

## **April 9, 2022 Second Saturday Chat Transcript**

Meaghan (she/her): Good morning everyone, welcome to Second Saturday

Carol: Good afternoon from sunny Tampa, FL!

Carolyn: Good afternoon from London, UK

shari: Hi from Newberg, OR

Ed & Babs: Good morning from sunny San Diego, California!

William: Hello from Scranton, PA

Meaghan McCluskey (she/her): Just a reminder to please keep yourselves muted! Thank you

sheila: Hello from South Dakota

Robert: Hello from New Sharon, ME

barb: Hello from Portland, Oregon

Candace (she/her/hers): Hello from Springfield, MO

Richard: Hello from Marietta, PA.

Kathleen: Hello from sunny Phoenix Arizona.

Bob: Hello from Southampton, UK

Sharon: hello from Ottawa Canada

Harry: Hello from Tupelo, Ms

Patrick: Good afternoon from London, Ontario, Canada

Carol: Good morning from Huntsville, Alabama

susie she/hers/her: Good Morning from Allenspark CO

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Meredith: Good afternoon from South Bend, IN

Kjell: Good day from Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, just 10 minutes north of Milwaukee and on the shore of beautiful Lake Michigan

Paola: Good morning from Mount Shasta, CA. 🙏

jimmock: Greetings all. My name is Jim Mock and am in Manhattan, Kansas (the "Little Apple"!

robin: Greetings from Central Maine

susie she/hers/her: Anyone else here from Colorado?

Samuel Wilson: greetings from Laurens, SC

LA: Good Morning from London Springs Oregon

Alexis: hello from New Hampshire!

Paul: This is Don White. My computer shows my first name Paul White. Hello from Baton Rouge

Kevin: Greetings from Fort Collins, Colorado on a sunny day!

bill: Hello from Louisville

John: Hello from Auburn, Washington, where we live uneasily with nukes much too close.

Del: Greetings from Kingsville, Ontario, Canada

David: Halifax Nova Scotia here.....blessings to all.

becky: Portland, OR - Hi Marianne!

Harriet: Good Morning from a spring day in Portland, Oregon.

becky: From Portland, OR - Hi Marianne!

hetland: Hello from Merced, CA

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530078: Hi from Tempe, AZ

Geoffrey: Hello from Costa Rica!

yolanda: Hi...I'm new at Trinity Episcopal community in Bend. Would love to know if anyone attending these wonderful talks is a member there. I'd like to meet you.

Dennis and Jenny: Good Morning from langley BC

Ed: Good morning from Sequim, WA

Candace (she/her/hers): We can see you!

Lay: Good morning every one from Singapore

Donna: Marianne, your opening words sum up perfectly where I am in my journey. Would be a great transcript for conversations with friends who don't understand my "departure." Thank you.

Claudia: And it has taken 70 years to get these ideas to come to light for most of us to understand what he was saying.

Donna: Wow!

Donna: (was responding to Bonhoeffer's words)

Meaghan (she/her): Reminder to please keep yourselves muted unless called upon, Thank you!

sheila: from Sheila SD Marianne, did you receive the icon of Kermit the Frog?

su: Rilke describes god as "The great homesickness we could never shake off." Ken Wilber states that God has a serious PR problem. We need new images.

Richard: Let religion wither like baseball. Let it exist at the local level on manicured borough parks where grandparents baptize their grandchildren with their old dreams.

Arthur: Hi from NI.



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Beryl: The symbolic world of Carl Jung and his life work (until 1961) needs to meet the Charismatic Renewal Movement.

Gary: This makes so much sense, but transactional religion is what feeds hope for all those people struggling on farms or just getting by in life. What is in it for them to give up the foundation of their hope? Is being open to not knowing and exploring the theopoetics that can enrich us a luxury that only people like many of us in this group can embrace?

Richard: New language of religion, theopoetic, like Heidegger's call for a new language of philosophy.

liliana: Gary, what is the hope of the people you mention in your message?

Jennifer: Gary, you speak for me - that's what I wonder continually.

liliana: I mean that transactional hope they live with?

sheila: Almost too much to absorb. Does Jack have a book .....sort of a 101 to radical theolog cleesealing: Fantastic presentation!! Thank you so much!

Richard: "Coming of Age" as in the coming of age novel, a Bildungsroman, is not an event but a process.

Sharon: do you see a relationship between radical theology and the work on myths by Joseph Campbell?

Richard: In theopoetics who/what is the muse who is doing the calling?

Marianne: But in trans humanism not really the worst possible form of human capitalism - using human beings not for their own purpose but rather for the purpose of grandiose capitalism. The end of humanity, in a way...

Bill: I'll stay in the church

Barbara: Is this presentation available to listen again... to absorb even more of. This wisdom?

Karen: The "body of Christ" on each corner of our city is each a container of the uncontainable.

Ken: Today we are weaponizing beliefs. Can "faith" be similarly being "weaponized?"

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Jennifer: The more I meditate on what God means to me, the more I think that the essence of what God says is "and." Perhaps what radical theology does for the religion that birthed it is to turn to that religion and say "and..."

Houston: How about eco theology as a consuming direction - Thomas Berry et. al.?

Samuel: like a "good spin", reminiscent of "good trouble".

Diane: If we remain (to be the whistle-blowers, etc.) how do we reasonable engage in conversations to spend millions of dollars to refurbish a church, rather than invest those funds in human need?

Robert: Facing the tragedy of Ukraine, should we confront Putin with weapons that may mean risking annihilation - taking up our cross, so to speak?

