

Daily Meditation 3/29/2023

Today's USA: Kids as "Unregarded," Guns as Overly Regarded

Good morning.

In today's meditation we are taking up the sad and disturbing and overly familiar story of still another shooting of children in school. This in Nashville, Tennessee where three children and three adults were murdered two days ago in a private Christian school.

And I recommend as meditation for today the YouTube video that I put into my essay where the speaker is showing considerable passion, anger, moral outrage at this deja vu news. Since we have so many headlines like this in America at this time I think it's good to hear moral outrage, to feel passion, to realize this is not just a matter of debate of ideas or policy or political differences. We're talking about the lives of innocent children!

And I bring up the topic of adultism. Adultism is adults thinking they have the last word on everything, whereas spiritual teachers like Jesus look at children to learn the deeper lessons of living, their spontaneity, their joy, their eagerness to laugh and to play.

The people who wield guns bought to kill others with their guns, and do everything to sell their guns to everybody, even disturb people and send big chunks of money to legislators to shut their eyes and ears about the dangers of guns running wild in a culture -- these people are adultists! They are not listening to cries of the poor, the cries of the young, or their families.

So I'm proposing that we do learn lessons from moral outrage. If not our own -- some of us are too numbed by these constant headlines of school shootings -- it's important that we listen to the cries of the anger, that this need not be, that adults do not have to turn their back or shut their ears and eyes to what is really going on.

The truth is that just as all things are interconnected, all evil is interconnected.

Behind the refusal to make common-sense laws that the vast majority of Americans want is of course greed and power-hungry politicians who would rather be re-elected using big money from the NRA and so forth than listen to the cries of the poor and the children and their parents.

So it is a time for listening. Listening not only to the quiet and empty chairs at your dining room table and the empty chairs in children's classrooms, but also listening to the anger, the outrage.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.