

Daily Meditation 07-12-22

Democracy or Theocracy? SCOTUS & Religious Zealotry

Good morning.

In our essay today we're continuing the very disturbing topic of christofascism creeping into very high places in American culture and government such as the Supreme Court.

But I also have a proposal to put out there: that when it comes to a new law, about abortion, I wonder if we couldn't just pass a law that says something like -- that doesn't have the word abortion in it -- says something like very clear and direct:

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...something like that. Obviously, you need lawyers to tweak that.

But it seems to me that is the bottom line in this battle. One can be against abortion in principle, but in favor of not allowing creepy judges, creepy politicians, of which there are plenty, and creepy ecclesiastics to engage in barbarous laws that include invoking -- it's hard to believe -- invoking bounty hunters, creepy boundary hunters, to chase women who are pregnant, put them in jail, for hard choices they make on behalf of their families, and their own health.

Not only stop there, but to put doctors in jail, as if America has a surplus of doctors, which we do not... doctors who care about the wishes and the choices that their patients make.

So I just wonder, is it possible to create a law that doesn't even use the word abortion, but that talks about how no governmental body has a right to tell a woman what she can and cannot do with her body? And that's the bottom line.

And no religion has the right, either, to force this on others who come from other religions or no religion. Seems to me this is very constitutional when we talk about a law, and not a constitutional amendment after all.

That's the bad news. The good news for today, Tuesday, the 12th of July, is that the Webb telescope is feeding us today with its first findings of the history of the universe: pictures that go back not only to 4 billion years of light, but the distant lights in their pictures that go back 13 billion years.

Surely this can give us some perspective on how special our universe is, and how special our species is, to have arrived at this time in history, with the intellectual equipment that we can be picking up this light from so distant a place. Surely this deserves our deepest meditation in the midst of human folly.

We also have a bit of wisdom that is really staring us in the face. Drink that in and make that your meditation for today.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.