## Thanksgiving Not Feeling The Love: Rediscovering the True Essence of Gratitude and Togetherness

Thanksgiving, a beloved American holiday that brings families and friends together to celebrate their blessings and share a delicious feast, has recently been overshadowed by the buzz of Black Friday shopping and the anticipation of Christmas. As this heartfelt tradition loses its essence, it seems as if Thanksgiving is not feeling the love it once did. However, it is crucial for us to step back, re-evaluate, and rediscover the true significance of this holiday.

When we think of Thanksgiving, images of turkey, pumpkin pie, and football often come to mind. But beyond the delicious food and fun activities, Thanksgiving holds a much deeper meaning. It is a day to pause and reflect on the blessings we have in our lives, showing gratitude for the abundance of love, friendships, and opportunities we are fortunate to possess.

### Thanksgiving: More than Just a Feast

In the modern age, where materialism and consumerism reign supreme, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of Black Friday sales and the frenzy of holiday shopping. Many retail stores even open their doors on Thanksgiving day itself, encouraging people to prioritize discounted goods over quality time with loved ones.

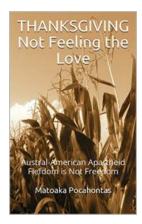
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However, it is important to remember that Thanksgiving is about more than just a feast or scoring the best deals. It serves as a reminder to reconnect with our family, friends, and ourselves. It provides an opportunity to foster an atmosphere of gratitude, love, and togetherness.

Unfortunately, with the rise of social media and constant distractions, the true essence of Thanksgiving has been overshadowed. Instead of focusing on quality time spent with loved ones, many individuals spend the day scrolling through endless feeds, capturing the perfect Instagram picture, and simply going through the motions of the holiday without truly embracing its spirit.

## The Rise of Materialism: Thanksgiving's Silent Enemy

One of the primary reasons why Thanksgiving may not be feeling the love it once did is the ever-growing influence of materialism in our society. We are bombarded with advertisements and marketing campaigns that urge us to focus on the material aspects of the holiday season, rather than the emotional connections and gratitude that Thanksgiving represents.

Black Friday has become synonymous with Thanksgiving, with people camping outside stores and even skipping the traditional family gathering to snag the best deals. The emphasis has shifted from appreciating what we have to acquiring more stuff, perpetuating a cycle of consumerism that ultimately undermines the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

It is essential for us to recognize this silent enemy that threatens to dilute the essence of Thanksgiving. By consciously choosing to prioritize family, gratitude, and authentic connections over material possessions, we can revive the true spirit of this special holiday.

### **Rediscovering the True Essence of Gratitude**

To bring back the love and appreciation for Thanksgiving, it is crucial to rediscover the true essence of gratitude. Gratitude goes beyond merely saying "thank you." It is a transformative attitude that can shift our perspective and improve our overall well-being.

Instead of focusing solely on external factors, such as the perfect turkey or the grandeur of the Thanksgiving table setup, let us turn our attention inward. Take a few moments to reflect on the things we often take for granted – our health, our loved ones, the roof over our heads, and the opportunities we have been given.

Practice gratitude by expressing heartfelt appreciation for the abundance in your life. Write a letter of gratitude to someone who has made a significant impact on your journey. Engage in acts of kindness, both big and small, that demonstrate your gratitude. By embracing thankfulness, we can rekindle the love for Thanksgiving and amplify its impact in our lives.

## **Reviving Togetherness and Connection**

Thanksgiving is also about coming together and cultivating meaningful connections. In a world dominated by screens and social media, it is important to prioritize face-to-face interactions and create lasting memories with our loved ones.

Instead of focusing solely on the extravagant meal preparations, involve your family and friends in the process. Assign tasks, share recipes, and work together to create a Thanksgiving meal that is not only delicious but also a reflection of the love and effort put into it.

In addition to the meal, engage in activities that promote togetherness. Play board games, take a walk around the neighborhood, or share stories and memories. These seemingly simple actions can create lasting bonds and reinforce the true meaning of Thanksgiving – a celebration of human connection.

