

- Mentioned in Richard's introduction:
 - "The Star," Arthur C Clarke.
<https://sites.uni.edu/morgans/astro/course/TheStar.pdf>
 Science fiction short story: a priest and scientist finds science brings out a painful truth about a key Christian story
 - *The Chronicles of Narnia*, CS Lewis
 Series of books about a separate world where Christian doctrine is literal truth, with Christ present as a lion named Aslan
 - "Hell is the Absence of God," Ted Chiang
 Another story where Christian doctrine is literal truth -- and two people who, trying to conform to it, end up unhappy
 - *The Farthest Shore*, Ursula K LeGuin
 From LeGuin's Taoist perspective: Goodness consists in maintaining a balance, not in trying to change the world. The antagonist has died and returned from the dead, promising everlasting life to his followers.
 - "Uncle Chaim and Aunt Rivke and the Angel", Peter S. Beagle
 Jewish painter is possessed and obsessed by an angel; painter and angel are freed by the painter's matter-of-fact wife, his ten-year old nephew, and their unpretentious rabbi
 - "The Music Copyist," Spencer Holst
 A music copyist, visiting relatives in Ohio, stumbles upon a bit of Heaven at a children's music recital.
- Read by Betsy – Excerpts from "The Secret Lives of the Nine Negro Teeth of George Washington," P. Djèlí Clark.
<https://firesidefiction.com/the-secret-lives-of-the-nine-negro-teeth-of-george-washington>
 The human teeth in George Washington's dentures are imagined as having the traits of their original owners.
- Read by Richard – "One hundred Babies," Nina Kiriki Hoffman.
<https://dailysciencefiction.com/fantasy/religious/nina-kiriki-hoffman/a-hundred-babies>
 A priest, a man of God, finds his graveyard full of babies – and hugs them all.
- Other works:
 - *The Sparrow*, Mary Doria Russell

Radio transmission picks up music from space. UN diplomats can't decide whether to go but a private Jesuit missionary team is sent. Only one returns.

o *Binti*, Nnedi Okorafor

Being open to personal transformation and called to be more than you are.

o *The Curse of Chalion*, Lois McMaster Bujold

Author knows what it feels about to fall into the hands of a living god. Spiritual nugget in middle - resounding adventure begins. Referenced by Kristin Gilbert.

o *The Goblin Emperor*, Katherine Addison

Complex view of inner life and efforts to do right by others, determination to be decent in a system which isn't designed for decency. Takes worship and the characters prayer life seriously - the protagonist prays, and the reader knows how he feels about it.

• Upcoming Events:

o Cat Green | Florilegia and the Last Unicorn - December 1, 2021

Beacon Hill Friends House • Midweek

<https://lu.ma/0f57c17q>

o Science Fiction and Fantasy Reading Aloud Group

2nd and 4th Saturdays, 6-9pm

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We'd love to have you!

<https://zoom.us/j/335209895?pwd=c0MwYzRDRjkrVU9zcHV1NGZnRzgvQT09>