

Daily Meditation 09/03/2021

Here Come the Abortion Fanatics

Good morning.

It's important that we consider this abomination happening in Texas -- the same legislature and governor that just passed the most draconian voting rights laws in our current history. Laws that rival Jim Crow, laws that tell us that in effect if you're black or brown, stay away from voting.

And now we have the wisdom of the same politics jumping on the abortion issue in a most most extreme and egregious way. And the Supreme Court, which I call in my essay the *un*supreme court, because I think they've proven themselves to be the same court that devastated the Voting Rights Bill not once but twice. That's the civil rights bill that was literally won by blood and sweat and tears, and thousands and thousands of people being jailed, choosing to be non-violent, and many being murdered, including eventually their leader, Dr. King, assassinated. None of this makes any difference to the Supreme Court, this unsupreme court, apparently. Or to the politicians, the reigning politicians of the state of Texas.

Of course this is the same unsupreme court that told us in all its wisdom that corporations are people - corporations are people - they have the same rights as you and I, who vote.

Even if we're penniless and in debt, these corporations are people. Of course everybody knows a corporation isn't a person, who doesn't know that?

Sigh...

So now we have not just the fanatics of abortion all whipped up creating new laws, but we have an invitation to make ten thousand dollars! You can make ten thousand dollars by attacking a woman who is pregnant in the name of pro-life - yes, by attacking a woman who is pregnant, or anyone close to her with whom she's discussed the possibility of an abortion.

And of course if you talk about poor women and especially black and brown women, because wealthier women can hightail it out of state and get an abortion elsewhere.

And you can bankrupt every family connected with these pregnant women in the name of something called "pro-life" - where does this finally come from? A lot of it comes from religion.

Religion in many instances in my lifetime has turned abortion, the abortion subject, into a fetish. A few years ago, when I wrote my article on abortion called "Moving Beyond the Abortion Fixation: Some Theological Context," it was published in this Conscience Magazine, a thoughtful Roman Catholic magazine.

I begin with this statement: that a recent statement by a Roman Catholic bishop, that abortion and Roe v. Wade were the ultimate concern in this year's presidential election, is beyond foolish - it is a fetishizing of the issue, to the exclusion of all other moral concerns.

Yes - there has been a fetishizing of abortion by very high-up hierarchy. Indeed it's come up this past year with some of the bishops many of the bishops - not those appointed by Pope Francis but the others - arguing over whether President Biden should be forgiven, should be allowed to receive communion, because he has stood up for Roe versus Wade.

If this isn't doing what Pope Francis talked about, pouring your theology into a condom - a quote from Pope Francis - I don't know what is!

So in the next few daily meditations I'm going to share with you some of my research on the subject of abortion and try to cool down those who think that Jesus' primary message is whether you've ever had an abortion or not, or talk to someone who did.

Truth is, Jesus himself never once talked about abortion.

We will get into the Jewish teaching on abortion and other traditions as well, but this is my first statement on the subject. I'm sorry we have to go here, but we do have to go here. The new head of the bishops of America belongs to Opus Dei -- the archbishop of Los Angeles -- and Opus Dei loves to lead with topic of abortion.

And in this new law from Texas, approved by the silence of the unsupreme court, not even rape or incest allows abortion in the state of Texas beyond six weeks! Most women do not know they're pregnant after just six weeks. Ninety percent of the seven million women capable of birth, the age of birth in Texas today, ninety percent do not know if they're even pregnant after six weeks!

Thank you; we'll see you tomorrow.