#### **Embracing Thanksgiving Beyond a Single Day**

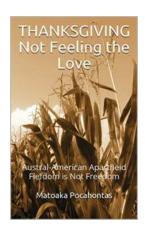
While Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, it is important to extend its spirit beyond a single day. True gratitude and togetherness should be embraced every day of the year.

Make it a practice to regularly express appreciation for the blessings in our lives, no matter how small they may seem. Create opportunities to gather with loved ones throughout the year, whether it's for a simple meal or a weekend getaway.

By integrating the values of Thanksgiving into our daily lives, we not only strengthen our relationships but also find greater joy and fulfillment in the simple moments. Thanksgiving should be a reminder that gratitude and togetherness should be cherished and nurtured every day, rather than being confined to a single holiday.

Thanksgiving is not just a day for feasting, football, and shopping. It is an opportunity to pause, reflect, and appreciate the abundance of blessings in our lives. By prioritizing gratitude and togetherness over consumerism and distractions, we can rekindle the love for this cherished holiday.

Let us break free from the grip of materialism, revive the true essence of gratitude, and embrace the power of genuine human connections. Only then can Thanksgiving truly feel the love it deserves, not just for a single day, but for every day of our lives.



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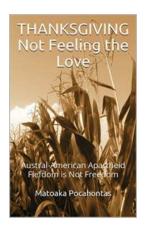


A theft of land and labor is the profit margin of human misery that has supplied a colonial conquest of the indigenous tribes of both American continents and Australia, as well as enslavement of the African tribes. The disenfranchisement of Austral-American Indian apartheid and Afro American segregation is later fed by the indenture of Asian, European and all Immigrant community. Outside the celebrity of class, the ethnic indenture of immigrant community remains the sole justification for legal migration- fostering segregation and often requiring an onerous repatriation lacking reparation.

The colonial abrogation of child labor, worker health, consumer safety, and habitat protection make it easy to maximize profit. The protected monopoly ensures an unopposed price rise for the sake of shareholder profit, ignoring both vertical and horizontal organization, inventing a monopolistic institutional democracy sarcastically making statistical parody of electoral government. The harsh truth of enslavement of prisoners, indenture of migrants, and bond of repetitious labor add to the drudgery.

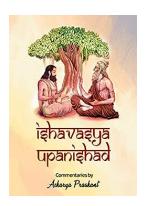
A world poisoned with organophosphate, isotopic alloy, and radioactive waste faces a reversible choice of survival. Today's science fiction offers the salvation of life for mankind on a distant planet in a different galaxy, even a separate universe. Mankind will find the environment of deep space as inhospitable and inaccessible as that of the deep oceans once believed our colonial salvation. Recognize the refraction and reflection of past and future as the prismatic illusion of distant galaxies; and the moving pictures of light years past as the impression of a kaleidoscopic view of multi-galactic proportion. Only one choice remains; a choice believing in an inescapable solitary frame to solar mechanical existence within the divine singularity of one nebulous universal galaxy.

Worldly civilization should be dedicated to a continued earthly habitat as a base for future space exploration rather than a planned vessel led escape for and from a global oligarchy poisoning and overheating earthly existence. Whether the notion is colonization of the planetary universe or nomadic interstellar vacation travel, this earthly vessel should be cherished beyond any future underestimation; its fate will mirror that of humankind. Any future aspiration for humankind should focus on controlling and adjusting to global climate change and avoiding a global warming catastrophe of nuclear proportion.



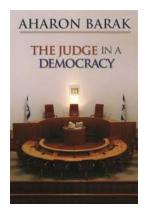
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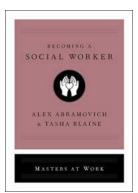
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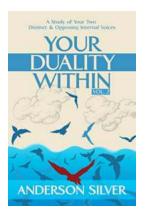




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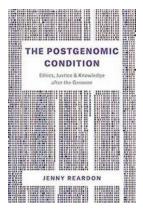
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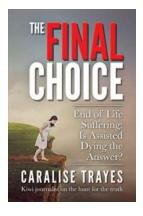
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