

## January 8, 2022 Second Saturday Chat Transcript

Hector: Good morning!

Celia: Thank you for doing this again, Meaghan. Greetings to all from cold and wet Multnomah county.

Meaghan (she/her): Good morning! Please keep yourselves muted during the presentation!

Milton: Greetings from blue Cobb County, Georgia!

John: Hello from evening time in the UK

Suellen: The Woodlands Tx

Carol: Hello from sunny Tampa, FL!

ray: Hi, Y'all...

Larry & Luann: hi

Dave: Hello from Vancouver Washington State

Linda Larson: Hello from Northfield, MN

Ed: Good morning from Canby Oregon

Meaghan she/her): Thank you all for being here! If you would like to use the chat to say something, it is open!

Sally: Good morning from the unceded lands of the Ktunaxa and Shuswap first Nations - in British Columbia Canada

George and Donna: Writing on screen is not clear

Kjell: Hello from Whitefish Bay WI where the temperature is a balmy 26F with the wind chill at 13 and to top it off, we actually have snow on the ground. What could be more wonderful!



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lyn: Hello from Lyn in snowy eastern Massachusetts

Elaine: Here from Wichita, KS.

Sharon's iPad (4): Good morning from Berkeley, CA

Kevin: Greetings from snowy Fort Collins, CO

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: Hello from Santa Maria CA, on Chumash Land!

Don: Meaghan, could you make that quote from Caputo that is on the screen available for us to copy?

vicky: Snowy Hello from N.S. Canada

jim: Hello All from Manhattan, Kansas, The "Little Apple"

Michael: 20 below Hello from Ottawa, Canada

Marianne: ^

robin: And an equally snowy greeting from Maine

David in Nova Scotia: The snow in my part of Nova Scotia is kind of crusty and frozen....

yolanda: Good morning...glad to be here with you all... from Bend, Oregon.

robin: Here it is dry and blowy...bright and pretty

Jean: Prayerful greetings to all from Baltimore!

Mary: hello from Novato CA...first time joining yall

Emily: the snow in Victoria BC is kinda crusty too. Not normal for here! But what's normal for climate change anyway?

Jeanne: How can I get a copy of the statement that was on the screen?

Jeanne: Blessings from the Oregon Coast



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sherin: hello from snowy essen

bner: Hallo from Baltimore! Abner & Jean Lall

Meaghan McCluskey (she/her): We will post it with the recording next week.

Julie: Hello from Claremore, Oklahoma

Bruce: Greetings to all from New Sharon, Maine

Shawnda: Hiya from Washington, D.C.

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: What a beautiful piece of music!

Janet: greetings from Canada's snowy east coast!

Tom & Diane: Good Morning from Santa Barbara! Great to be with you all!

trish: Greetings from Hamilton ONtario Canada

June: Greetings from Cleveland,Ohio

Karen: Hi! From White Bear Lake Minnesota!

trish: Sorry I can never get my chat to put in my name. I am Trish from Hamilton Ontario Canada

Michael: Greetings from Wethersfield, CT

carla: Greetings from figid Berea KY

Celia: Should we get rid of the creeds, which are propositions?

cutndryd@cloud.com: Yes!

liliana: Yes, the creeds are by now dated; we can re write them anew

David in Nova Scotia: Part of the problem of the creeds is the movement from theological



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treatise to liturgical imperative.

Kjell: Creed where written from and by 2d and 3d century minds. I think that the that ancient Greek world view of Christianity does, to a large extent, reflect the current world view. I prefer the concept of the 1500s, the Magnum Mysterium. You, I , God, the universe are mysteries worthy of exploring.

Susan she/her: Greetings from beautiful Bend, Oregon. Happy to be here again.

Bill: Greetings from Raleigh, NC

liliana: Greetings from Colorado

Barb: Hi from Lynchburg, VA

Richard: greetings from Hattiesburg, MS

Kjell: Whoops, a typo in my previous post, should have said "does not reflect the current world view".

Sheila: Hello from cold South Dakota

Donna: Greetings from a rain refugee in Tucson, Arizona

Harriet: Hello from Portland, Oregon, where it is clearing, for a few days : - ))

Michael: Lex orandi lex credendi

Sandra: Greetings of great joy for this gathering from Bellingham, WA

Jim: Why can't we consider prayers to be self talk?  
Why can't we consider God to be a personification of Goodness?  
Why can't we consider what use to be call God a s Life Itself?

Jenny: Happy birthday Marianne!

Mary: Happy birthday, Marianne!

Celia: Happy birthday!



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james: Happy Birthday.

David in Nova Scotia: For the EfM folks, this is a timely talk...unit 3's introductory essay by Terry Holmes gets us thinking about the nature of spirituality and its practical aspect, prayer.

Jim: Why can we not consider spirituality to be our real connection to the Universe from which we all evolved?

