



IF KELLY WILLS IT

On Thursday, my little 13-inch Hiteker TV screen was pitch-black; and then--quite suddenly--at approximately 9 o'clock Bible-belt-time, Kelly said: "Let there be light!" And there was.

In the form of a backlight against liquid crystals--but still.

And I thought of my daughter Michaila, wondering if she too, was watching Kelly (Adrienne Palicki) on "The.Orville", as she tried to undo her goddessness. The episode brought up an interesting idea: what would happen if an advanced human--from the future--somehow showed up on Earth? Say ... around two millennia or so ago, give or take some decades? He--or she--put on a robe, let their hair down, and shared some wisdom before the locals burned them, or hung them up for some perceived crime--or simply for disturbing their little way of life? You'd end up with a martyr, and maybe a cult following that could spread like a virus coast to coast, and eventually around the globe, billions of lives taken, or wasted, in the martyr's name, and ideology.

That would SUCK if something like that had happened on Earth.

People would be judged not as humans, but as being inside or outside the cult collective. I'm sooooo glad that's not the case on Earth.

"The Orville" has turned out to be a great show. The only episode I completely disliked--was the one with the egg--but maybe my dislike of that particular show, is a biproduct of an Earth martyr? But that can't be right. We're not in THAT universe, are we? Statues all over, with eyes in the sky watching us at all time, ready to punish us for misbehavior....

At least the show ended the nightmare martyr scenario, and let the world embrace science, put Kelly behind them, and move on to a more productive future that included everyone.

Happy birthday Michaila, and if you're not watching "The Orville"--check it out, you'll probably like it.

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