

CHRISTMAS 2016

I want to be happy, I want to be bright to talk many presents, and twinkles of light

I want to be upbeat, happy and nice, as the last of the season closes in every night.

My problem is people, my friends it now seem, have lost sight of what these holidays mean

This will not be my standard yearly opine, as this must be said for the obvious sign.

This Holiday season with all things that follow, somehow it rings so untrue and hollow.

We rain down with gifts and plenty of fair, creating what seems as a festive air

Veteran's Day is set aside for memories of those who have served, they took time from their lives and sometimes gave them up, for the rights of people as a whole.

Thanksgiving Day was set aside to remember the sacrifices made by the Native Indian to the Pilgrim, to help them survive through the winter

Christmas Day was set aside to rejoice in the immaculate birth, when God gave us his only son to somewhat assuage our sins.

New Year's Day was set aside to show the changes made, the end and the beginning of the changes we have made.

We make a point of gift-giving. We make a point of Celebrating. We make a point of giving cards that have nothing to do with the remembrance of the Day itself.

We, as Americans, have become so shallow, material things are all that matter anymore. We get angry and frustrated when we can't afford to provide those material things to our loved ones. We consider ourselves somehow a failure. The peer pressure from friends and their ability to provide has become all consuming, thereby obliterating the reason the day was set aside to begin with. I would just like for us to take a step back and realize what we have. Give thanks for having, and understanding the lowest of us needs our help, more than the rest. and how we have been able to maintain it over the years.

I am finding it more difficult every year to try to spur our selflessness for our fellow man. We know the need to; feed the hungry, clothe the haggard, warm the cold and do whatever we can for our fellow man. We are just too self-centered to even care. That hurts! I should not say all, as every now and again you hear of someone doing something to help their fellow man selflessly.