

Daily Meditation 4/10/2023

Gifts from Two Artists Received during Passover/Holy Week

Good morning.

This is the day after Easter, and we are sharing two art pieces that came my way this weekend. One, a painting on the crucifixion, and the other a poem by Rafael Jesus Gonzalez.

Today, Easter, I received another poem from Rafael, on Easter Sunday. And with a little note attached saying, "Love and blessings, beloved community, on this Easter, Passover, Ramadan, and all the 365 holy days of the year throughout our world. From the heart, Rafael."

And the title is this: "In a world governed by hate, to love is revolutionary."

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was killed
because his teaching,
so loving and just,
threatened the very foundations of Empire.*

*And against all law of life,
three days later, resurrected.
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I'll read it again.

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Now Rafael, who's from Mexico, identifies as pagan. Obviously, he's steeped in the stories of Jesus as well. And I think that his theological take in this poem on Easter, on resurrection, is as good as it gets.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.