

Daily Meditation 05/30/22

Cosmology and Evil Spirits in the Bible, continued

Good morning.

Today we continue our meditations on this sad, distressing topic of evil as announcing itself in the shooting of 19 children and two adults in a Texas grade school this week.

And in that news, I introduce to you the all-important term of "adultism."

We've all heard of racism and sexism and heterosexism, many other isms, but we don't pay enough attention to this ism called "adultism." Adultism is adults so engrossed in their own worlds that children are ignored. And they become victims insofar as they are not treated with respect. They are not factored in enough when we create our agendas and our budgets.

And the cause of adultism is so often the repression of the child in the adult. The repression of the child in the adult. And this is why so many spiritual teachers, certainly Jesus among them, say things like Jesus did. And that is: 'You adults must change, become like these children, if you will receive the kingdom and the queendom of God.'

So, there is this spontaneity, this openness, this welcoming of spirit that we find in the young when things are healthy. And the adults need to learn from the children as well as tell children what to do.

Clearly this massacre in Texas was a scandal at many levels. An 18-year-old, very, very young adult who, by all reports, did not have a healthy parenting in his growing up, nevertheless chose to murder little children ten years younger than he with a horrible weapon meant for war battles, not for 18-year-olds to be carrying around.

And so a society that allows 18-year-olds to acquire guns without training, without testing of their maturity, solely for the sake of making money for the adults, such a society is very sick.

So adultism reigns.

I wrote about adultism in my book, *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, a number of years ago because I was learning, at that time, the importance of this doorway to evil--especially if we let it go unattended and uncriticized.

And there is medicine for adultism. The mystics celebrate the child inside all of us. Indeed, Meister Eckhart says God is *novissimus*, the newest thing there is. So, God is the youngest, newest, most childlike being in the universe.

And so this is a mirror. It stands against our culture, a culture, any culture that adulates adulthood, that is cut off from youthfulness--that youthfulness of the Divine, the youthfulness inherent in all of our souls no matter what our age, and clearly the youthfulness in children.

And this is why Jesus delights in watching the children dance, and in acknowledging the beauty and the childlikeness of the children, and in warning us that those who do not treat the children in the sacred fashion that they represent, they deserve, says people will be better... He says, 'better off if they were thrown into the water with a millstone around their neck.'

Strong language for strong, evil forces of adultism.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.