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# Thanksgiving 2024 — Why should we pause to give thanks?

A MESSAGE FROM THE LAROUCHE ORGANIZATION  
PRESIDENT DIANE SARE

In such a moment as we find ourselves, with the suffering nearly unbearable to contemplate in Gaza, which is perhaps the most disturbing because of the gleeful cruelty with which the torture and genocide is imposed; but also in Haiti, South Sudan, and even in Ukraine, where men are being kidnapped to be used as cannon fodder in the dying Empire's war – a war on the brink of crossing the threshold into a land of no return – one might ask, “Why should we pause to give thanks?”

Let us each ask ourselves, “Did you choose your circumstance of birth?” If we are honest, and a little bit humble, we should each answer that question, “no.” So we might consider that each of us already must admit that someone, other than ourselves, is responsible for our existence. Should we not also consider that everything upon which we depend, even for our most basic needs, was created by someone else, discovered by someone long gone, harvested by a farmer who planted a seed, which grew into nourishment dependent upon the sun which exists because of the harmonic ordering of the universe, perfectly formed by a beneficent Creator?

For all of this, we should give thanks, and in the mindset of thankfulness, we can contemplate how, as creatures of free will, we can act for the benefit of billions of souls, some now suffering in the present, and others to appear in centuries to come. We can act to change the future, as millions gone before, some through incredible sacrifice, have contributed to our being here today. Isn't this what the great Architect of our universe would expect of us?

I am extending a personal invitation to join me

at an international online conference December 7 and 8th, convened by Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche. The conference is entitled “In the Spirit of Schiller and Beethoven: All Men Become Brethren” and it is dedicated to taking this perilous moment of transition, in which the colonial system has met its long overdue end — both bankrupted by its own degenerate policies, and rejected by the majority of the people of the planet — to bring together the forces to create a new paradigm for mankind by establishing a new security and economic architecture which respects the sovereignty of each nation equally, and respects the innate dignity and inalienable rights of every human being on the planet. These objectives are in perfect harmony with the founding principles of the United States of America. The American people voted overwhelmingly against war and economic injustice, rejecting a continuation of the Biden/Harris Administration, which appears to be working feverishly to prevent peace from breaking out under the incoming President Trump. This is the time for the American people to act to shape the incoming administration, not a time to “wait and see.”

The ammunition needed to organize everyone you know, or don't yet know, can be found in the just released pamphlet “Development Drive Means Billions of New Jobs, No Refugees, No War” which was designed to accompany the December 7-8 conference. You can use the QR codes on the next page to review and order hard copies of this full-color report, and to register for the Schiller Institute conference.

*I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to*

*His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.*

—Abraham Lincoln,  
Thanksgiving Proclamation,  
Oct 3, 1863

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