

Daily Meditation 11-08-22

Governing Humans is Hard for Humans

Good morning.

I speak in today's meditation about how we humans have a hard time governing ourselves. Maybe it's like herding cats, as the phrase we've made up that carries a lot of truth to it.

But today is Election Day. The peak of the election season - and it is a season now, not just a day. And we do hope that sanity plays out and that those forces who want to destroy democracy, do not end up winning elections and being in positions of power to do so.

I also allude to what's been happening in the world with Hungary and Poland and Bolsonaro in Brazil, and our own movements here in America to prefer authoritarianism, otherwise known as fascism, to democracy.

So I'm going to share with you the latter part of a letter that I received this past week, from a friend who is Italian and living in Italy again. He says - you remember, last week, they swore in their new prime minister, who is very much in the camp of the Mussolini followers of the 1930s and 40s. He writes me:

I'm very upset about the politics in Italy, one week of the fascist government, they are not letting boats to bring to safety the migrants, to save them at sea. They are blocking them from entering any Italian haven. They made a new law, ostensibly to outlaw raves, but in practice, to outlaw any kind of public protest, or even assemblies of more than 50 people that are not previously authorized by the government itself.

In other words, only the government will decide who can and cannot gather in groups of over 50.

Several ministers and vice-ministers are investigated for fraud and yet they have been chosen and sworn in.

Seems to parallel the candidates running in America, over 200 of them, who are in denial about the last presidential election, about who won it, and many of whom declare that they will not accept the results of the election if they lose, which is, for those of you who are in first grade, the first step on un-democracy, it is not democracy.

The government [he goes on] is fighting the Constitutional Court, which declares that life in prison without parole is illegal in Italy. All of this is happening in one week!!!! One cannot say that they do not work, at least, but they work for evil.

So they are the new government is going about its work very vigorously, apparently. But in his opinion, is a work for evil. And he hopes that the American election does not follow suit.

So do I; I am sure all of you do also.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.