

## Daily Meditation 06/03/2022

### Adultism and School Shootings of Children

Good morning.

We are talking today about the evil -ism called adultism, which is just as dangerous as racism or sexism, militarism and so forth, but it doesn't get the attention, because adults make all the decisions about the media, about political agendas and so forth.

But I spend a good 10 or 12 pages in my book on *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*, on the subject of adultism in a society that devours its youth.

And this, of course, is what we experienced in the Texas elementary school this week.

But it runs very deep in our society, that question about how much we spend on education, and how we define education: are we defining education only in terms of adult needs? Or are we really paying attention to the needs of children, the need for self-expression, for creativity, therefore for art, for developing what Einstein called the intuitive brain, where he says we find values? Not, he says, in the rational brain do we find values, but in the intuitive brain.

It's my experience that when there's a budget crunch in education, out go art, music, dance, theater, but computers stick around, and technology and science. I'm not against any of those things, but I think they have to be balanced with the other half of our brain, or the young grow up to be as committed to adultism as the current adults are.

There is the ancient story about Cronus in Greece, also known as Saturn among the Romans. He was the father of six children. And he sat by his wife Rhea as she gave birth, and ate each the first five children that came out of her womb.

Cronus was the ultimate consumer. And why did he consume his children? Because he was afraid of losing his throne. One of them only, his sixth child, Zeus, escaped the fate of the others, because Rhea hid him from Cronus: she hid him, substituted a rock wrapped in a baby's clothes, and Cronus swallowed the rock instead of the sixth child. And eventually Cronus vomited up all of his children, who after a fierce 10-year battle overcame him.

So you'd have to ask the question, whether Cronus reigns in our culture today. And if the lip service we give loving our children or grandchildren is for real or not. Because where are the politicians after this massacre of children in grade school, who are willing to change their ideologies, their devotion to guns for everybody, including assault weapons for everybody, even 18-year-old boys who are lost, mixed up, suicidal?

To say nothing of the crisis with Mother Earth today that has everything to do with children and their children and grandchildren and future grandchildren, about whether they will be inheriting a planet that is healthy, and

thriving, and diverse, or whether they will be inheriting a planet where lifelines are being extinguished at untold rates, which is exactly what's happening today: the extinction of millions of species going on.

And of course, our species faces the same fate, that of extinction, if we don't turn from a Cronus mentality, to a Christos mentality, a mentality of love and compassion that does not define life in terms of the reptilian brain, where patriarchy defines it, but in terms of wisdom and not just knowledge; in terms of compassion, not just competition; in terms of sharing and caring, not just hoarding and thereby swallowing, like Cronus did.

So the topic of adultism is very much in the air today, in the scandal of adults who ran to an NRA conference before the children were even buried, including a senator from Texas who offers no solutions to this crisis of Cronus eating the children.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.