

Calendars and Time

Calendared as life
has us all these days.
measuring out time
is brief little bites
that often prevent
our real engagement,
one has to wonder
if we are losing
a calendar's role
in ordering life.

Passing by one that
we had assembled
last year for this year,
entirely blank
in dated windows,
but framed with pictures
fam'ly known and loved,
it occurred to me
that a calendar
should serve that purpose.

When all is said and done
we need to see beyond
the adiaphora
of places and dates
as markings for life.
In, with, and under
our activities,
we must be sensing
what they are about,
their deeper meaning.

Every calendar
should have a framework
beyond its events--
of things eternal
in relationships
that lift our spirits
on earth and beyond
to the grace of God,
and his will for life
in supplying time.

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