

The true story of Thanksgiving



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This narrative has been pulled directly from the diaries, journals and reports written by the Pilgrims themselves. It is the true story of Thanksgiving from those who experienced it - it is the opposite of what we are taught in school. I fact checked it myself many years ago. I encourage you to read this around your dinner table this Thanksgiving. The truth shall set you free. Praise God!

The story of the Pilgrims begins in the early part of the 17th century. The Church of England under King James I was persecuting anyone and everyone who did not recognize its absolute civil and spiritual authority. Those who challenged their authority and those who believed strongly in freedom of worship were hunted down, imprisoned, and sometimes executed for their religious beliefs in 17th Century England.

[BTW - America is literally becoming like 17th Century England all over again where people are persecuted for their speech and their beliefs.]

A group of separatists first fled to Holland and established a community. After eleven years, about forty of them agreed to make a perilous journey to the New World, where they would certainly face hardships, **but at least the promise was that they could live and worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences.**

It's a powerful belief, the belief in freedom of religion to engage in this kind of activity in order to be able to do it, to be able to cross an ocean to a place where you have no idea what to expect.

On August 1, 1620, the Mayflower set sail. It carried a total of 102 passengers, including forty Pilgrims led by William Bradford. On the journey, Bradford set up an agreement, a

contract, that established essentially socialism: “just and equal laws for all members of the new community, irrespective of their religious beliefs.”

Where did the revolutionary ideas expressed in the Mayflower Compact come from? From their interpretation of the Bible. The Pilgrims were a people completely steeped in the Old and New Testaments.

They looked to the ancient Israelites for their example. And, because of the biblical precedents set forth in Scripture, they never doubted that their Socialist experiment would last.

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That's where the traditional story of Thanksgiving ends: "The Indians helped them and they learned how to plant corn, had they had a big feast, and that's what we celebrate today." **No! That's not what happened.**

Thanksgiving is actually explained in way too many textbooks as a holiday for which the Pilgrims gave thanks to the Indians for saving their lives, rather than what it was.

Thanksgiving was “a devout expression of gratitude” to God — and if you doubt that, go look at George Washington's first Thanksgiving Proclamation, when Thanksgiving became a national holiday because of George Washington.

You cannot escape the fact that it was a national holiday rooted in thanking God for America, for the blessed nature of our country, and this is exactly what the Pilgrims did. That's what they were thankful for.

Here is the part that has been omitted from the traditional textbooks, and was omitted when I was in school. The original contract the Pilgrims had entered into on the Mayflower, they all had merchant sponsors. They didn't have the money to make this trip themselves. There were sponsors, merchants in Holland and London that paid for it.

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Nobody owned anything. They just had a share in it. It was a commune, folks— minus the weed. It was the forerunner to the communes we saw in the '60s and '70s out in California with organic vegetables. [It didn't work. They soon found that Socialism didn't work.]

Bradford, who had become the new governor of the colony, recognized that this form of **collectivism** was as costly and destructive to the Pilgrims as that first harsh winter after settlement. He decided to take bold action. Bradford assigned a plot of land to each

family to work and manage and it was theirs. Bradford introduced Capitalism to America.

[BTW - Collectivism is any form of Government where individuals are not important - only the group and the group identity is important. Marxism, Nazi-ism, Socialism, Communism and Fascism are all forms of "inclusive" collectivism - Capitalism is the opposite of collectivism and focuses on individualism, liberty & responsibility.]

Bradford said that whatever they produced was now theirs to do with whatever they wanted. "The Pilgrims dumped Socialism" - now what happened. This was the beginning of the marketplace.

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What Bradford wrote in his own journal about this social experiment should be in every schoolchild's history lesson:

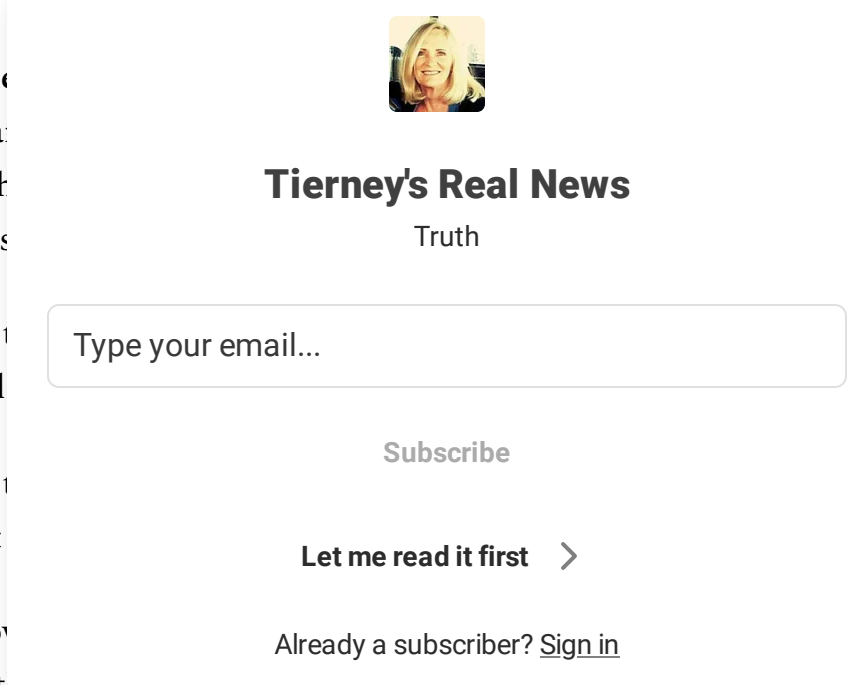
BRADFORD: "The experience that we had in this common course and condition tried sundry years...that by taking away property, and bringing community into a common wealth, would make them happy and flourishing — as if they were wiser than God."

"For this community [so far as it was] was found to breed much confusion and discontent, and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and

comfort. For young men that were most able and fit for labor and service did repine that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children without any recompense."

What he's saying is, "Why should we bust our ass working for people who are not doing anything?" It didn't work. It was a resounding failure.

The Pilgrims found that people could not be expected to do their best work without incentive. So what did Bradford's community try next? They unharnessed the power of good old-fashioned capitalism.



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A group of people arrived on a boat committed to being equal and the same. It failed. They end up turning out industrious activity, creating that by virtue of competition and being able to keep what you produced. They produced more than they needed. They ended up setting up trading posts. They exchanged goods with the Indians, and the profits finally allowed them to pay off the debts to their sponsors, the merchants in London who had sponsored them. Free enterprise gave them the freedom they came to America for.

The success and prosperity of the Plymouth settlement attracted more Europeans and began what came to be known as the 'Great Puritan Migration.' In other words, the

Pilgrims had such overwhelming success at growing their community, word spread all the way back to England, and it began this huge migration of people to America - which still goes on today.

Remember, the Pilgrims preceded the founding of the country by hundreds of years. They really were the ones that got it started and showed how it could be done. And it was — I don't want to use the word "rich." It was so plentiful, this was what they were thankful for.

The Pilgrims had a very different way of structuring their community. They were not just a group of people who came to America to start a new life, but they were a community that was built on a shared purpose and a shared vision. They were a community that was built on a shared purpose and a shared vision.

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