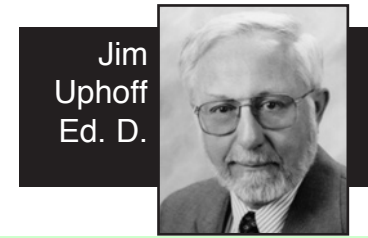


I am thankful for...



Jim Uphoff
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My cousin, John Beisner from central California, sent me a thought-provoking email (author unknown to me) this past week. One of the major benefits of a good education is when each of us is able to look at any topic from a new or different perspective. Our schools work very hard to enhance critical thinking skills to enable students to make extended connections and to see beyond the obvious. I hope you will find this to be such a 'trip' for you as you consider 'connections' as a new way to look at what I AM THANKFUL FOR:

THE HUSBAND who is on the sofa being a couch potato because he is home with me and not out at the bars.

THE WIFE who says it is hot dogs tonight because she is home with me and not out with someone else.

THE TEENAGER who is complaining about some chore because it means she is at home and not on the streets.

THE CLOTHES THAT FIT A LITTLE TOO SNUG because it means that clearly I have enough to eat.

MY SHADOW that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine with my Vitamin D.

ALL THE COMPLAINING I HEAR ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT because it means that we have Freedom of Speech.

THE PARKING SPOT I

FIND AT THE FAR END OF THE LOT because it means I am capable of walking and have been blessed with transportation.

THE PERSON IN CHURCH WHO SINGS OFF KEY because it means I can still hear clearly.

WEARINESS AND ACHING AT THE END OF THE DAY because it means I have been capable of working hard at home and/or on the job.

THE PILE OF LAUNDRY AND IRONING because it means I have clothes to wear and enjoy.

I hope that your thinking was also stimulated to consider many other ways to be thankful at this time of year. It is always good to continue our own education and keeping our minds engaged is vital to good health--mental, emotional, and physical!



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