



*The Adoration of the Shepherds / Guido Reni*

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On the face of it  
by his lies, corruption, ill-gotten ascendancy,  
it could seem that evil has triumphed over good.  
That the Universe has no Moral Arc.  
The crib, the Lambs and People, the New Born,  
    feed the Hungry completely overwritten.  
That we're without a Nutcracker to oppose the Rat King,  
    and ours is not a dream.

In fact, it was on this past election day  
that instead of choosing Intelligence, Compassion,  
Respect for One Another and our Planet...  
a mistake was made.

    And many are predicting its unwanted consequences will soon follow.

People, Nature, Earth, our Relationships and Institutions will suffer.  
Integrity and democracy in the United States will again be tested.

Where can we turn?

Will the Courts defend our Constitution?

Will Members of the Republican Party prove true to their Oath?

    Is there anyone anywhere who can minimize the hurt, the damage?  
What other prayer than that People Everywhere do whatever they can,  
to remind us of our Possibility.

A gift still wrapped