

Summer Moments...Smoke on Puget Sound

IF YOU BREATHE, DON'T INHALE

Today's Headline: "*Air Quality at lowest level all Year*" right here on Puget Sound...
morning news we wish was fake...

"State of Washington has poorest air quality in the nation...and in the world!"

Stay indoors if you are a child, elderly, subject to diseases such as asthma...

I am not a child but admit to the other two...

I have already stayed inside three days.

Wildfires all over the west...

two across the water where we first saw smoke...

watched helicopters designed to drop water.

Some human-caused some natural...

Christian zealot preachers say God is in charge...

has a reason for everything.

If someone's God is causing these fires...

fire that God...

or find one less willing to create hell on earth.

Wild fires are bad enough but industrial use of skies for dirty smoke

gets in my lungs...in my gut...in my soul...

that we humans do such deadly and greedy things to the air.

The Creation story begins with darkness on the face of the earth...

then Spirit...translate as "Energy"...was moving

over the fact of the waters.

The second Creation story speaks of the first human...

when God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life...

in the end we say "*He breathed his last.*"

Precious life-giving air that we can't live without...

easily compromised and polluted and poisoned by nature...and humans...

my lungs remember childhood years wheezing for breath.

I turn up the air purifier kept by my bed when I sleep...

at my feet wherever I am sitting...

waiting for outside air to come to life and move the smoke...to where?

Let's make America safer by listing real threats to our safety...

I'm betting that none of the life-stealing threats we list

can be prevented by building a wall.

To deregulate coal and petroleum smokestack emissions...

is a death sentence to thousands of children...

and is criminal and immoral.

One last look across the water...can't quite see across...

still looking for that energy on the water

that delivers life-giving air.

As Jean goes out for a short walk...I say...

"Don't breathe the smoke

but if you do, don't inhale."

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