

Chatbox exchanges from Week 3 phone call

[on faith and silence]

from Bruce to Everyone:

' Faith' as referred to here is perhaps akin to James Fowler's "Stage 6" of faith: a socially "subversive" form of faith (because it isn't based on convention). It involves radical openness to and commitment to, a trust in, the implicit totality, and which overcomes egoic dichotomization of action / inaction by opening to a spontaneity informed by the hidden 'whole.'

[on the practice]

from Karin Tommack to Everyone:

Naming is always pointing to the past and inhabiting an expectation of the future

from David Filippone to Everyone:

I have the thought that my porch is, in a sense a sacred place, in that I so often in the past have looked inward here, so many insights from this place, facing the onrushing un-known, observing what presents. I'm moved by my history of doing this, I'm also moved by my affection for this activity, a place where depth reveals itself.

from Michael to Everyone:

Obstacles and challenges give the present a new possible future, either accomplishment or a discouragement. Seeing the past in a new way is as refreshing as a surprising event in the present.

from Bruce to Everyone:

I started feeling my 'present' experience, noticing the 'presence of the past' in the form that present experience emerged, and the 'presence of the future' in the non-finality of every moment. Somehow this shifted into a 'universalizing' of past and future, so I began to think this implies that a past that is 'always present' must also have been 'never present.' I was sort of flummoxed by this and couldn't go further.

from David Filippone to Everyone:

Ha Ha The déjà vu of my porch. :-)

from Bruce to Everyone:

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from Michael to Everyone:

Like a boat made of water. A bird woven of air.