

Daily Meditation 09-12-23

Celebrating Our—and the Universe's—Powers of Creativity

Good morning.

I am making this video on September 11, Monday; you will receive it on the 12th, on Tuesday.

Today, of course, is the 22nd anniversary of the blowing-up of the two towers in New York. What a horrible experience that was, and still is, of course, in the memories of all those who were involved.

Yesterday I saw a 60 Minutes program, which was very well done, where they interviewed many of the families and individuals among the police force, or excuse me, the Fireman force in New York City. And about 50% of firefighters were killed that day, around 350, out of around 700 and some. It was a great tragedy for many, and many of them were, of course, working to free others.

So it really was an inspiring story. The generosity and courage, the bravery that humans are capable of, as these firemen loaded with 70 pounds of equipment made their way upstairs as high as 70 floors. 70 floors with all this equipment on them, knowing it was very, very dangerous to liberate people.

So from that point of view is very moving story. And they interviewed children who are now adults, of these firefighters, one fellow was 10 at the time when his father died, who then himself became a firefighter in the New York system, a number of these people, men and women.

So it's really very moving and appropriate testimony. It is a testimony to what we've been writing about, about our divinization, our capacity for compassion, our capacity for courage, and for love.

But also today is the 50th anniversary -- September 11 is the 50th anniversary of the overthrow of Allende's government in Chile, 1973. And this overthrow was definitely encouraged and supported by our own CIA. And it was a very, very horrible event.

Not only was Allende himself who was a duly elected President of Chile, murdered and killed, but hundreds of others rounded up, thousands really, in stadiums and even tortured. And it was just the beginning of Pinochet's dictatorship, in which 1000's of people, innocent people, were tortured and killed. And again, this impetus came from our own government.

And among those who got killed, was the poet and musician, Victor Jara. And even the poet Pablo Neruda was put under house arrest, and he died soon after that, he was quite old at the time. But Victor Jara was younger, and one of the most famous musicians of the culture at the time, a guitar player.

And he was put in a stadium, and he led with his guitar, he led singing of the other 1000s and 1000s of people who were rounded up in the stadium, and they took him out and they broke his fingers, so he could not play the guitar. And so he sang, and he swayed with the music, while the others sang the songs. And they took them out and they cut his tongue out. So he could not lead the singing.

So, what we have here are two stories of America. One America as a victor, you might say, 22 years ago. But America 50 years ago, was part of an instigator of horrible things.

So the lesson here is that we have this capacity, all of us, all humans, for divinization for the best of, especially the best of ourselves, the best of our creativity on the one hand, and we have the capacity for demonization, for representing the most evil powers that we are capable of.

So all of this, I think, is worth considering on this anniversary, 22nd anniversary of 9/11 in New York, and the 50th anniversary of 9/11 in Chile.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.