

Daily Meditation 10/12/2022

A Letter to Chief Justice Roberts on Voting Rights

Good morning.

As we find ourselves in an election season, we want to bring the best of ourselves, which includes a critical conscience and critical consciousness to politics.

One of the issues that has to be addressed at this time in American culture is the Supreme Court. It turned its back on the 49-year precedent recently that affects really the entire nation in a direct way, all women, and in an indirect way, everyone else. And the real leader of the Supreme Court, Clarence Thomas, declared after that decision undid 49 years of law that he was out to get gay marriage as well, and even birth control.

So, these people are playing for keeps, and the Supreme Court is no longer above politics or beyond politics, unfortunately. It's been thoroughly politicized by the previous president who appointed three members of the court strictly for their far, far right opinions, positions. And even contrary to the rules of the nominating process set out by Senator McConnell under President Biden which forbade--I mean, under President Obama--that forbade him to appoint a Supreme Court judge.

So the court is in a sorry, sorry, state, but unfortunately it holds a lot of power in its current format.

And so I addressed the chief of the Supreme Court, Justice Roberts, who has been responsible for so many laws the last 20 years that, in my opinion, do not represent the best of jurisprudence or the best of decisions vis a vis the survival of a democracy.

Certainly, Citizens United just opens the doors for dark money. Secret money is right up front with those decisions. But also the dismantling, twice, of the Voting Rights Act. And now the court just sat down a week ago to finish the job of killing the Civil Rights Act.

And we just have to meditate on the energy, the sacrifice that went into the civil rights decisions of the 1960s. All that is being dismantled under our eyes.

It takes your breath away, because we praise--we have a whole holiday, national holiday, for Martin Luther King Jr., who was of course martyred for his work. And he, of course, led this movement to undo

segregation, undo racial injustice, and set forward opportunities for black people to vote, which they had been denied under Jim Crow for over 100 years.

And here we have a sitting Supreme Court judge who pushed twice the dismantling of these rules and is poised to do it a third time, I guess. So I have to address that fellow. And he claims to be a Christian. I don't know how a Christian cannot admire the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was a Christian and a saint and incorporated the wisdom of Hindu philosophy via Mahatma Gandhi.

I just don't know where people's consciences are when they want to spit--yes, spit--on Dr. Martin Luther King's grave and life's work and sacrificial death, and all the other millions of people who sacrificed to get those laws turned around.

Scandal.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.