

Daily Meditation 5-19-25

Greed vs. Compassion

Good morning.

This morning, I'm sending out to you a longer video. I'm just going to offer here a brief introduction.

As a teacher, I'm sure many of you are teachers. Parents are teachers, grandparents are teachers, a lot of teaching going on. I consider it one of my best vocations. And it is to listen to my students and how they are living their lives and practicing spirituality, which is what I teach.

Just this week, I received a 12-minute film from Tom Stang, the brother along with David Stang, of Sister Dorothy Stang, who, 20 years ago this March, was martyred in the Amazon for defending the rainforest against the same kinds of attitudes and greed and corporate power that are dominating American politics today (North American politics). And Sister Dorothy Stang was a student of mine, and her brothers have told me many times how important it was that she went deeper in her appreciation of creation spirituality, which is what she taught and lived and died for.

So I think one of the great lessons about her is her courage. Remember courage? It's two French words, a big heart, coeur, large. And I think, and always said, that the finest spirit in our time is courage. So I'm happy to share this recently put together short video of Sister Dorothy. She's in it, and others responding to her, including a delegation of students who hear her story,

I felt this is the finest gift I could give you in the video this week, to share this new video about Sister Dorothy Stang. And I urge you to read it and to share it with others.

Thank you. See you next week.

Link to "Our Missionary Hearts: The Legacy of Sister Dorothy Stang:"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcshmQs66LI>