Susan she/her: My sound is fine

Kate: read Braiding Sweetgrass

Kjell: I do not like the concept of having a prayer life. I prefer a life of prayer. The way you live your life is a prayer. You live in a mystery of unknowns so you live your life in a way that embraces the mystery of our human existence and we treat each other as participants in in that mystery who share in this great quest, adventure we call life.

Celia: La Parole Blessee: <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/jean-louis-chretien-wounded-word-falls-silent/>

Jim: Why can we not invent a new religion with our current modern knowledge of the Universe rather than to keep trying to justify ancient religion invented by men thousands of years ago who didn't know where the Sun went at night?

cutndryd@cloud.com: amen

Marianne: Listening to Jack's distinctions between confessional prayers and more personal prayers makes me think of the life of religious orders, particularly Benedictines and Trappists whose lives are so ordered in terms of fixed communal prayer times as well as personal study and prayer in their personal cells, and labour.

Michael: "circum" means "around" "...cission" means "cut"

fran: What is the name of the book John/Jack mentioned re: circum something.

Marianne: In English, Circumcising Confession

liliana: circumfession

Marianne: In French- Des Confessions

Celia: To "invent" a "new" religion entirely would mean to cut ourselves off from the ancestors. We need contact with our roots. We can constantly re-interpret and revise our practices to meet new conditions and needs.

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: Radical prayer for me is the lifelong practice of Social Justice. We must be JEDI people who practice Justice, Equity, entwne ourselves in Diversity and inclusion.

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: Also daily affirmation and living out our baptismal vows.

susie: So well said Sara!

Celia: Jedi Knowices of the Faith! I love it.

jim: "The function of prayer is not to influence of God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prayed". Soren Kierhegaard.

Jon & Beth: yes

KATHLEEN: I see some connections with Buddhism here.

Richard: I think if we look at the first two hundred years of those who followed Jesus and the various group we see praxis as core to thier lives and that in itself was prayer.

Richard: I am reminded of this quote "On the Day of final reckoning, Christ's sentence will not bear on your assistance at Mass nor on your fasts and self-imposed penances nor will good intentions as such be of any avail, but it will call for your concrete acts of love." ~Louis J Putz CSC

Mary: The MORE, Marianne?

liliana: The apophatic way is the most difficult

Jackie Portland (she/her): I used to be a coxswain. This remind me of the experience of being on the water when everyone's stroke is in sync and we are gliding across the water. It was something that I felt before I could name it. We called it "run." Another word that comes to mind is "flow." It is an amazing feeling. And every time I named it. "We've got run!" It fell apart. I



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think the lesson is to experience it, be in the moment, and not feel compelled to name it.

cutndryd@cloud.com: Yes, in the zone. But don't think of it or it goes away.

liliana: Good words Jackie

Celia: @JackieYerby "The cox crew three times": even Peter failed.

liliana: The inexpressable

Mary: My heart understands this; my head might explode!

Dave: Isn't this contemplative prayer. Or what does that do differently than this. It is my experience that this is so.

Nancy (she/her): Yes, Mary Fuller!!!

liliana: Great guidelines

Jackie Portland (she/her): @Celia Carlson, love it.

Beth & Tom B: Gabriel Moran wrote about revelation as a present event. How does John see this are similar or different from his event?

Marianne: How would Jack explain "get settled in the presence of God"? Just so that I get it a little more practical in my thoughts...

Vicki: Could Jack please actualize his definition and theory of radical prayer by sharing what that looks like in his personal prayer life? Thank you.

David: How does Keating's Centering Prayer or Contemplative prayer relate to Radical Prayer?

Peggy: Thank you. Centering prayer is one way that helps me to take confessional prayer into silent awareness of and a possible encounter with radical prayer or event. Of course it can't make it happen, only provides a welcoming environment

Dave: yes

Rebecca: I have always rebelled against being confined and therefore been labeled rebellious.



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I chafe at doing it the right way, confessional prayer for me was impossible. It makes sense for prayer to be making contact with the unconditional. to be unconditionally loved is the most amazing experience

Cheryl: To Pray "Always" is to be available to the "What can't be pre-thought."

fran: Please name again the German word for unprethinkable. Who was the German philosopher who coined the word?

Jackie Portland (she/her): Hilarious!

Richard: reminds me of Romans 8:26-27, in which we experience "agonizing longings which never find words."

Shawnda: Is radical prayer always wordless wonder? Is it possible to experience event in corporate worship? If so, do you have examples or ideas?

Michael: I was a monk for 12 years before Vatican II

Richard: yes, I believe radical prayer is a first cousin of Keating's centering prayer.

Rebecca: Is life unceasing prayer?

Abner: How radical prayer is related to the neural circuits in the brain?

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: Take a walk and pray!

Dave: I was taught that we may find insight epiphanies in this time of openness. However, we don't adopt it act on it respond to it. We say thank you and let it go. Is this the coming and arrival of event?

