Textbook

The Science of Mind
by Dr. Ernest Holmes

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BOOKSTORE

The SLCA Bookstore offers great selections of New Thought and metaphysical books, tapes, CD's, cards, candles, and gift items. Gift certificates and special orders are available. Contact us at 404.417.0008 or bookstore@edgeconnect.com .

HOURS
Office Bookstore
Monday - Thursday
10 AM - 6 PM
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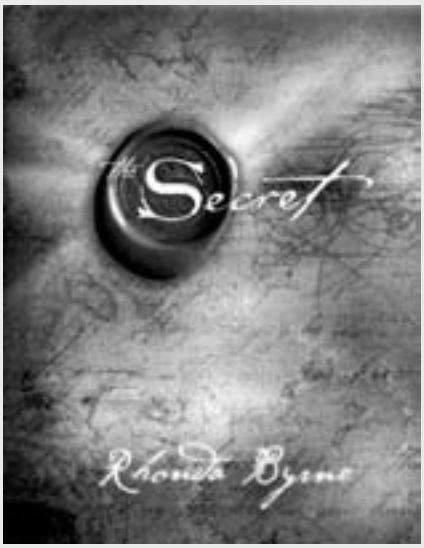
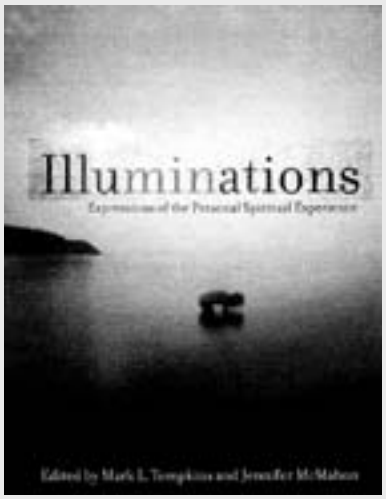
The Secret
In this book, you will learn how to use The Secret in every aspect of your life; to know how you can have, be, or do anything you want.

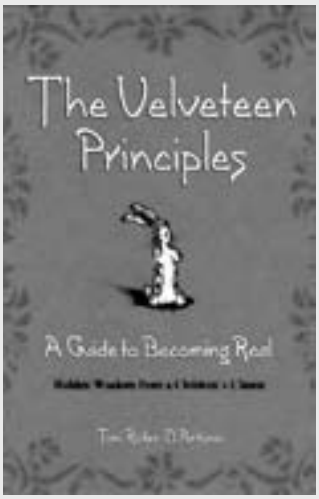


The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, nor to anticipate troubles, but to live the present moment wisely and earnestly.

Buddha

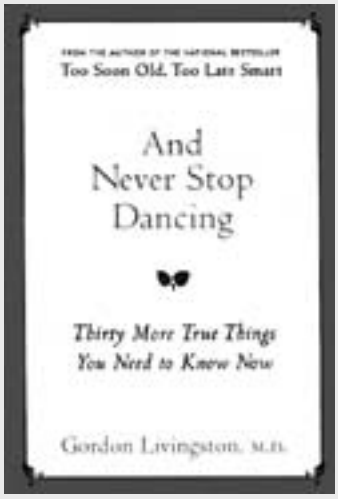


Illuminatiions
Celebrating the remarkable similarities that exist among spiritual seekers across the spectrum of beliefs.



The Velveteen Principles
Shows that when you become REAL, you will love and be loved with all your strengths, weaknesses,faults and gifts.

And Never Stop Dancing
A wonderful compendium of useful humanistic advice for getting through life with grace and a sense of joy.



Things I Want My Daughters to Know
Offers insightful ways for girls to nurture themselves as they celebrate life's joys and grow through its challenges.

Halloween at SLCA!

Community Groups, huh?

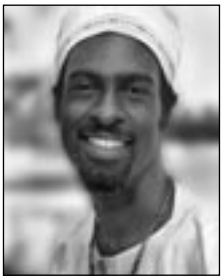
Small groups, family groups, master-mind groups, affinity groups at the Spiritual Living Center of Atlanta these are all types of Community Groups. Could be a one-time event when you can connect with a group of like-minded folks (think sky-diving, friendship dinners or service to Project Open Hand, for example), or it could be a group of folks who commit to spending two hours a month (or more) talking or treating together about a book or a topic. This could be a group that just finished a particular class that wants to continue the learning in their daily experience. It could be a group created by geography, or time of day (say at 7AM or noon or 7PM), or "men over 55," or "young adults 18-24." As you can see, we're thinking broadly about Community here. If you are interested, let us know (please include some specifics about the type of group you would want, and/or whether you would like to help lead such a group) by sending an email to communitygroups@slc-atlanta.org. We're going to start creating these in the early part of 2007.

