



October 11th, 2025 Second Saturday Chat Transcript

- [Participant]: Since we probably don't need to be seen, it is a better (more sustainable) practice to turn off one's camera; it uses less energy.
- [Participant]: Greetings from the Lakes NH!
- [Participant]: Good morning from Milwaukee on the shore of Lake Michigan which looks fantastic from my window.
- [Participant]: Greetings from Ames, Iowa!
- [Participant]: Good afternoon from cloudy, cool Tampa, FL
- [Participant]: Hello from Oklahoma City
- [Participant]: Greetings from Bend, OR where I'm visiting to assist a relative after her surgery. Berkeley, CA, is home.
- [Participant]: Greetings from Colorado
- [Participant]: Hello from the traditional lands of the Musqueam First Nation in what is now called Vancouver, Canada.
- [Participant]: Good afternoon from Wabash IN. The first electrically lighted city in the world. And the hometown of Crystal Gayle.
- [Participant]: Hello From Kent, England. It's bit dull here so am looking forward to being cheered up with y'all
- [Participant]: Hello from a glorious Fall day In Montana.'
- [Participant]: Good morning!
- [Participant]: Greetings from chilly and rainy Washington
- [Participant]: Greetings from Highlands, NC
- [Participant]: Hi from sunny vermont
- [Participant]: Listening in from an overcast evening in Cape Town.
- [Participant]: Hi from Boise, ID
- [Participant]: Beautiful, sunny, warm in Regina, Sask.
- [Participant]: Hi from already warm at 6:30 am Hawai'i!
- [Participant]: Good morning everyone, We are so glad that you are here. Welcome.
- [Participant]: Greetings from Cape May, NJ where we are preparing for a nor'easter.

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[Participant]: not hearing audio

[Participant]: Picking up sand well

[Participant]: Good morning from San Diego

[Participant]: Greetings from Manzanita, Oregon. Appreciate Marianne and Second Saturday no matter where I am.

[Participant]: For those who cannot hear Marianne ... when I switched from gallery view to speaker view, I was able to hear her.

[Participant]: Greetings from Portland Oregon

[Participant]: Greetings from Visalia, CA. Grateful for these sessions and that you, Art, are here!

[Participant]: What was the definition?

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[Participant]: Living in the present is not easy. Thoughts: Art, what you say so resonates. For me, that attitude of gratitude at any given moment, is healing.

[Participant]: Please repeat your definition of theology

[Participant]: Any recommendations for a good introductory book about theopoetics?

[Participant]: Prefer air metaphor... water is fear for me... I drowned when I was 18!

[Participant]: If I have it right, this may be the definition: "The reflection on the ways we were taught about the depth of our life on this planet". Please correct if inaccurate.

[Participant]: The ways we TALK...

[Participant]: The reflection on the ways we talk with one another about the depths of life on this planet.

[Participant]: Thank you.

[Participant]: "The reflection on the ways we talk about the depth of our life on this planet".

[Participant]: Thanks, Arthur, I'd like to think more about after trauma, humans choose life-lines, as it were (e.g. religion, drugs, authoritarian attitudes/behaviour). In living through my 87th year since baptism, i.e. the church's story & community, I'm at a place where I understand that the Christian religion has offered a place to project our needs for loving security on "God". The Body of Christ offers much more, indeed, but I've left the bubble of the worshipping church since turning 80, so am discovering the experience of those outside the camp, who have offered

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them attitudes, not needing a “God”, yet filled with Spirit and wisdom both of which blow where they will innately, in all who are born and grow into awareness!

[Participant]: A voyage of discovery into the unknowable.

[Participant]: It is also more than how we talk, but also how we listen unconditionally?

[Participant]: Thank you Art for sharing your poetry

[Participant]: Art, have your poems been collected and published?

[Participant]: I remember Marcus quoting Billy Collins... one poem was “On Turning Ten.” That has stuck with me for several years.

[Participant]: Your thoughts and have coaxed out the mystic in me.

[Participant]: “Alone and mirrored clear in love’s deep river, ‘To labour and not seek reward,’ he prays, A prayer his body makes entirely For he has forgotten self, forgotten bird And on the riverbank forgotten the river’s name.”

[Participant]: Art’s presentation is incredibly timely. Next Sunday, our Sunday School class will begin a study of Poetry Church (via forma). I will have the privilege of facilitating this study. Art has given me a lot to share. Thank you! And deep thanks to Marianne for providing this experience, preparing so well, and inviting awesome presenters!

[Participant]: Truth (alethia) = unforgettable. Does truth also require the work of remembering, overcoming forgetfulness? Returning across the river Lethe?

[Participant]: Just wondering how much a poet like Arthur works with the visual appearance of the text on the page. I assume most people get more out of a poem if it is different from prose. I must confess I sometimes find it distracting and often reformat a poem in prose form to help be absorb it better.

[Participant]: In the French version of the Lord's Prayer, it's "realm": May your realm arrive.

[Participant]: From a TED talk: "treating your body as a means of transportation for your head" -how many of us do that?

[Participant]: With King speaking about the dream, I get a sense we were hearing directly from God (aka from the depths...); it was on a new plane.

[Participant]: Thanks for this session. A calming respite in a country filled with chaos and delusion.

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[Participant]: Thanks for breaking down the idea of Kingdom. When I went through the Ignatian exercises there is a week that is spent contemplation and mediation on being in the kingdom of God. I was stumped. I have never lived in a monarchy. Very confusing and enlightening.

[Participant]: Thanks, Marianne, for another fine choice of presenter...I shall live with further ideas to consider!

[Participant]: Art, THANK YOU

[Participant]: Thanks so much, this was great

[Participant]: Yes, thank you Art. One of my favorite Westar scholars.

[Participant]: Many thanks - a lovely conversation!!

[Participant]: I really have enjoyed my first "second Saturday". I look forward to joining again. Sorry I cannot stay for coffee. Art, I appreciate your words of wisdom and thank Marianne for being such a gracious and inspiring host,

[Participant]: stephens.braun@gmail.com for further discussions

[Participant]: I love that you mentioned "the edge of things." A couple of years ago one of the people here attending mentioned her relationship to her religion was that she was now and edge walker. I have adopted the for myself. It has given me the freedom to wander into the murky world.

[Participant]: Sincere appreciation to Marianne Professor Dewey for the enlightenment they shared.

[Participant]: This conversation brings to mind one of my favorite poems: Some Things I Wanted to Say by Stephen Dunn

[Participant]: The intimacy also includes a reciprocity, an expectation of a response.

[Participant]: There's another important 3: 16. Malachi 3: 16. When the people spoke together (talked to one another), God heard.

[Participant]: Thecla?

[Participant]: i think Perpetua

[Participant]: right

[Participant]: Books I'm in: The Bible Withing and Without Jesus; Prophets in the Disciple Series; The Swerve by Stephen Grenblatt; The Powers That Be by Walter Wink

[Participant]: Thank you for another stimulating and inspiring session.