

THROUGH TURKEY GIBLETS TO THE STARS

Sorry about the lack of a Thanksgiving Day post until now. I've had my hands stuck up the backside of a 19-pound turkey much of this morning when not busy with chopping, peeling, cooking everything to accompany this unexpected behemoth. My family pod is here and trying to help with the feast but as always it seems the challenges expand to meet the people present.

Like the 5-pound bag of sugar which more closely resembled a giant sugar cube.

Or discovering the turkey still solid like a pink fleshy iceberg.

Or beloved spouse deciding to get a jump on sales and buying 10-pounds of hamburger which must be shaped in to patties and frozen right now, in the middle of the circus in my kitchen.

But I'm thankful to have all of this hubbub today generated by my pod – myself, my spouse, my two kids – all of us healthy, masked, and together for this holiday.

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"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

– Winston Churchill

We have an opportunity to kick a fascist autocrat to the curb, thanks to the tireless efforts of people like Stacey Abrams in Georgia, and Ben Wikler in Wisconsin. Thank you to all the new voters they and others like them encouraged to register and vote, all those neophytes who saw the threat for what it was, who see the promise committing to vote can bring. We owe the chance to save Americans' lives and America's democracy to these folks.

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"As we express our gratitude, we must never

forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

– John F. Kennedy

"Never separate the life you live from the words you speak."

– Paul Wellstone

Going forward it's on us all to repair the damage of this last four years, to remedy base blemishes built upon over time, to scrape away the palimpsest of colonialism and contemporary racism, misogyny, and xenophobia, starting anew with better, inclusive materials.

May our efforts mirror our best intentions as we strive toward a more perfect union.

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"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light."

– Albert Schweitzer

We've had some very dark passages and tough times. We are grateful to those who give us reason to continue to work for social justice and economic democracy for all. We are thankful for you, our community.

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Per aspera ad astra. Gratias tibi.