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Easter . .

EASTER has somehow for the people born in the Northern Hemisphere a different, a fuller and deeper meaning than for people who lived "Down Under" all their lives.

In the North Easter heralds the advent of the Spring, the beginning of a new life and it automatically lifts ones thoughts with it. Down South it coincides with the Autumn and therefore is not quite so up to engender thoughts of a new life to spring from the old.

However, as much as the two may be contradictory, this does not necessarily need to be so. The Jews celebrated at Easter the Passover out of the tyranny of Egypt and did not associate it with the advent of the Spring. For them it was more a thanksgiving for the good things they received from God, for the protection and guidance to get them out of Egypt. The American people celebrate a Thanksgiving day in the fourth week of November.

There is no set time to give thanks and Easter may be as good a time as any to take a few moments off to lift our thoughts to be thankful to God for the good things we received and hopeful for the future in the Spirit of Easter.

—W.R.