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**Happy Thanksgiving!**

God, the Creator Spirit of all that is, has placed within each of us human beings a divine spark impelling us to seek to know the truth, to relish the beautiful, and to love the good. In our lifetimes, thanks to the Hubble telescope and the human impulse to discover that developed it, we are able to observe events in our universe that unfolded more than 15 billion years ago, whose light waves are only now reaching the earth. We observe this and we stand in wonder and awe at the very grandeur of the cosmos our God has created.

There are other universes no less inspiring, no less beautiful, and no less wonderful, universes also suffused by God's Spirit and open to the divine spark that impels us to know, to relish and to love. These universes, however, are deep within each human being, our sisters and brothers – no less deep than the cosmos, no less laden with mystery, no less beautiful and awe-inspiring. We don't discover these through a Hubble telescope, however. God's Spirit opens our eyes and hearts to see the truth of others, and to relish their beauty, so that we might come to love them in their inherent goodness, as the Lord has asked us to do.

We have much for which to be grateful this Thanksgiving. Have a blessed one!