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GOOD CAUSE FOR

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SPECIAL DAY - 30TH ANNIVERSARY -- TIME
RELATIVE -- LOOKING

--LOOKING BACKWARDS 30 YEARS -- LOOKING
FORWARD 2021 - SPACE AGE. STAR TREK Buckle UP

OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE -
DISCOVER INNER POWER

2000 SUNDAY TALKS, THOUSANDS LECTURES, WORK-
SHOPS, SEMINARS, RETREATS, AND MORE THAN
10,000 RADIO TALKS. EXCITING FEEDBACK OF
DEMONSTRATIONS RARELY TALK ABOUT THEM - NOT A
HEALER -- PURVEYER OF DREAMS.

GIBRAN'S "ON TEACHERS" -- "NO MAN CAN REVEAL
TO YOU AUGHT BUT THAT WHICH IS ALREADY ASLEEP
IN THE DAWNING OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE....
IF THE TEACHER IS WISE HE DOES NOT BID YOU
ENTER THE HOUSE OF HIS WISDOM, BUT HE LEADS
YOU TO THE THRESHOLD OF YOUR OWN MIND."

SPARK-PLUG, NOT FUEL-PIPE. EACH MUST FIND
THEIR OWN PATTERN, KNOW THEIR OWN UNIQUENESS,
HEAR THEIR OWN MUSIC, SENSE THEIR OWN
RHYTHMS, "MARCH TO BEAT OF OWN DRUMMER." THOREAU

TODAY I CELEBRATE 30TH..WHAT ARE YOU CELEBRATING? "SECRET ANNIVERSARIES OF THE ^{LONGFELLOW} HEART." EVERY DAY ANNIVERSARY OF SOMETHING: COMMITMENT OF SOME KIND, BEGUN-ENDED A RELATIONSHIP, LAUNCHED CAREER OR NEW VENTURE, OR...DATE LAST YEAR WHEN YOU BEGAN TO LIVE FIRST DAY OF REST OF LIFE.

WHEN YOU LIVE IN AWARENESS OF WHOLENESS, EVERY DAY IS TIME ^{to} CELEBRATE "SECRET ANNIVERSARIES OF HEART." (LONGFELLOW) THE YEAR YOU CAME INTO TRUTH, AND STEPS IN GROWTH ALONG WAY. CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO SO LIVE THAT ^A YEARS FROM TODAY WILL BE ANNIVERSARY OF SOME PEAK EXPERIENCE.

OLGA

NO ONE HAS ACHIEVED...WITHOUT SUPPORT OF COUNTLESS PEOPLE. LONG LINE OF TRUSTEES...PRESENTD GROUP: JOHN PAPPAS, NAZARETH MARGARIAN, BETTY GOLLRAD, DR. JOSEPH CASALAINA, LLOYD FOSTER.

HOST OF VOLUNTEER WORKERS...FAITHFUL ASSISTANT, JUSTIN MORLEY, STAFF WORKER. CRISTOFAM WEBER....AND BELOVED OLGA. WHO HAS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

TODAY, CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING...^{THANKSGIVING} BEAUTIFUL DAY,
HOLY DAY. BUT
BEFORE WE ENTER WORLD OF PLATITUDES AND CLICH-
ES, CHALLENGE OURSELVES WITH SOME IMPORTANT
TRUTHS. WHY DO WE GIVE THANKS? DOES GOD DEMAND
IT? WILL HIS FEELINGS BE LESSENERED IF WE DO
NOT THANK HIM? I SAY (SHOCKINGLY) IT MAKES NO
DIFFERENCE TO GOD..BUT A LOT TO YOU.

► USUALLY THANKSGIVING - THINGS TO GIVE THANKS
FOR. WITH BAD ECONOMY, INSECURITY, JOB
LAYOFFS..OR FEAR OF THEM, "WHAT DO WE HAVE TO
GIVE THANKS FOR?"

CARTOON, PRESIDENT...PROCLAMATION -- CAN WE
ENFORCE THIS YEAR?"

NORMALLY -THANKSGIVING,^{if} WHAT WE HAVE TO GIVE
THANKS FOR. OLD "COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS" IDEA
FINE PRACTICE. BY ALL MEANS, GO THROUGH
SPLENDID ROUTINE OF GIVING THANKS FOR YOUR
GOOD. BUT DON'T STOP THERE. TRUE THANKSGIVING
NOT DEPENDENT ON THINGS. ONLY ON AWARENESS OF
GREATNESS OF GOD WITHIN. BEFORE YOU COUNT
THINGS...COUNT TO ONE - TURN TO GOD AND KNOW
ONENESS, GIVE THANKS FROM THAT AWARENESS.
POINT WHERE YOU MUST STOP GIVING THANKS FOR
WHAT YOU HAVE OR HAVE. NOT TO GIVE THANKS FOR.

