

Thought on the Atrocity of Charlottesville

After many attempts to speak to the horror and atrocity of Charlottesville, I find that only have this to say right now –

It is my hope, my want for us, that we STAY on the SIDE of LOVE. We either believe in the world on which our apparent adversaries insist, one of shameless hatred, legalized murder, chaos and rape of the earth or...We Stand on the Side of Love.

There is no lack of strength in moving past rage to tend to our own and each other's wounds. There is no weakness in standing up, again, in the face of the rabid beast and finishing the sentence you began before it knocked you down. But to come back, guns blazing, like a broken man inside a ton of rolling steel or children with a bag of guns in a high school IS weakness.

Because the president of our country HAS CONDONED the actions and intentions of avowed Neo-Nazis, Alt-Right and White Supremacists, we may feel that the United States is against us and that we are sliding through a repeat of the fall of the Weimar Republic; but we are not. The rise and fall of the previous Nazi regime are fresh in the minds of too many. We are conscious of what is happening this time. We need not react in thoughtless rage. To be drawn in is to be owned by the adversary.

We must choose. Choose the world WE want to create. And **then** we will learn how to create it.

Keep your eyes...

on the prize.

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