

The US Election: They may break our hearts, but we can still love them

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It's such a study in contrasts to be thinking and praying about building a heavenly world, and going through this fertilizer cyclone of an election. The Principle of Creation says everything is built with reciprocal relationships, starting with atoms, molecules, on up to humans. Reciprocal relationships, by definition, are ones that can keep going because the parts are giving and receiving from each other, and are both sustaining each other and helping something higher. A relationship in which both want to participate. Another word for reciprocal could be sustainable.

If we want to build a world that lasts forever, our give and take needs to be something that we all want to keep going. People in conflict with each other can't build anything that lasts. A man and woman rolling their eyes and disgusted with each other won't last long as husband and wife. That marriage, that family will fall apart soon if they don't seek a way to appreciate and love each other.

How, then, will a country last under conditions that would destroy a family? We cannot sustain our current level of animosity and contempt without tearing apart the very thing that we claim to be upholding.

Father taught us many times, the individual, family, society, nation and world. The model, the building block for the ideal world is the family. And families will contain people who disagree and upset each other, along with people who break rules and each others' hearts. But they are still family. They may break our hearts, but we can still love them.

A very simple check for reciprocity, or sustainability, is to put yourself on the receiving end of things you are saying to others. Would you react well to being spoken to like that? Is the person you're speaking to going to want to spend eternity together with you? Assuming that what we believe in is not just a youthful fantasy, I don't think these are idle questions.