Lissa Dulany

We love and appreciate our wonderful volunteers!

The Universe Responds

A Demonstration by Practitioner Intern



Damone Burchette

I'm sure we've all seen the Staples commercial where you press the easy button and in a millisecond, there is what you want. Well it's quite like that with the universe.

I wanted a new computer because my previous one had made its transition to wherever computers go. I had no visible money substance at the time and didn't know where or how I'd get one. I decided to go and sit with a few new computers. I went window shopping, and I spent a lot of time speaking with the salesperson about the inside of the computer, (i.e., the amount of memory, special features like a DVD burner, etc.).

After receiving this information, including the cost for the system I was asking about, I left the store feeling overwhelmed by the price and the hurdles I thought I would have to overcome just to put a dent in it.

As I went on my way I began to think about the unlimited substance in the universe, the numerous leaves on the trees, the number of different trees, and all the birds singing different songs. Then I remembered-- why not treat about the situation? That's the easy button, always available, and right where we are when we remember. I began to see my new computer arriving perfectly and on time for me, with just the right features.

Well, I went window shopping on Monday and within 3 days I had my new computer, and much greater and grander than I had envisioned. Speaking an affirmative word, surrounding it in love and peace and releasing it (pushing the easy button) yields great results!

Spiritual Living Center of Atlanta

Affirmative Prayer Workshop
Recognition, Unification, Affirmation, Denial, Re-Affirmation, Gratitude and Release. If thinking about these phrases raises questions in your mind about affirmative prayer, then Treatment Clinic with Minister and Practitioner Judy Aehle might be the demonstration you've been looking for. Judy's calm presence and logical teaching style will have you creating more effective prayers in no time. Please join us on the third Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Center office classrooms.

The SLCA Writers' Group is held on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month in our Center offices at Druid Chase office park on Buford Highway at 7 PM. Scott Kenan, accomplished writer, serves as the moderator of this group. With Scott's gentle motivation and sharp wit even the most novice of writers becomes comfortable with their own creative process while the seasoned writers try on new genres or delve into the editorial trials of publication. Wherever you are in your practice of writing, this group is a wonderful place to be encouraged, supported and challenged to grow.

What's a Pillar? Our Center is generously supported by many people. Without our financial supporters we would not be able to have services in the Woodruff Auditorium, classes at our Druid Chase facility, or receive the varied benefits of a devoted ministerial and administrative staff. The Pillars of SLCA are those who make a commitment of regular financial support each month. If this spiritual community adds value to your life, please consider making a regular contribution to our growth, expansion and vision for the future. Thank you in advance for your love and support of this community. Please contact the office if you're interested in becoming a Pillar, or respond to our membership renewal mailing.

UPAW Using Principles at Work Group is hosted by Chris and Fred Daley on the fourth Sunday of each month, after the second service in the upstairs youth program classrooms. UPAW invites successful business men and women to speak on how Religious Science principles and the law of cause and effect can be applied to your professional life. January's guest presenter will be Suzanne Anthony. Due to the Annual SLCA Membership Meeting scheduled the fourth Sunday of February, there will not be a February UPAW Meeting.

Asilomar 2007 There are few places more beautiful than the Monterey Bay in Pacific Grove, California, where Religious Science International holds its annual Asilomar Conference. This year the week of July 22-28 would be the perfect time to plan a spiritual vacation. The theme is Transformation. Come and hear the best New Thought musicians and spiritual leaders of our day, attend transforming workshops and roam the Central California Coastline in your spare time. Isn't it time you had a life changing vacation? **For more information, contact the SLCA office.**

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"When the end is held firmly enough in consciousness, the means to bring it about have already been set in motion."

Thomas Troward

I Begin With The End In Mind

The Universal Mind is ever present, encompassing all life, everything, at all times, everywhere. I am a unique expression of this Presence.