Karen: "Make your life an implicit prayer" Thank you Jack Caputo. This I will meditate on going forward.

Jennifer: Because I often work with children in our church, I often come to these talks with the question, how would one talk about this with children?

liliana: I radical prayer an open or a closed concept?



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Cheryl: Prayer is also being willing to spend your life firmly planted in mid air.

Jacob: Quantum leaps in being?

Cheryl: Uncommunicable Knowledge!

Susan she/her: Firmly planted in mid air - I love that phrase Cheryl

KATHLEEN: The lostness is what's happening all the time in the writing of poetry, though admittedly there are constructions, patterns, etc. which are guiding the poet from which she/he is release from.

Vicki: We often hear people describe themselves as being "spiritual but not religious." Sometimes, the terms are presented as opposites and sometimes as one better than the other. In reading Jack's article, he used the word "spirituality" often and in a positive way. What are his thoughts of the use of these two terms with respect to Radical Theology?

Judith: may you speak to what your relationship with the scriptures is in relation to your practice of prayer?

Sally: Gabriel Moran Oct 15, 2021 RIP

brant: Moran died in October

Nancy (she/her): Gabriel Moran died October 15, 2021

Marianne: Gabriel Moran died on 15th October 2021

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: This conversation is perfect for the season of Epiphany!

Richard: Conville to all: see the film Don't Look Up. It's a commentary on this whole conversation!

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: I'm a member of the Poor Peoples Campaign and the work we do is very action prayer oriented.

Jjsshaffer@aol.com: Gabriel Moran was 86 years old when he died in New York, New York.

Cheryl: Thought! I we use theopoetic is there a sciencepoetic genre.



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Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: "Breathing in, I am aware that I am breathing in.  
Breathing out, I am aware that I am breathing out.  
Breathing in, I am grateful for this moment.  
Breathing out, I smile.  
Breathing in, I am aware of the preciousness of this day.  
Breathing out, I vow to live deeply in this day." ~ Nhat Hanh

Emily: Can we print the chat?

Marianne: Go on the ... on your Chat and opt for saving the text.

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: Look for the three tiny dots!

Beth & Tom B: Oct 15 is the feast of S. Teresa of Avila...quit radical woman!

Susan she/her: I'm really glad you record these sessions! It's almost too much to take in as it's being presented.

robin: Love the idea of small groups!

Eileen: Thank you so much for this vivid conversation.

John: Thank you so much for a brilliant session

Dan: Blessing to all love these times thanks

Susan she/her: Marianne, what a beautiful tribute and closing!!

Marcia: Thank you so much! An incredible 1st experience with this group!

Eileen: Marianne, that was a magnificent acknowledgement of who Jack is. Brava.

Peggy: Thank you for making all this so much more under stable for me.

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: Who wrote Marianne's closing prayer?

Jackie Portland (she/her): I love that song.



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Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: "Look up at the stars, not down at your feet." ~ Stephen Hawking

Paul D: Thank you, thank you!!

Helen: Thank you for such a great time!

jacob: Kermit the mystic!

Jo: Thank you...great song!

vicky: Thank you from my Rainbow heart

Donna: Thank you for revelations of radicalism

Richard: composed by Paul Williams

Sara -she/her/hers/ ella: It isn't easy being green!

carla: Thank you.

Jackie Portland (she/her): Thank you, Cary. SG21 was also foundational for me.

David: Beautifully said Caryl. Thank you. And, amen.

Jackie Portland (she/her): Marianne has been such a blessing in my life and one of my most important teachers.

Patrick: Thank you for affirming the longing in our hearts that finds expression in prayer.

Cheryl: Otherwise called surfer's knots.

Beth: The music that comes to mind to illustrate Jack Caputo's talk is Ives' The Unanswered Question. The eternal question, the unconditional, prompts a frenzy of conditional answers, all of which fail. Only the unconditional question remains in the universe.

robin: Question for Jack: What do you make of the social science and medical research on the efficacy of prayer?



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Meaghan (she/her): If you would like to leave questions in the chat I can pass them along.

Meaghan (she/her): Thank you.

Cheryl: I think St. John of the Cross noted that mediation and prayer should be done if for no other reason than it is good for you.

Cheryl: Awww...the physics an quantum nature of Prayer.

Emily: I had an experience many years ago when a "thought" came into my head that said (cherish her; she won't be with you long". I thought that was a silly thought and hugged my daughter who was standing at my bedroom door down the hallway. Some time later she was killed by a distracted driver. I thought of that thought I had later and wondered if it was a breaking in of the holy spirit.

Emily : I wonder what Jack thinks of this.

KATHLEEN : Where do you find on the screen the "hand" you can "put up"? I know it's too late for today, but perhaps for next time. tx

Cheryl : I take comfort in the concept that when we are lost for words the Spirit steps in and gives form to our longings.

Emily : click below the gallery and there will be a line of things you can do.