THANKSGIVING VS. TURKEY

WHAT does Thanksgiving bring to your mind? Are you one of those gourmands who thinks only of his stomach? Do you think of a big dinner as synonymous with our great national holiday? Are you a brown baggger who thinks of Thanksgiving as a day upon which a good dinner should be served? If so, you are as falling into the trap of modern thinking as into the trap of modern civilization. The Thanksgiving Day of the Puritans was not a day of eating and drinking. It was a day of honoring God for the bountiful harvest.

The history of Thanksgiving Day is a story of the Puritans who came to this country from England in 1620. They landed at Plymouth and set up a settlement. They were without means of support and had to depend upon the mercy of God for their livelihood. They were weak and defenseless against the cruel winter. But they were not discouraged. They continued to pray to God for help. And God heard their prayers and sent to them a harvest that was more bountiful than they had ever dreamed.

On November 21, 1621, the Pilgrims held their first Thanksgiving Day. They gathered together to give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest. They held a grand feast and invited the Indians to join them. The Indians were generous and gave the Pilgrims a feast that was as good as any they had ever had.

The Pilgrims set aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. They began this custom in 1621 and continued it until the year 1863. In that year President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving Day a national holiday.

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What is the real meaning of Thanksgiving Day? It is a day of giving thanks to God for the blessings we have received. It is a day of remembering all the good things that have happened to us. It is a day of joy and thanksgiving.

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The real meaning of Thanksgiving Day is not to be found in the celebration of the day itself. It is not to be found in the giving of gifts or the eating of turkey. It is to be found in the spirit of thanksgiving that we bring to our lives. It is to be found in the way we live our lives. It is to be found in the way we treat our fellowmen. It is to be found in the way we think about our lives.

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For your information, I have enclosed a list of the ways in which we can celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

1. Give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest.
2. Give thanks to God for the blessings we have received.
3. Give thanks to God for the good things that have happened to us.
4. Give thanks to God for the joy and thanksgiving we bring to our lives.

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