

Daily Meditation 4/05/2023

MLK's Martyrdom & Presidential Criminality: A Day of Irony

Good morning.

Today we honor, a day late, the martyrdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and we meditate on the pursuit of truth and justice in his life, and the irony of what also we commemorated yesterday, which is the indictment of the first American president ever, for crimes.

I share with you the source that I refer to in my meditation, *Naming the Unnameable: 89 Names for God*, in that small chapter called "God Is Truth."

To approach truth is to approach God. To seek truth is to seek God. The pursuit of truth is a godly act and is a prayer. Study is a prayer provided the goal is not ego enhancement, fame, or power, but a pure heart is brought to the project. This means the study of anything, stars or birds, mathematics or engineering, psychology, the origins of life, mystics or politics, all of it is a journey to the Divine.

Rumi, the great Sufi mystic, says this: "They say you bring the Word of God. But all I hear is talk of good and bad, nothing of love, or truth."

Love and truth are deeper experiences and discoveries than just what is good and what is bad. As he says, "Beyond the teachings of right and wrong, there is a field. I will meet you there." I comment that God is a field of truth, a field where we encounter truth, and truth encounters us.

The Bhagavad Gita says "A world without truth is a world without God. In such a world, desire alone will rule."

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This very much corresponds to Thomas Aquinas teaching us that "The proper objects of the heart are truth and justice."

Martin Luther King had an authentic heart. Would that all politicians did do.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.