



FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK for OCTOBER

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is the official holiday for expressing gratitude for our abundant life in Canada. It takes place in October, the month in which the agricultural harvest is complete. We not only have abundance of agricultural produce but so many other abundances: freedom of expression, education, health care, highways to travel, etc.

All this is against a backdrop of negative news. Doris Lessing, a famous British author, wrote the following in a series of lectures for the CBC in 1985:

It is "hard to see anything good and hopeful in a world that seems increasingly horrific.....But wait.....we all know the news is presented to us for maximum effect, that bad news seems to be more effective in arousing us than good news.....Is it possible that all the bad things going on....are a reaction, a dragging undertow, to a forward movement in the human social evolution that we can't easily see?"

The key phrase in the quotation is "a forward movement in the human social evolution". In the 21st Century the human mind is developing very rapidly in the direction of self-knowledge...and as often happens...this thrust forward arouses its opposite, the forces of ignorance and resistance.

Spiritualists believe in raising the world's vibrations through Thanksgiving, Gratitude and Forgiveness. Each one of us plays a part in the transformation of our Beautiful World. Bless us all with a grateful heart. May we rise above negative news to new levels of higher consciousness and wellbeing.

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