

# Magdalene Community Gathering

## AI-Generated Summary

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### Silence

#### **Exploring the Significance of Silence**

The meeting revolved around the theme of silence and its significance. The participants shared various quotes and poems related to silence, emphasizing its importance in finding peace, clarity, and spiritual growth. They discussed how silence can help in focusing on the inner self, reducing distractions, and promoting contemplation. The group also touched upon the connection between silence and darkness, likening it to the womb's environment that nurtures growth. The conversation ended with a discussion on the potential deeper issues that may arise from a lack of silence.

#### **Power of Silence and Visuals**

The team discussed various topics, including personal experiences and reflections. They revisited a previous discussion about the power of silence, sharing thoughts on how powerful individuals can command attention through their quietness. The team also reminisced about the Apollo 11 moon landing, with one member expressing her awe every time she sees the iconic picture. One shared her recent reading experience with a book about astronauts on the International Space Station, highlighting the beauty of Earth from space. Everyone agreed on the power of silence and the impact of visual images in evoking emotions and memories.

#### **Exploring Silence and Contemplation**

The concept of silence and its various emotional connotations was discussed. The idea of contemplation and its relationship with silence, tranquility, and repose; also touched on the importance of the moments in times of stress and the role of nature in providing solace. The discussion was open-ended

#### **Romanization, Cathars, and Ancient Feminine Culture**

The group discussed the Romanization of early Christian groups and their relationship with the Empire, Cathars and their depth of knowledge. A documentary was brought up about a group in Bulgaria and Eastern Europe. The book, "The Faith That Time Forgot" was brought up, and "When Women Were Dragons. The discussion turned to the symbolism of the dragon in ancient feminine culture. Diana Butler Bass and her work on Convocation, a project involving historians and a sociologist, were also mentioned.

#### **Bishop's Viral Sermon and The Gospel of the Beloved Companion**

The group discussed a sermon given by Bishop Mariann Budde, which went viral and received both positive and negative reactions. The sermon was about the need for mercy and empathy, and it was criticized by some who questioned her role as a woman bishop. The group also discussed The Gospel of the Beloved Companion, a book they plan to read together. They agreed to send each other lines that stood out to them before their next meeting.

The meeting ended with group prayers

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