

Daily Meditation 02/27/2022

A Tale of 2 TV Stars Turned President, 2 Versions of Masculinity

Good morning.

We're meditating today on two kinds of presidents. Two kinds of human beings. Two kinds of men.

Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, addressed his nation at midnight on Saturday, and he said that Ukrainians are heroically resisting the aggressor.

And he spoke directly to the justification that President Putin offered for invading his country. Namely, that he wants to go after the neo-Nazis, the Nazis who are supposedly running the Ukraine.

Zelenskyy said, "Nobody believes these allegations. Ukrainians don't believe them. The world doesn't believe them. And citizens, the Russian Federation, don't believe them. There is not, and cannot be, any truth that could explain them shooting up kindergartens and residential infrastructure with rocket launching artillery."

And he was specially alluding to the Grad rockets that were fired on an orphanage in Kyiv, the Kyiv region, where two children were critically injured in a missile attack, in a kindergarten in the Sumy region on Friday morning.

And then Zelenskyy asks, "What is this war against Ukrainian children and kindergarten? Were they also neo-Nazi?"

It is moving to see the courage emerging, again, in these dire circumstances in Ukraine, where many sports stars are speaking out--sports stars in Russia. The courage is in Russia as well as in Ukraine!

So, the protests in Russia, I think over 1700 people have been arrested for that. And they knew they were going to get arrested. That's how things are at this time in Russia.

Great courage there. And courage is in great sports heroes in Russia. Several of their tennis heroes and hockey heroes, and even racecar drivers, are speaking out against the country's invasion of Ukraine.

So, as I said in my meditation yesterday, war brings out the best and the worst in people. And courage of the Ukrainians and the courage of people within Russia is coming to the fore.

And also, there's the whole issue, I think, that the West has been wrestling with. Certainly America has. And that is, Is democracy worth saving? Is democracy worth fighting for? Is democracy worth dying for?

And here we have this very young democracy, Ukraine, that is giving a powerful lesson in that regard from the ordinary citizen--grandmothers and others who are resisting in the streets. And right up to the president, who chooses not to abandon his country, but to stay and to lead and to fight.

The spiritual warriors that these people are playing out--a healthy sacred masculine, which always includes courage.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.