

Daily Meditation 06/16/2022

Hildegard & Aquinas: Ancestors Speak Out on Folly and January 6

Good morning.

In today's meditation I take up the subject of folly versus wisdom. And folly comes in many expressions. But one of them is, of course, the carrying on in some of our social media today, in some of our public media, and one news channel in particular where there's a wallowing in conspiracies, lies and more lies that seems to attract an ever-growing audience.

And as Hildegard says in the very title of her first major work, which took her 10 years to write, which includes 27 paintings as well as the first opera in the West, 300 years older than any other opera, titled Scivias, "Know the Ways --"

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If people cannot discern the difference between the ways of folly on the one hand and the ways of wisdom on the other, well, they are doomed.

And part of Folly is of course, going into denial, denial about climate change, denial about how dangerous lies can be to break up community and how important it is to work to uphold our seven chakras, the seventh being about community, about waking up with allies, with ancestors with other light beings.

But I point out that the bottom line that is so disturbed, and disturbs our heart is, I think spoken well by Thomas Aquinas: "The proper objects of the heart are truth and justice."

When truth and justice are out the window because we've chosen folly and not wisdom, there is, as I say, a hurting heart. The society itself, the community itself is hurting and may not even know why, but there is a deep hurt.

And again, I think Aquinas nails it, the proper objects of the heart are truth and justice.

If truth and justice are ignored, the heart is bleeding. The heart of the community is bleeding.

Now part of bringing wisdom back is bringing the feminine back. In many ways, what we're seeing today is the apogee of patriarchy. It's the high point, the climax. And I do believe patriarchy is ending and needs to end, and the faster the better.

Meanwhile, it is spreading this kind of folly around. It's like an ungainly monster that won't keel over and die when it's dead. It's thrashing around with a giant tail, reptilian tail, banging and crashing against everything it hits because it is so angry, angry at Mother Nature, angry at the Earth, angry at women, angry at gay people, angry people of color.

There's anger in the air, that constitutes, I think, folly. And some people in our capitalist system are getting rich in the process. Because there's something about human nature that wants to watch buildings burn or things crash. And there's a lot of burning and crushing and failing going on at this time in history.

All the more to ground ourselves in the goodness of creation, original goodness, original blessing. To ground ourselves by discerning and by disciplining and deepening our love of being or love of the earth or love for one another. This is wisdom at work.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.