

Daily Meditation 08-06-22

Hiroshima, 2022: Humanity's Capacity for Rendering Nothingness

Good morning.

Today is the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Certainly an occasion for deep silence, for deep meditation, and for relearning how dangerous we *Homo sapiens* can be to ourselves, to one another, to the earth, to future generations.

A very somber and sobering. anniversary for sure. I think the words by Carl Jung are appropriately stark and blunt:

That dark god has slipped the atom bomb and chemical weapons into [human] hands and given [humans] the power to empty out the apocalyptic vials of wrath on [our own] fellow creatures.

We have been granted "an almost godlike power and can no longer remain blind or unconscious." The divine and the demonic are very close to each other; it's a thin line.

So all this is important meditation today. And I do recommend our meditation from yesterday about the Divine Feminine, about the Mother, the Great Mother of the universe, the mother that is our Earth, I think, to wrap today's anniversary in that kind of motherlylove: a very valuable practice.

Remember what Hildegard of Bingen said: "We are surrounded by the arms of the mystery of God." So there is this hugging, this embracing that goes on.

And I can't recommend highly enough the powerful, powerful song chant that was in yesterday's meditation. I invite you to return to it, put together by a former student of mine, actually, of whom I am very proud: Jennifer Berezan, a folk singer, and a Buddhist who has done tremendous gifting over the decades using music as a healing and a prophetic call.

I've received many, many responses from yesterday's daily meditation on exactly that song, that mantra, that practice. It is beautiful; it is a mantra of the goddess responding to the cries of the world. So I recommend listening to that prayer on this day, this sobering day of the anniversary of Hiroshima.

Thank you, we'll see you tomorrow.