

The Sacred Act of Voting

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In the United States, November means election time. If we can manage to stay focused through the mudslinging and attack ads, politics can be a powerful opportunity to shape the world in which we live. This is a profound responsibility, and yet so many brush this duty off as ineffectual and unspiritual. This is unfortunate because it is one of the most clear-cut ways we have of shaping this ball of clay we call humanity.

Adolf Hitler once said, "Grateful are the leaders of the world that the masses do not think." He, of course, has come to represent just what can happen when the masses do not think. I hope that this month we can all take a moment to remember that freedom and democracy start in the mind.

This vote is very important to the civil rights of women, religious and ethnic minorities, gays and lesbians, and most of all children, as the next president will appoint at least three new Supreme Court justices. An unconscious vote on the part of the American people could send the civil rights movement and the environment back thirty years.

When you step into the voting booth on November 7th be sure to take a moment to meditate before you pull the lever. Try to envision the way you would like to see the country and the world in four years and then choose the candidate you think will have the best chance of helping us to realize that potential. When we vote in this way, we move the political process

out of the hands of those who fill the coffers of the various campaigns, and back into the hearts of the people. This is the sacred act of voting.

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