I convey my heart's desires to the Universe, allowing It to take care of the details. My wishes are granted, as my thoughts move forward into Law and Life unfolds magnificently, tailor-made for me. I am vibrantly healthy. My life's work fulfills me and serves others. I enjoy wonderful relationships, dwelling in peace and harmony, living prosperously. There is no time limit to how swiftly results appear. A sense of joy and excitement surrounds my being.

Any false evidence that does not match my wishes evaporates as does the morning dew when the sun rises. Daily, I thrive in the gifts of my wishes the Universe freely gives. I reciprocate, giving of my time and talents, as I live in the richly supplied life I have summoned.

I spread the word to others, "make a wish," wish again, and again, as there's an infinite supply. I release these words into Law. And so it is.

Angela Harmon, R.Sc.P, Atlanta, GA

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From Anonymous

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To Bre Boatwright
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From Martha Boone

November 19
To Patrick Hutchinson
Happy 28 Anniversary
From Dik Holland

Dedicate Sunday flowers and share your memories and events with SLCA. Call the office for details.

SLCA Youth Program

We are very proud of our Youth Program. **Each Sunday at 11:15 AM,** we have spiritual and educational activities and loving attention for everyone from babies to teenagers. Our staff of able teachers and qualified volunteers is dedicated to the well-being of each child. It is our intention each week to provide a safe, fun and harmonious environment for all participants.

Parents are encouraged to participate whenever possible and volunteers are enthusiastically welcomed. A background check is a prerequisite for all volunteer applicants.

Nursery - to create a safe, secure, positive environment where children are free to express their Divine Perfection.

4 to 7 year olds - to begin teaching Principle, meditation and unity with God.

8 to 12 year olds - to continue teaching Principle, meditation and assisting each child in discovering the presence of God.

Teens - to teach the spiritual practices of treatment, affirmation, meditation, service and community.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Spiritual Living Center of Atlanta's Youth Program, please call JD Jackson at 404.633.6995 or visit our welcome table.

Dressing up for Halloween!

J. D. Jackson Directs SLCA's Youth Program

J. D. Jackson first volunteered in 1999 to work with our community's teens. At the time her oldest child was 11 and she has been actively involved and growing along with the Youth Program ever since. J. D. now serves as Director of SLCA's Youth Program,

J. D. admits there have been a few Sundays over the last eight years when she was unsure of leading teens. A few Sundays she might have preferred to sleep a few extra hours, but she made it and she is glad she did. "Each Sunday my spirit was renewed and my confidence restored. There is something rewarding about being with the children of our future. Their energy, belief and knowingness makes it worth the effort," J. D. said.

"For me there is no greater gift than to see the future grow and expand, knowing I played a vital part in the development," J. D. explains. "What I have learned along the way is that desire, passion, interest, respect, and unconditional acceptance are essential qualities for working with the children."

Running a Youth Program for all ages requires the time, love, energy and wisdom of many people. J. D. is the quarterback, and she has a full team of great players at all positions. The team works and plays well together. J. D. said "I know the importance of being and remaining open to seeing life from another's perspective. All opinions are valid, regardless of what I think I know. Being able to express and give love is still the most important thing."

J.D. knows the youth program will continue to grow and evolve with several additional age groups added as more children and teens are attracted. She is always looking for additional spiritual nurturers to fill vital roles in the program. If you think you'd enjoy playing on our team, talk to J. D.

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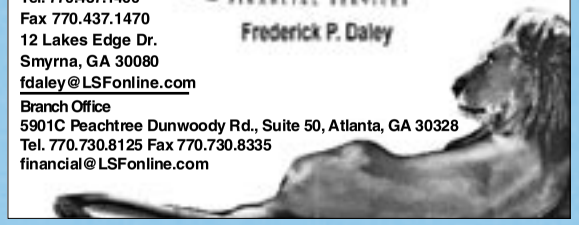

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Healing Service: Nethea Rhinehart

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Basics 2: This Thing Called "YOU"
Healing Service: Judy Frost

January 21
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Healing Service: Anita Keith

January 28
Basics 4: Living the Life We CAN Live
Healing Service: Barbara Guillory

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Spirituality and Peace
Healing Service: Beverly Molander

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Healing Service: Vanecia Wills-Leufroy

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February 25
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Healing Service: Essy Freed

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