-- - START THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE TO
GIVE THANKS FROM -- ROOTS-- CREATIVE FLOW --
YOUR OWN DIVINE IDENTITY IN GOD.

*Money Needs - Only 44 Dollars
in the last 100 years*

WHEN YOU THINK IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU HAVE TO ^{Flows}
GIVE THANKS FROM, YOU HAVE ALLNESS OF GOD,
WHOLE UNIVERSE. "COME YE BLESSED INHERIT
KINGDOM, ...FROM FOUNDATION OF WORLD." ALWAYS
OURS TO GIVE THANKS FROM.

G.B.S "GOD HAS GIVEN US WORLD THAT NOTHING BUT
OUR FOLLY KEEPS FROM BEING PARADISE." GOD HAS
GIVEN US POTENTIAL FOR ABUNDANT LIFE, BUT
LACK OF PERCEPTION AND FOLLY KEEPS US FROM
EXPERIENCING IT. FOLLY IS NEGATIVE THOUGHTS.
ALWAYS CHOICE OF BEING GREAT OR SMALL. WHEN
GRATEFUL WE ARE GREAT... WHEN WE LOSE SIGHT OF
GRATITUDE... LITTLE PEOPLE, LITTLE, INCONSE-
QUENTIAL LIVES.

BETRO- FREN HUNGARY

*MISSIONARY OFFICE POVERTY-STRIKEN TRIBE - RESOURCES
NO LONGER AVAILABLE CONCLUDES THAT THEY WERE
IMPROVED BY THE SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE*

PLATO (2500 YEARS AGO) "GRATEFUL MIND IS GREAT
MIND THAT EVENTUALLY ATTRACTS GREAT THINGS."

→ ACTUALLY ONE DAY OF THANKSGIVING CONVENIENT,
REQUIRES NO GREAT CHANGE IN PREDOMINATING
ATTITUDES OR LIFE-STYLE. YOU MAY HAVE CHRONIC
NEGATIVITY, LACKING IN ANY SENSE OF

GRATITUDE.....BUT FOR ONE BRIEF DAY - CAN
ENGAGE IN THANKSGIVING WITHOUT RESTRAINT. JUST
GENERALLY TRYING TO FEEL GRATEFUL FOR THINGS
AND RELATIONSHIPS, OR AT LEAST TO ACT LIKE IT.
LIKE PUTTING ON SMILE AND LOOK OF HAPPINESS.
WITHOUT REALLY ALTERING WHAT IS WITHIN. / FOR
ONE DAY, NO GREAT PAIN, AND NOT IN ANY DANGER
OF CAPITULATING TO POSITIVE WAY OF LIFE. WHEN
DAY IS OVER, NEXT DAY YOU CAN HEAVE SIGH OF
RELIEF AND GO BACK TO WORK, BACK TO PRACTICE
OF COMMISERATING OVER ECONOMY, CRIME IN CITY,
PROBLEMS OF ILLNESS AND CONTAGION, AND CON-
FLICTS WITH PEOPLE.

PARADOX

BLISS CARMAN: "THEY'RE PRAISING GOD ON THANKS-
GIVING, THEY WILL BE ALL RIGHT THE NEXT DAY;
IT JUST A LITTLE HABIT THEY'VE ACQUIRED."
WHIMSICALLY, "WHY NOT HAVE ONE DAY A YEAR
DEVOTED TO GRIPING, ONE DAY OF TOTAL INGRATI-
TUDE...THEN 364 DAYS IN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE."

WHEN I HEAR, "WHAT A TERRIBLE WORLD THIS IS!"
I SAY: "COMPARED TO WHAT?" CHANGING
WORLD...SO IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN. KEY TO LIFE
IS GROWTH...ONLY THRU CHANGE. GIVE THANKS FOR
CHANGE.

~~COUNT TO ONE - WONDERFUL WORLD~~ ~~WONDERFUL WORLD~~ ~~WONDERFUL WORLD~~
CARMAN - BLISS
THANKS

COUNT TO ONE - WONDERFUL WORLD

MAN CLIMBS TO TOP OF HILL AT BACK OF HOUSE..CLOSE OF EVERY DAY, OSTENSIBLY TO SEE SUNSET, BUT ACTUALLY TO DO HIS THANK-THINKING. FRANK AND HONEST CRITIQUE OF DAY...ARISTOTLE'S "LOOKING FOR THE GOOD." TAKING LITERALLY, "LET NOT SUN GO DOWN ON WRATH." AGREE WITH ADVERSARY - HURTS, ANGER, WORRY... RESOLVE IT ALL IN THANK-THINKING.

