Humanity in Perspective

As I write this on Tuesday, he says he's going to bomb the people of Iran into oblivion. This morning, on his privately owned social media platform, he wrote "Tuesday will be Power Plant Day, and Bridge Day, all wrapped up in one, in Iran," and adding, "Open the F***in' Strait, you crazy bastards, or you'll be living in Hell - JUST WATCH!"

This is the man elected to leadership.

If there is one job of the president, it's to set the tone of the nation. This is the tone he sets. A tone of inhumanity. A tone of not caring a whit about international law because it doesn't serve his personal needs.

The aggressions of elected autocrats, like Trump, Putin and Netanyahu are making all of the people of their countries look as inhumane as they are. It's horrifying. And most days, I feel like all I can do is breathe. Just breathe. Breathe so that I don't lose my mind.

Actually, there is one effective thing I can do, and that's to just be present to the good that I know is there, and to work with the other good people to change it. Even if we don't agree on everything, we can agree that this has to stop. We need elected officials who will rise up to this self-absorbed cruelty.

November can't come fast enough.

Meanwhile, I'm looking forward to a May Day General Strike. I have no idea what that could end up looking like, but at least being engaged feels like it's doing something between now and the next election. If you're interested in what a General Strike could look like, take a look at the organizers' website, generalstrikeus.com.

At the very least, there's a huge list of organizations involved in the effort, that have helped me feel a little less like we're not alone in resisting casual cruelty.

In Peace,
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