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I sincerely hope that those who learn "The Lantern of the Path" it will open up inner delights, as it has done for me.

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