

## **Daily Meditation Transcript 08/28/2021**

### **March for Voting Rights: An Open Letter to Chief Justice Roberts**

Good morning.

Today, we have a long essay, and so, a short video. But the essay, as you will recognize, is a letter to Chief Justice Roberts of the Supreme Court, and I think it very much fits with the movement today, this day, Saturday, to march on for voting rights, to march under voting rights. There are many cities they're going to be marching about for voting rights, and I do think it's imperative that we confront the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court because it was on his watch that the hard-earned, hard-fought, martyr-producing movement of civil rights and voting rights in the 1960s, was gutted not once, but twice. Horrible thing.

And Chief Justice Roberts claims to be a carer for our constitution, and a practicing Christian, among other things. So I write him this personal letter, really, pointing out that I am his elder, and that I have been a Christian priest for over 53 years, and I really want to write about his soul, and how his soul, since he is a public person, is of everyone's concern, as well as his own personal concern.

So I try to couch this letter in a mood of caring and compassion, but also of the moral outrage that I'm not alone feeling...that millions and millions of people around the world are feeling, about the carnage that is ensuing because of the Supreme Court's decisions and the resultant effort by many, many dark forces in this country, spurred on surely by racism as well as greed, to prevent people of color from voting.

It's a horrible moment in American history, and we have to hold our leaders responsible.

Thank you, we'll see you tomorrow.