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# That was then. This is now.

## Dr. Karkeys

The calendar says it's time to give thanks. The metaphorical crops are in and the allegorical roof is patched, so the big bag of rice will stay dry and we'll have enough carbohydrates to fuel the long ponderings of winter.

When Europeans first landed on this continent, they had the good grace to thank the residents for helping them through those first hard years of ignorance. We should still be grateful to those indigenous inhabitants of New England and the Virginias for the trust they showed that the new settlers could understand how and why the land would give food and shelter. To share and show trust that a stranger has the wisdom to acknowledge the gift of sustenance and its source is in itself a gift. This was a sign of respect which the settlers and their descendants violated industriously. Let us survive that we may show gratitude rather than greed and strength rather than power.

The civilization most of us know grew on the heels of retreating glaciers and swiftly began commanding food production rather than hunting and gathering. No longer subject to natural variations in food supply, populations grew and went to war with their neighbors to command more territory for crop production, allowing further population growth.

It has taken a mere 10,000 years for this activity to cover the arable land on the planet with little change in the crops, some refinements in the techniques of war, and advances in weaponry (now there's an oxymoron) that poison and threaten our very existence. The religious and political support mechanisms for this behavior filter into our individual lives with violence and intolerance toward those who do not share one's beliefs, skin color, language, or economic perspective.

Witness the fundamentalist, whether Christian or Moslem, in his insistence that his version of the law of his God overrides any "lesser" laws, such as our Bill of Rights and Constitution.



Witness the open hand of Catholicism, urging large families in the face of poverty, the fingers curling around the offerings of the faithful so that the hand becomes a fist of gold and prayer becomes secular power.

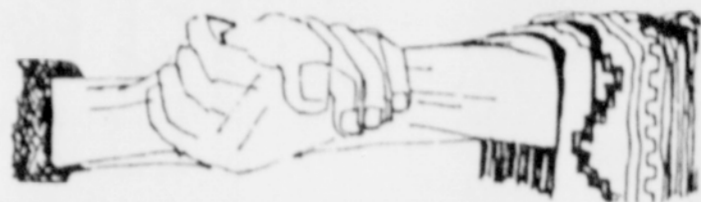
Witness the faces of merchants and bankers in the stained glass windows of Dutch churches where commerce replaced spirituality and the increase of profit replaced the Protestant's "good works".

One can see by their effects who is served by "religious" practices that encourage intolerance, poverty, and greed. Ayatollah or Evangelical, Bishop or Industrialist, the powerful do not share the concerns of the many. Indeed, they have more in common with each other than with their followers. The Reagan to Noriega to Ayatollah triple play and our loan kickbacks to Saddam Hussein are but recent examples of the exercise of power at the expense of the people.

We have come a fair piece since we lost our ability to talk to the animals. We have come around the globe and left our mark virtually everywhere, from heavy metals in the oceans' depths to trash on the pale surface of the moon.

We should be immeasurably grateful that we are still alive, and that we, the people, still have the power (if we stop giving it away) to cease doing evil to each other and to our wondrous and thus far forgiving home, this heaven, this earth.

## America Discovers America



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### What the Indians Have Always Known

In 1492, Columbus met the native peoples of this land. There is a common belief that he called these people "Indian" because he believed he had found India. It is important to realize, however, that at that time, India was known as "Hindustan" and the people of that country were known as "Hindus."

Columbus was impressed with the generosity of these people. He was welcomed into their tribal councils and impressed with their unusual form of government. Each member of the tribe was allowed to speak, and was listened to respectfully. Because of their generosity and openness within the tribe as well as with the newcomers, Columbus (who was a citizen of Spain and spoke in Spanish) called these people "una gente en Dios," which means "a people in God."

If we are truly to become "en Dios," then we must re-establish our relationship to life—ALL LIFE. We must make peace with the native peoples of this land. Native peoples understand that each life has a unique function. We are individuals, bound together by the Universe, by the Earth, by communalities such as language, environment and heredity. We must live as individuals and learn to respect and appreciate difference. Differences are the beauty of life.

### Mending the Wounds

Next year marks the 500 year anniversary of what has been called "the Discovery of America." The American Indians were here to welcome Columbus and we have a unique perspective on this "discovery."

Columbus began the mass migration to this part of the world. Many people from many continents came here for many reasons. Each culture brought unique ways of looking at life and unique strengths and weaknesses.

Interaction between these vastly dif-

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ferent societies affected everything in each society. Some thought in straight lines, with a beginning and an end. Others thought in circles; infinity, no beginning, no end. Some believed they had the right to manipulate and dominate the environment, creating vast cities and amazing technologies. Many lost balance and created problems such as over-population and pollution. Other peoples lived within the environment. They used their experience, common sense, observation and even humility to discover and live by the natural law. Some of these people lost balance as well, attracted and confused by the visible power of the straight-line thinkers, they lost touch with their own wisdom.

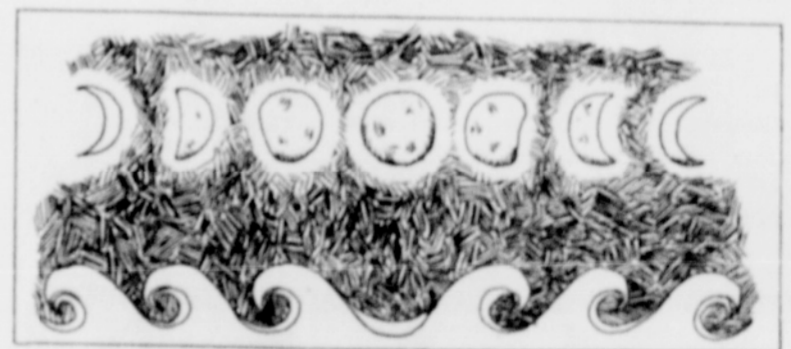
Too often in our mutual history, differences have been met with intolerance, misunderstanding and abuse. For five-hundred years, we have been in conflict with each other. We have been meeting violence, hatred and anger with violence, hate and anger. It is time for this long civil war to end, the wounds to heal.

If we are to live together in peace, we must learn to respect differences and not get caught in forcing another to think, feel and act as we do. We must learn to share knowledge and listen to each other. Each individual has a unique gift to offer our community. Each individual is entitled to feel pride in themselves.

We are individuals, bound together by the Universe, by the Earth, by communalities such as history, language, environment and heredity. Each of us must define for ourselves our role in the community and what responsibilities go with each role. Each person must learn to respect and tolerate different ideas and different methods.

When we have learned to value the different gifts of other lifestyles, we will truly be able to create together a pluralistic society, celebrating our unique and wonderful heritage.

There is hope for those who can discover or rediscover life, home and direction for the future for all humans. This is literally our last chance. It's time for America to discover America.



## MOONS & TIDES

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### NOVEMBER

WASHINGTON AND OREGON COAST TIDES  
STANDARD TIME

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## BASEBALL

The series is over. Capt. Outrageous and Hanai Jane go to Canada. And it's over the first true World Series. But as sure as the rain and snow of winter will bring Monday Night Football's meetings and violence to televisions in taverns across America, the spring will come in Arizona and Florida, and the Cub's will come back to Bill's.

