



## American Thanksgiving

The Holiday season opens with Thanksgiving, a remembrance of a shared feast between pilgrims and Indians giving thanks to God for a bountiful harvest.

This, at least, is what our children used to hear about on this special November Thursday each year, as teachers had them cut out construction-paper turkeys and pilgrim hats.

But in recent years, there has been a relentless rewriting, even vilification, of American history. Our past is no longer something that inspires youth with stories of the pilgrims defeating the threat of starvation or California gold-rushers making their way across the plains for the hope of a better future.

Instead, today's version of history shames our children through focusing entirely on negative accounts of Indian slaughter, slavery, and oppression of women. And most devastating of all, you'll find a complete whitewashing of the importance of God and religion for the first 175 years of our existence.

America's past is perhaps not pure white, but neither is it the pitch black currently portrayed by revisionists. Indeed, there is much, much more to be proud of in our past than to be ashamed of.

With all the talk of multiculturalism and ethnic understanding today, it is amazing to me that the one culture no one cares about is the culture of America.

This season, let us aim to teach our children the truth of American history in all its glory, so that they have a better understanding of the common culture we share. And let us be especially mindful to show them just how important our God has been throughout that history and culture.

It is, perhaps, a daunting task. So start with something simple. Start with Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly LaHaye".

Beverly LaHaye

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