Richard: We are in the age of the autonomous revolution, it has started and will continue, it will and is bringing societal phase change, this revolution. or evolution will have a radical impact on what we call religion, it is important for us to understand the difference in being human and the difference it makes as we experience technology. Technology will change how people understand work and that will change religion, social justice and we live our lives

Beth: You said "there is not a life beyond space and time. Isn't that just another belief?  
cleesealing: Wow!

Ed & Babs: right on Beryl

Richard: Wouldn't Bonhoffer think a humble Christianity to be a "cheap" Christianity?

Jennifer: I feel greatly flummoxed by this conversation, in that I came to these conversations hoping to ultimately promulgate a progressive theology more widely, and this conversation seems to suggest that promulgation is the wrong tack to take - that I'm just holding progressive Christianity as another "belief."

susie she/hers/her: You got it Jim!

jim: With life becoming more and more complex...technology, wars that are now seen on TV right along with TV commercials trying to persuade us to buy their products, appears to increase the number of Mega churches that provide all the answers. It appears they have all the answers



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and “promises” that they can go to heaven after they die, as long as they “follow” the script!  
What chance does do the words of Bonhoeffer, , Tillich, and Meister Eckart, (German Catholic theologin in there 13th century!!!

Arthur: Thank you for this lovely conversation. Sorry I have to leave.

Karen: Is "Theo-poetic" a good synonym for radical theology?

Karen: Theo-poetic is not Atheist.

Richard: ruined time like empty calories

Evelyn: This is beautiful prayer/thought ... can it be shared via email?

Robert: Amen!

liliana: Who wrote that poem?

Laurie: That was beautiful

Peggy: Please send us the text of this poetic prayer

robin: Can we have copy of Jack’s closing poem/prayer?

liliana: I want that poem too

cleesealing: Wow! Thank you! Could we get a Caputo Reading List... the books to read to approach this most directly.

Liz: Thank you so much!

Candace (she/her/hers): May it be so.

Bob: “World without why” Thank you so much

Susan: Can Jack’s prayer be sent to us? Thank you.

Lay: Thankyou very one , I have to leave

Robert: The more I read of your work, Jack, the more I grow in my faith. Thank you.



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robin: Thank you for this question...it's been weighing heavy on my heart also.

Paul: This is Don White a seminary classmate of Marianne. I am thrilled to be invited to this conversation. Thank you so much for the invitation.

John: We did the same thing in some Germanic cities - complete destruction of cities.

barb: What would Jesus do?

Carolyn: Pease Studies Professor Paul Rogers with good information about the Ukraine crisis. I found it balanced, points to the systemic forces behind the individual players and brings lots more context than most news reports I have seen. It might offer something new.  
<https://youtu.be/kpzkAeSaK9A>

Ken: We are weaponizing "belief." Can "faith" be weaponized?

Donna: Without a doubt I denounce what Putin is doing in Ukraine. However, where is our recognition of the victims in Yemen, the thousands of civilians that the US killed in Iraq, Guatemala, etc. Non white Europeans suffer, too

susie she/hers/her: True Donna, I also have been thinking about this.

Carolyn: Yes Donna, Afghanistan.

Carolyn: Trump

Marianne : Regarding Putin and Ukraine, it is interesting to watch Netflix's series of documentaries on why Germany did not win WWII. I can't remember the exact title, but having watched it this week, it has quite a lot of similarities between Putin and Hitler in terms of narcissistic folly. Hitler knew so much better than his advisors that he always overruled them and took many wrong decisions and therefore eventually lost the war.

barb: Yes, Donna. Thank you

Donna: Thank you, Jeff Creswell

Richard: Critical thinking like horse racing and baseball is a hard game to learn.



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Beryl: Thank you so much for this Forum and for letting me in on this discussion.

Donna: Thank you Jack and Marianne for this outstanding, head-spinning session. Keep on keeping on.

Richard: WE were taught the liberal arts.

Richard: If kids don't know how are they going to know?

Donna: What about Tripp Fuller and Homebrewed Christianity? He does interview a lot of academicians of our generation, but I've seen some young faces, too. Many in seminaries, also clergy. I've only just tuned in to this group through Diana Butler Bass.

david: Thanks to you, Marianne and Jack, for another great session. Best wishes for Easter David

Donna: I experienced this economic issue working in Tillamook, OR. Timber and fisheries going away. It takes time. More than I could have imagined amidst lots of interventions, of grant money, new programs, and mentoring. Old cultures deeply rooted. Connection to land of many generations vs. making a living, and unprepared.

Marianne: I hope that there will be a return to small business and enterprise to react against globalisation - fingers very crossed...

Dorothea: New monasticism...

Richard: one positive thing about rural America, most of the kids entering the Ag Industry are girls. Attend the farm shows and county fairs, it is the girls who dominate animal husbandry.

Houston: Look, this Ukraine conflict is not the same as WW II. Look at the history behind this conflict. Listen to Noam Chomsky, Andrew Bacevich and Chris Hedges. There is a more realistic explanation for this conflict, and the United States is not an innocent party in the history leading up to this conflict. We must see clearly!!

susie she/hers/her: I think the answer is local. Jobs, agriculture and manufacturing. BIG anything is killing the planet and our souls. CSAs and shoe makers unite!

Karen: Iliff School of Theology in Denver Co is one of those open schools.





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Richard: I started a Bible Club at my high school. The room was packed for every meeting. The problem may be that academics have not done as good a job as they could at reaching out to evangelicals.

Dorothea: Mysticism has a place in Radical Theology

Susie she/her/hers: Agree Dorothea!

Richard: Agree Dorothea. Bonhoffer's final act was mystical. It was certainly not natural for a person to give themselves for another.

Meaghan (she/her): I will keep the chat open until 11:45

yolanda: Thank you!