

Daily Meditation 06-28-22

Evil & the Dobbs Decision to Wipe Out Roe, continued...

Good morning.

In today's Daily Meditation, we continue our journey through the chakras to shed light on the shadow that is manifest in today's news, and especially regarding the recent decision of the Supreme Court.

We've touched on the seventh chakra and its dark side, which unravels community. We have touched on the first chakra, and its dark side of arrogance, which is clearly present in the document, written up by Alito and approved by five other Supreme Court judges.

And now we're touching on the second chakra, which when it is healthy is about healthy sexual give and take in relationships. But when it is unhealthy, it is about control, control, control.

And clearly, this document is about men and some women controlling the bodies of women and girls, even girls or women who have been raped, or been victims of incest, and are not allowed any exit in this distressing opinion, from a very, very un-supreme court.

As I point out in my book on evil, *Sins of the Spirit, Blessings of the Flesh: Transforming Evil in Soul and Society*, in discussing the second chakra, and its shadow side, the word "control" becomes almost an idol in the second chakra...an idol.

And addiction itself is certainly a sign of a crisis of control. Indeed, the word "addict" and the word "dictator" come from basic root words. Psychologist Ann Wilson Schaefer says that "the God of the addictive system is God, the controller"... God the controller.

I think this is very evident in the religious zealotry that has promoted the effort to disband Roe versus Wade for the last 50 years. There is a religious zealotry behind it, both from the right wing of Protestant evangelicalism and the right wing fascism of Opus Dei and so forth embedded in the Roman Catholic Church at this time in history.

Gregory Bateson, the scientist has said:

The panic of the alcoholic who has hit bottom is the panic of the man who thought he had control over a vehicle but suddenly finds that the vehicle can run away with him.

And the reason AA succeeds with alcoholics, he thinks, is this: it offers a non-competitive relationship to the larger world that is the nature of service rather than dominance. The keyword there is dominance, and dominance is to the larger world that is the nature of service rather than almost a synonym for patriarchy at its worst.

And it certainly is present throughout the document written by Alito that we now know as the Dobbs decision.

The second chakra when it's healthy requires that we let go of dominating habits and instead gather our sexual energies, along with our other energies, into the work of service and compassion.

That is an energy that is no way present in the Dobbs document -- service and compassion -- because to do service, and to do compassion, you have to be in communication with others in order to learn what their suffering is.

There was not an iota of evidence in that ugly document that its author was in communication with 21st century women and girls who face the decisions that they are facing today... not an iota of communication, or compassion or service.

Instead, he quotes two 17th-century jurists who tried women and burned women as witches. He did that in a 2022 document meant for all Americans to obey. Pitiful.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.