



October 14th, 2023 Second Saturday Chat Transcript

[Participant] : Good Morning from Lake Tahoe in Nevada

[Participant] : Hi from San Diego

[Participant] : Greetings from Sacramento Ca.

[Participant] : Why is everyone one a guest and not able to have a private chat?

[Participant] : Greetings from Colorado

[Participant] : audio OUT

[Participant] : Hello from West Linn, Oregon, under the eclipse getting through the clouds after all.

[Participant] : Hello from Santa Maria California on Chumash Land.

[Participant] : Mute microphones please

[Participant] : Are there links to Scott's works? I don't see them on Goggle?

[Participant] : <https://bethanyseminary.edu/staff/scott-holland/>

[Participant] : So humanity makes God in our own image?

[Participant] : There is/are no "words" that will hold all of the meaning of God, or the experience of God.

[Participant] : How does this apply to understanding scripture: metaphorical translation!

[Participant] : What is the difference between imagination and creativity as it relates to theopoetics?

[Participant] : My question would be, How does theoretic discourse relate to spiritual experience and sensibility? "imagination" may be a dangerous word in that it does suggest "fantasy".

[Participant] : Are the thoughts of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin aligned with Theopoetics?

[Participant] : But isn't there inequality, too? If we say we're all equal, doesn't that negate the fact that some really are more powerful and competent than others?

[Participant] : In response to Ed Wales - Not knowledgeable enough to make an evaluation of the work of Teilhard, but there are interesting quotes of comments by scientists in Wikipedia -https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierre_Teilhard_de_Chardin#Evaluations_by_scientists. From looking at these, it seems to me that it is difficult for scientist who simply deny the existence of God but somehow cannot also admit the existence of the concept of God or even the need for

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some sort of spirituality. I remember studying some of the work of Teilhard when I was in secondary school in the late 60s and seeing *Le Phénomène Humain* and *Le Milieu Divin* as poetry but also written by someone who was clearly challenged by the Vatican for developing his ideas.

[Participant] : The neocortex suffers from the delusion that it is the whole mind. It isn't. All the other faculties, sensation, perception, instinct, intuition, valuation, memory, imagination, curiosity, etc (we don't know all their names), these things present the world to reason. Reason finds a place for all of that in its map of reality that makes sense, or alters the map, or discards what doesn't fit. We live meaning into the words -this is me making sense of theopoetics.

[Participant] : Name of poet of "Things" again?

[Participant] : Please repeat the name of the woman who wrote about metaphor. So well described.

[Participant] : And we have given God a gender, a sword, and mighty hand . . .

[Participant] : LISEL MUELLER

[Participant] : <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/53133/things-56d2322956d0a> "Things" by Lisel Mueller

[Participant] : Could we look at inter-faith dialogue and mutual respect between world faiths? "The Marriage of East and West"?

[Participant] : And the commonality of contemplative prayer /contemplative practice?

[Participant] : Let's not forget theocratic movements in our own country!

[Participant] : My experience with contemplative practice is helping me learn to let go of my need for Answers!

[Participant] : Reacted to "My experience with c..." with 👍

[Participant] : A real advantage of science is that Answers are always conditional.

[Participant] : Linguistic hospitality sounds like "dialogue", importance of listening. Perhaps churches and society could benefit from active listening training.! Something practical which ultimately is unconditional love.

[Participant] : Imagination can be for good or evil. Someone had to imagine the gas chambers of Europe before they existed; as to the degree we imagine to the possibility of promise, peace and fraternity

[Participant] : I have a question about canon. Does theopoetics suggest our canon is too small?

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[Participant] : Which of Scott's books would be recommended to introduce a person to theopoetics.

[Participant] : Could you put the guidelines back up at the end of today's gathering?

[Participant] : "I wonder" would be a great practice

[Participant] : Along with the tongue of a shoe, the legs of a table, etc., I would add the dangerous but beautiful "thin" places in in life. Connie Jones

[Participant] : I couldn't hear the last idea that Marianne and Scott laughed about at the very end of the regular session.

[Participant] : I took a class that Scott taught as I was completing my Mdiv at Earlham School of Religion a few years ago. It was titled Modernity, Post Modernity and Belief. He introduced me to many philosophers and theologians that I had never explored. It was one of the most challenging classes but I think I was stretched more in that class than any other in my program. Scott is a great teacher.

[Participant] : Could I share a few thoughts about inter-faith issues please?

[Participant] : a book of poetry SUSCEPTIBLE to the LIGHT by Chelan Harkin. the note cards are called Story People which can be googled...brian andreas. if we fail this time, it will be a failure of imagination

[Participant] : I'd like to raise a question.

[Participant] : Think this is the book Scott mentioned: The Not-Yet God: Carl Jung, Teilhard de Chardin, and the Relational Whole byllia Delio

[Participant] : axial age is a phrase from the German philosopher Karl Jung, referring to the transition of consciousness around 500 BC plus or minus

[Participant] : What's the title of the book Scott just mention with Jung and de Chardin?

[Participant] : what was the name of the poem she has many

[Participant] : Who is the author of Accessible to the Light>

[Participant] : I meant to write Karl Jaspers, not Jung. That just popped in there.

[Participant] : Accessible to the Light -Chelan

[Participant] : Susceptible To The Light by Chelan Harkin

[Participant] : Chelan Harkin

[Participant] : So... is it actually Susceptible to the light by Chelan?

[Participant] : yes- Chelan Harkin.

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[Participant] : "Both and" thinking very often applies to every day questions

[Participant] : Yes, please invite Catherine Keller sometime!

[Participant] : Brie Stoner: the Unknowing podcast

[Participant] : children guessed but only a few and down they forgot as up they grew... e e cummings

[Participant] : How can the imagination of Israel's leaders be expanded and democratized to include the Palestinians? What can be done when the oppressed become the oppressors?

[Participant] : Is God Play a book?

[Participant] : excellent discussion - thank you !!! It will take me some time (and several new books) to unpack this.

[Participant] : Believe it or not, this band made this critique of John Lennon's Imagine.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOFPbXI6_p4

[Participant] : Thank you for this very inspiring discourse.

[Participant] : Such rich and evocative conversation today. Thank you!

[Participant] : Good song choice!

[Participant] : Thank you!

[Participant] : Always grateful for you and your teaching, Scott!

[Participant] : Thank you!

[Participant] : Thank you

[Participant] : With great appreciation for this inspiring discourse.

[Participant] : so enriching! thankn


[Participant] : Thank you so much!

[Participant] : Who sang that "Somewhere" song, again?

[Participant] : Another resource of Inter faith dialogue is the book The Common Heart, which talks about the 20 year project by Thomas Keating. Can't remember the name of the editor of the book right now.

[Participant] : Anthony de Mello -

https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=anthony+de+mello&i=stripbooks&crd=390H6HSLRD93Z&sprefi x=anthony+de+mello%2Cstripbooks%2C71&ref=nb_sb_ss_ts-doa-p_1_16

[Participant] : thanks so much for this deep conversation 

[Participant] : St Alban's has great posts on FaceBook

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[Participant] : Enduring gratitude.

[Participant] : thank you.