

SPOTTED: ASPEN TREES, TURNING ON ROOTS

Nico Pitney put this YouTube up as a preface to Shep Smith losing it in a later segment. (If you want to see Shep say "We are America, we do not fucking torture" [click through](#).)

But I'm at least as fascinated by Judy Miller admitting she had a tough time getting all the way through the torture memos. "You know it when you see it," she said, referring to torture. Waterboarding someone 183 times, she repeated.

But as Shep points out, "if there was torture, that's a crime. If there was crime, there were criminals. Who ordered the torture?"

So now, two years after Judy's dubious testimony got Dick Cheney off scot free after he ordered the outing of CIA spy, she's demanding information about "Who Why When What, this system came about."

Let's start with "Who," Judy...

Maybe she hasn't thought through how this one ends. She claims she doesn't know who ordered the torture, so that's possible.

But we're headed dangerously close to Judy turning on her roots, rather than turning in clusters. Not that I'm complaining, mind you—if Shep Smith and Judy Miller want to make it cool for Republicans to oppose torture, I'm all in favor.

But it is a bit of a biological oddity, this aspen tree turning on its roots.