

Daily Meditation 03/11/2023

Faux News and the Opposite of Truth

Good morning.

In today's meditation, I propose that we go to the opposite of something first, to the opposite of a spiritual value, to learn what that value really means.

So to put this in the context of the mountain of lies that are being exposed behind the scenes, going on behind the scenes at Fox News, and by very, very well-paid employees and by the head of the organization, Rupert Murdoch.

Rupert Murdoch has said that... he said this under oath in his current lawsuit where he's being sued. His company is being sued for \$1.6 billion. He says, "It's not about red, it's not about blue." (It's not about politics in other words.) "It is about green."

Green meaning, of course, money.

And I raise the question in my meditation. And there's a number of questions. One of them being how can a society survive, how can a democracy survive, if truth and an attempt at truth is not integral to our journalism, to the media?

And we can't agree on that as a common good without a sense of the common good. Societies do not survive. They're not sustainable.

And I raise the question about whether this whole revelation, the unveiling of the fact that top broadcast people at this particular station, in the name of news, would interview people and give people the microphone to reach millions of people, knowing, *knowing* that they were lying. And mocking these people, when they are off-air, to one another in their emails. How this is coming out.

Now, the question of the color green raises the question I bring up in my meditation about capitalism, that capitalism comes in many stripes. It is a spectrum of health and unhealth, if you will. But this seems to be the way end of the spectrum of unhealth.

And there is a statement that fella named Edward Hyam says about capitalism that I think deserves our attention. There's a meditation in consideration.

He says, "Capitalism turns men into economic cannibals, and having done so, mistakes economic cannibalism for human nature."

I'll read this again.

"Capitalism turns men into economic cannibals and, having done so, mistakes economic cannibalism for human nature."

So obviously this statement brings up the whole question of What is human nature? What does it mean to be a human being?

And it does take some effort. I think every philosopher in the world and every religion in the world has pointed out we have choices of virtue or vice. Hildegard of Bingen wrote a whole book on that. She has 34 examples of virtue versus vice.

So, the kind of capitalism that is cannibalistic is not the essence of human nature. It's a perversion of human nature. More and more scientific studies are demonstrating that cooperation is the key to survival among so many species, including our own. Not economic cannibalism.

Thank you we'll see you tomorrow