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Thanksgiving pointless?

BY Marandwa Mwendapole

Hi there! All back good and fresh from the Thanksgiving Weekend? Hope so!

For most students from the Maritimes at Dalhousie, Thanksgiving meant going back to the cosy home and sharing turkey with the rest of the family. Thanksgiving thus presented an opportunity for a family reunion for most of the students.

Alas! For those whose homes are in the other regions of Canada, or in other countries all together, Thanksgiving meant a great opportunity to either catch up on some studies, or to read ahead. For others, with Saturday being damp, and Sunday windy and cold, it meant snuggling up under a warm blanket.

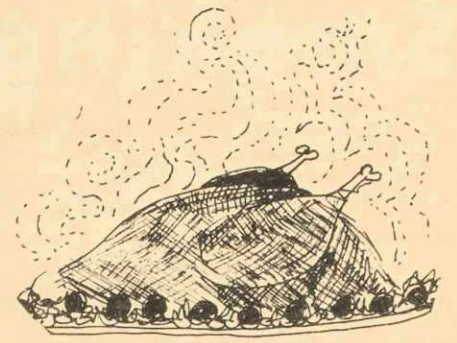
But, what is the point of

Thanksgiving really? Is it just a family occasion plus turkey? Is it just another day from class? Has it any significance at all on one's attitude and behaviour? Is there any religious conotation added to it?

These questions were posed in an interview with a few Dalhousie students: A 3rd year female arts student felt that Thanksgiving meant a family get-together. There were no sentimental feelings attached to it. A 3rd year commerce student said Thanksgiving gave her an opportunity to be thankful for health, and living conditions. She did not attribute any of this to an existing god. It was there and she was glad. To a British woman - 3rd year arts and science, Thanksgiving meant turkey and pumpkin pie. It was more a matter of giving thanks rather than of thanksgiving. A 3rd year lecturer said he was going to celebrate by sleeping. Originally from Russia, he was thankful to Canada for having a good job and for now being wealthy.

Thanksgiving implies a relationship between one who gives and one who receives, who in turn, thanks the Giver for giving. The mutual aim of this relationship is to sustain life of all things that a person will be thankful for. To be able to live and live completely to one's aspirations is the hope of everyone. What one's hopes and aspirations are, vary from one person to another. Thanksgiving is thus a climax in one's life when one looks at themselves and counts what they have. For some they find they still don't have enough, so they don't bother to thank. For some they feel all their needs are met already, so they actually do have a little, and they are very thankful. Still for others they find they have an abundant amount in life, and they can't be thankful enough.

But what's the point of giving thanks anyway? To whom is this gratitude given? To many people



those thanks are given to 'I'. It is 'I' who has given 'I', therefore it is 'I' that must be thanked. For others it is their family, or their society, but for a small handful, so small they are rare to find, give thanks to God. An existing and a loving God who cares and who provides. A God who comes down to our level in Christ Jesus. Who freely gives us all things supplying all our needs. A God who knows our difficulties, trials, sorrows and with every circumstance is perfectly acquainted. A God who in Christ is a love of the souls of men, who laid down His life for us that we may have life abundantly in communion with Him, not only in this life but even in the life to come through the risen Jesus Christ. For these few handfuls of people normally looked upon as creeps, religious fanatics or weirdos, 'Thanksgiving' is not just an occasion that takes place once a year with the family turkey and a day off school. 'Thanksgiving' is a continual perfect living relationship between God the Father and the child. Family reunions will come to an end, turkeys will come to an end, so will lectures - imagine...even life itself. But for a few foolish ones, Thanksgiving will continue, life will continue because God the father through Jesus Christ has so wished it to be regardless of what anyone says about it.

Has your 'Thanksgiving' come to an end?

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DALHOUSIE CRYPTOQUOTE

by H.M.K.

Here's how to work it: OXRUT OILZY
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample O is used for the two H's, X for the E, Z for the K, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

Our readers are invited to submit quotes, especially dumb ones.

This week:

WXVDZ RTDI FPAWC WKJX MTUCMTVXI OWXKM OKDU PR
WX'I CWDSAWC KHTSC KEE CWX APDEU BWT BTSEI ETUX
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Answer to last week:

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