WHAT IS THANK-THINKING? PERPETUAL ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE. WHAT YOU DESIRE, THE UNIVERSE DESIRES IT FOR YOU FIRST...GIVING WAY TO DIVINE FLOW .IT IS A PERPETUAL ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE, ACTING AND THINKING AS IF YOU ARE PART OF AN ORDERLY UNIVERSE.

▶ NEED GUIDANCE? BEMOAN..."DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN. WON'T SOMEONE GUIDE ME?" BEST WAY - PRACTICE THANK-THINKING. GUIDANCE IS PRINCIPLE, NOT CAPRICE. EMERSON: "GUIDANCE CONTINUATION..."LET YOUR ATTITUDE BE; "I GIVE THANKS FOR LIGHT, KNOW WHAT TO DO." SAME SENSE; GIVE THANKS FOR JOB, FOR RIGHT PERSON IN LOVE-LIFE, FOR HEALING." *Best answer*

MAKE EVERY DAY CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING, BY COMMITMENT TO THANK-THINKING. CELEBRATE *THE*

AFFLUENCE OF UNIVERSE, FREE FLOW OF INTELLIGENCE AND LIFE. RESOLVE EVERY DAY TO RAISE THOUGHTS TO HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL...ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS...KNOWING THAT THINKING GOOD IS REALLY THANKING GOD. THINK ABOUT AND WORK AT THANK-THINKING EVERYDAY. YOU WILL BE GIVING EVERYTHING A DAILY DOSE OF COSMIC PRAISE.

ENGAGING IN THANKSGIVING WHEN THERE IS LITTLE GOOD TO APPRECIATE SEEMS LIKE POLLYANNA. WHY? WE DON'T CALL IT POLLYANNA TO DEVOTE ONE WHOLE DAY ONCE A YEAR TO "COUNTING BLESSINGS." GOOD ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY, WHY NOT FOR ALL DAYS OF YEAR?

ON THURSDAY, MUCH TO GIVE THANKS FOR OR NOT -- AS YOU SIT AT TABLE WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, SERVING FOOD PROVIDED, CERTAINLY GIVE THANKS FOR THAT AND FOR EACH OTHER..BUT WHEN YOU SAY YOUR SPECIAL THANKSGIVING GRACE, INVOKE A DEEP INNER SILENCE AND GIVE THANKS FROM THE RELIZATION THAT YOU ARE SPIRITUAL BEING, ONE IN THE GREAT CREATIVE FLOW, PART OF DIVINE SUPPORTIVE PROCESS THAT WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS. SO IT IS NOT GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THINGS, BUT GIVING THANKS FOR PRINCIPLE, ALLNESS OF GOD.

I COMMEND THIS THOUGHT TO YOU ~~TODAY~~... TAKE
SOME TIME TODAY, APART FROM YOUR "THANKS FOR
THINGS"...TO JUST GET STILL, "ENTER INNER
CHAMBER"..GIVE THANKS FROM CONSCIOUSNESS OF
GOD.

I FIND GOOD CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING IN TODAY'S
CELEBRATION OF MY 30 YRS IF LIVING AND WORKING
IN GREATEST CITY ON EARTH, WITH FINEST PEOPLE
IN WORLD. ~~I~~ AND I CAN FIND EVEN GREATER CAUSE

FOR
THANKSGIVING IN MY VISION OF GREAT WORLD
CONVERGENCE OF HARMONY AND PEACE AMONG PEOPLE
AND NATIONS IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS. }

"HAVING SEEN AND FELT THE ~~END~~ - YOU HAVE GOTTEN THE
MEANS TO THE REALIZATION OF THE END."

CLOSING VISUALIZATION: CLOSE EYES. DEEP
BREATHS. LIKE THE MAN, IMAGINE HAVE HILL BACK
OF YOUR HOUSE IN COUNTRY...CLOSE OF DAY, CLIMB
TO SEE SUNSET. SIT FEW MINUTES REFLECTING ON
BEAUTY AS FIERY ORB SINKS INTO HORIZON. WAIT
PATIENTLY AS DAYLIGHT IS SWEPT FROM SKY AND
DAKNESS OF NIGHT DESCENDS REVEALING PANORAMA
OF TWINKLING STARS. NOW HAVE FRANK AND HONEST
CRITIQUE (LOOKING