

Daily Meditation 12/05/2021

On More Stench, Abortion Debates, and the Supreme Court

Morning.

The video will be very short today because the essay is very long. Save both of us a little effort.

But I just want to respond to the quote made by Judge Sotomayor, that there could be a great stench, a great negative response against the Supreme Court for drastically changing its policies of 50 years, if they change the Roe vs Wade law that's been in effect for that long.

And what's striking me is the picture we showed two days ago, painted by Hildegard of Bingen in the 12th century, which had a picture of five wild animals in the upper left-hand corner that each had a rope in its mouth--the same rope, a black rope--and they were undoing the order of the cosmos. That's how she describes it. It's very much an apocalyptic painting.

And each of these wild animals stands for a shadow side to the human psyche. And I think that in many ways that painting of 800 years ago names what may well transpire, and what the Justice spoke about, that there could be a great unwinding of whatever respect is left for the Supreme Court if it does this very, very radical thing. All in the name of controlling humans', women's bodies.

It's so obviously an overreach on the part of men, on the part of patriarchy. And it could unleash a lot of protests and new life, but it also could unleash a lot of disorder and chaos.

That's really what Hildegard is talking about: the chaos that comes when true justice is ignored. These ropes of justice that keep the cosmos together, in her language, can come undone if negative energies dominate. And certainly, men controlling women and their bodies is a negative energy, no matter what we call it.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.