

Daily Meditation 04-07-23

Passover, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, 2023

Good morning.

Today we're talking about Passover and the importance of children in the Passover practice and story. That brings up the topic of adultism, the way some children are being treated today in America, such as those who go to school.

And because of the availability of weapons, especially assault weapons, they are rightly afraid, concerned.

And many adults don't seem to care whatsoever. One of them, a congressman who could do something about it in the state of Tennessee, where the latest massacre occurred, actually told the young people who demonstrated in the legislature for their rights, rights to security and safety, that banning assault weapons would make no difference, which is a bold-faced lie.

Everybody knows for 10 years we had such a law, and killings went down. And after the 10 years, the law was not re-passed. And the killings have increased, right up to today, and they are still increasing.

Where does adultism come from? It comes essentially from the repression of youthfulness in adults. Then it comes up with projection, unconscious projection onto the young, because there's an envy on the part of adults toward the young.

So I tell the story in *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ* of the Cronus syndrome. Cronus was known among the Romans as Saturn, father of six children. He sat by his wife Rhea as she gave birth and ate each of the first five children to emerge from her womb. Cronus, you might say, was the ultimate consumer, consuming his children. Why? Because he was afraid of losing his throne to one of them. Only his sixth child, Zeus, escaped the fate of his siblings, because Rhea hid him from Cronus and substituted a rock wrapped in baby clothes, which Cronus swallowed in place of the child. Eventually Cronus vomited up all of his children, who after a fierce, 10-year battle overcame him.

So that's the story of Cronus. And of course, I contrast it to the story of Christ.

But the bottom line is that adults can be hostile to the young without even knowing it, maybe. It may be unconscious hostility. And one has to ask how much of this is behind not only the refusal to tame the availability of assault weapons being used in schools on a regular basis against our children, but also it helps to explain why, when one entire party in America is not showing any interest in taming climate change. And it's obvious that climate change is getting worse. And it has everything to do with the survival of our species, certainly with the survival of the younger generations.

So, this time of Passover, and Holy Thursday and Good Friday, is a time for examining our national conscience about whether adultism is loose and alive, and the values of Cronus are trumping the values of Christ and of the prophets of Israel about justice for the young and the poor.

Thank you, we'll see you tomorrow.