

Daily Meditation 12/25/2021

Christmas 2021

Good morning. Blessed Christmas to you all.

I'd like to reflect with you this morning on Christmas 2021. And I'd like to begin with the beautiful passage, a very mystical and prophetic passage of the Book of Wisdom. This passage is read and invoked at Christmas Eve liturgies. And I want to read for you the beautiful poetry that is here.

This is from the Book of Wisdom, chapter 18, verse 14 onwards: **"When peaceful silence lay over all, and night had run the half of her swift course."**

Now, just there, let's pause there. This is an honoring of the night and honoring of silence. And it's saying that wonderful things happen in silence and in the night. Wonderful things. Now what is it that happens? It goes on.

"Down from the heavens, from the royal throne, leapt your all-powerful Word."

Leapt your all-powerful Word. A wonderful event in silence, in the midst of silence, and in the middle of the night occurred. There leapt from the royal throne your all-powerful Word.

So, the Word came to humankind, came into human history, became Homo sapiens like us, with eagerness! The word "leapt" -- didn't fall off a royal throne, or stumble onto Earth, but was *eager* to join us. It leapt from the royal throne.

"Into the heart of a doomed land, the stern warrior leapt."

The acknowledgement that there's a lot of suffering in the world. And there certainly is today. And a lot of people are living in doom, and with a doomsday consciousness today, because the news is so stark. Climate change has our species facing extinction, and responsible for bringing down many other species with us. And all this, of course, is dire. And in this context, it's all the more wonderful to hear a sign of hope and possibility, that "into the heart of a doomed land, the stern warrior leapt."

Now notice the language "warrior" around the Word, around the Christ.

This is the prophetic dimension. And this is the sacred masculine dimension. To the Christ, and indeed to all of us, there is a kind of warriorhood that has to happen in all our hearts. And we all have to get more courageous and stand up to evil and all of its manifestations and take on the work of a prophet or a stern warrior.

As for me, prophet and warrior are synonyms. That all the prophets had to be stern warriors. They're taking on forces of great power. They're speaking truth to power and breaking through lies and so forth.

So right there, we have a marvelous understanding of what sacred masculine is. That it's eager to enter the history of suffering and doom and try to do something about it.

And then it says, "**Carry your unambiguous command, like a sharp sword. He stood and filled the universe. He touched the sky yet trod the earth.**"

Touched the sky yet trod the earth.

Beautiful marriage, sacred marriage of Father Sky and Mother Earth. And especially this time when Earth itself, Herself, is under so much stress--most of it caused by human ignorance and chosen ignorance, and our playing other games than honoring the Earth, our home, our common home.

All this great stuff, rich setting for what we're facing today, this Christmas of 2021.

But what comes through in this story, this telling from the Book of Wisdom, is that hope exists. That hope is possible to the extent that we join these actions of leaping into the fray with good intentions, with inner strength, connecting Father Sky and Mother Earth.

Thank you. Blessed Christmas to you.

We'll see you tomorrow.