



October 10th, 2026 Second Saturday Chat Transcript

[Participant] : Greetings from Laurens, SC

[Participant] : Hello from Ames IA

[Participant] : Greetings from Lyn in Franklin, Massachusetts

[Participant] : Greetings from Cobb County, Georgia!

[Participant] : Hello from Wayzata (Minneapolis metro), MN

[Participant] : It is great to be part of a group where the youngsters are in their sixties!

[Participant] : I found this link to the poem

<https://emilyspoetryblog.wordpress.com/2013/10/23/the-bright-field-by-r-s-thomas/>

[Participant] : Good morning from Milwaukee

[Participant] : Follow your bliss

[Participant] : Threshold: this next step, now, an invitation.

[Participant] : I am deeply touched by your message, Marianne. Thank you.

[Participant] : 'I realize that this world is different than the one I was raised in, or at least experienced. "A strange Land"

[Participant] : Hello from Reno NV. 😊 Thank you Jeff saying exactly what I am feeling at this moment so well.

[Participant] : Antidote is love; love is an action.

[Participant] : AAabsolutely, Marianne...just as you're saying...Twilight times...indeed! I so relate to Wr'near...thanks, my brother!!

[Participant] : What was that title ?

[Participant] : A Transmission

[Participant] : Didn't mention, recently read "Jesus and Buddha: The Parallel Sayings", which emphasized compassion as the unifying them. As today's speaker Joh, as I recall, noted.

[Participant] : Paal Sponheim was a great teacher. His classes were great and opened me to a greater view of the breath of Christianity which allowed me to grow to seek a greater depth of understanding.

[Participant] : Where is the story of the blind man? I didn't find it in Mark 10.

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[Participant] : Beautiful song phrase just shared by Chela...would love to see & read again, please!

[Participant] : Opps found it

[Participant] : Thank you Chela! From one song writer to another.

[Participant] : From "Seafarer's Prayer" @ Chela Sloper

[Participant] : MisterRogers...for all time!!! Yeah.

[Participant] : Watched him daily, with my kids

[Participant] : We are family!

[Participant] : I try to live each day & with each person, looking for the beauty & goodness, which too many people don't know or have forgotten about themselves!

[Participant] : "...since we're together, we might as well play!"

[Participant] : Contrast what so-called "Christian Nationalism" revealed in the film "Bad Faith" with how any good religion will be known by its encouragement and support of our humanity...fully alive!!

[Participant] : The idea from physics that things only have their being when and as we see them makes me reflect that perhaps the reason that we - and everything in existence - have being is because God is always seeing us

[Participant] : one of the best second Saturday's ever!!!

[Participant] : Love that you have a t-shirt - good idea!

[Participant] : Today was wonderful, thank you all!

[Participant] : A beautiful conversation - thank you, thank you!! Sue

[Participant] : Voting does depend on our votes

[Participant] : Vote as though your life depends on it....because it does!

[Participant] : Listening to Edgar, giving thanks for John Caputo (& Marianne for bring him to our attention), whose book I'm finally reading! For you Statesiders: This is Canadian Thanksgiving weekend (always 2nd Monday of each October)...what a way to live, the attitude of gratitude, as I give thanks for this 2nd Sat. Community which continues to encourage & support me in knowing I'm not alone as an 87 year old Christian who welcomes what Marianne offers us...i.e. looking again...seeing...becoming more alive as humans, gifted with LIFE!

[Participant] : I meant that our lives depend on our votes

[Participant] : My kids used to go outside at twilight in order to look for owls! (And found them).

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[Participant] : Sarah Longwell's book: How to Eat an Elephant...One voter at a Time. It was just released. I recommend it. Another one is Pay ATTention by David Pakman. He lays out well how the media, internet and algorithm etc. shapes our thinking.

[Participant] : To say in another way, what Marianne suggested at the beginning of this 2ndSat: the profound Quaker (Society of Friends) adage: "Let our lives speak"...the antidote to "I believe/we believe..."for sure!

[Participant] : Over the past few days I have been thinking about a book I read many many years ago. "I Heard the Owl Call My Name." By Margret Craven.

[Participant] : Oralea - My Dad, also a Baptist minister, died at nearly 103 years of age, and I had many "explosions" over our divergent views, yet we both new our love for each other was the important thing, and I was blessed to witness his peaceful last breath, having eerier sung the old hymn "god will take care of you" on his death bed along with my older sister! At the end, it is all about love, is it not?

[Participant] : THanks, Oralea, for your memorable story of the importance of being loving & caring, while living so sure we're right!! My wise owl preacher, sari Ateek, from St. John Norwood Episcopal parish in Bethesda, Maryland, once elucidated on the truth of "With humility, comes clarity".

[Participant] : Thanks for the great meeting Mary Ann

[Participant] : Oralea, I am preaching on All Saints Sunday and would like to use your story. I hope that's OK. Thank you so very much.

[Participant] : What Beryl is saying is reminding me of the book "All the Light We Cannot See" A book about WW2 by Anthony Doer

[Participant] : Thank you Wr'near, Karen, and Frances for your comforting stories. Yes, Frances use the story.

[Participant] : John Angst....so very curious about your family name, if you could share with me, us...quite the name to carry! Karen, edensong@kaslo.org

[Participant] : Frances you can call me at 503 723-9983 for more of the story

[Participant] : Oralea, That was a very powerful story. Thank you. It demonstrates that it is important to lovingly engage instead of avoiding the difference in order to blithely smooth things over. They say parting is such sweet sorrow. Without that phone call you would have been left with sorrow without the sweetness.

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[Participant] : O'Donahue, Eternal Echoes, book about longing and belonging. Recommended!

[Participant] : The Zoom groups I host have become my church.

[Participant] : only MY 2ND TIME JOINING with y'all, love the topics and conversations. Thank you and many Blessings!

[Participant] : Oralee, I will call you in a week or two — I'm aware from home for several weeks. Mahalo nut loa.

[Participant] : Another Stafford poem, I think, The Way it Is, about the "Golden Thread."