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Your Hand

Take a look at your hand.

Do it now, please.

What do you see?

Did you look at your right hand or your left? Which is your dominant hand? You probably looked at your dominant hand.

What did you see?

Take another quick peek.

See any holes, nail holes?

Probably not.

Hope not.

But years and years ago there was a carpenter, a master carpenter it turns out (because the evidence suggests he built boats, and even today when a boat or ship receives its certificate of origin, the official signature at the bottom is “Master Carpenter”), and he had holes in his hands.

Holes in his feet, too.

“What,” you may ask, “does this have to do with Justice?”

And we answer, “What could be *more* related to our concept of Justice?”

A man was nailed to a wooden cross and hung out to die where passers-by could see. Whether he was guilty of a crime, capital or otherwise, is a question we aren’t called to address in this present dialog, but one might reasonably inquire whether such a punishment might be over-the-top in cruelty and certainly an unnecessary method to achieve the victim’s death, since other simpler methods were available.

It was torture.

And the judicial decision that caused the chain of events that led to that bloody agony was initiated by none other than the Chief Justice of the nation in which the nailing hands and feet was done.

Some may choose to disagree, however the evidence is direct, not circumstantial.

The law of that nation was perverted by that Supreme Court Justice and his fellow Justices to punish a man purported to be innocent of any crime other than his choice to challenge the authority of those who held themselves to *be* the People's authority, those who ruled that nation by fiat and power.

Challenging authority has had its consequence in every age since that day, just as it has had in thousands of years before that day and in the thousands since.

Challenge authority and face consequences.

But!

When has authority challenged itself?

Has it ever?

And then we may ask, "Does authority need to be challenged and, if so, when and for what reasons, if any?"

What is the purpose, if any?

Does authority need to be challenged?

Is there evidence in *our* time that authority needs to be challenged?

And, if challenges are due, what method should be used?

The carpenter is reported to have made his challenges peaceably. The only violence he used was the violence of his words, violence that would not compromise Truth, that Love is kind, that Peace begins within us and can never reach into the world around us until it has control within, that hypocrisy is falsehood no matter where it's found, that each of us is just as valuable as any others.

Are we wise to challenge authority apart from Truth, Love, and Peace?

And, if we challenge the authority that exists today, are we wise enough to know what might be the result of our challenges? Will our challenges make the world safer for innocent carpenters and children and single moms and the falsely accused ... or are we challenging out of our own ego without a firm grasp on the consequence to others and the possibility that our challenges are merely that, an expression of our frustration, anger, and sense of being otherwise powerless?

What if that brutal murder years ago had set in motion a chain of challenges that brought about a better world already?

What if that carpenter's resolve had promoted a movement in social experience that has over time brought us to this present crisis where we face, as if at the climax of eternity, we are finally able by the sacrifice of millions to challenge authority with *our* words ... without violence, without shouts and clamor, without abuse or harm to others?

What if in that bygone day millions saw and stood for what that carpenter proclaimed as Truth in Love and committed their future actions to secure, so far as they were able, a system of government restrained by the People's Will if even only in part *but a part that is growing and expanding with each new age advancing toward the goal of Peace on Earth?*

What if that hand of yours could hold a pen to write?

What if *your* words promoted Peace instead of chaos and disruption and disgust.

What if *you* had access to the tools and weapons by which Peace can challenge cruel authority and by its resolve (i.e., the Resolve of Peace that makes no apologies) could make the world just a bit safer for carpenters and single moms and the working class so-called?

What if *all of us* were United by the Vision of that carpenter, promoting Peace by being peaceful yet *resolved* to never yield until our rulers rule with wisdom, submitted to the Rule of Law, obedient to the death as our carpenter was, determined to honor each and every one of us, eager to hear our challenges and be swayed and changed when what we seek is reasonable and kind and true and dedicated to the welfare of our children foremost?

What if?

What if you and those you love *already* have those tools and weapons but don't yet know what they are or how to use them?

What if someone showed you those tools and weapons and how to use them to promote Peace and Order and Prosperity for absolutely ALL of us?

Would you use your hand to grasp those tools and weapons and do your part for the sake of everyone who suffers at this present hour, as he did his part for those who suffered in his day?

Take another look at your hand.

See any holes?

Let this not be merely food for thought that fails to move you to action.

Do not read and dismiss this as if you didn't see its Truth ... Truth that has un-blinded you to the value of working for Public Legal Education for the masses.

DO is a two (2) letter word.

TRY has three (3) letters, and WISH takes four (4).

Which gets things done?

When someone says, "I'll try," is their promise to try the same as doing?

And when one says, "I wish someone would *do* something," is that really helping?

Talk about this message with your family and friends.

Write letters. Send emails. Share our Foundation's vision with the media.

Question deeply whether what we say is common-sense and needful.

And, if our words strike home and promise a vision of America yet to be, support us.

Thank you.

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