

GATHERING OUR THOUGHTS

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Kent's teaching on the *Sacred, Part Two*, 20 years after 9/11, is available to watch or re-watch, both on [C3's Facebook page](#) or on our [YouTube Channel](#). It is well worth your time. Rather than summarizing here, I encourage you to listen!

Beth Buelow's meditation on the beauty of our peninsula was lovely.

Some of the themes Kent explored:

Even in an increasingly secular society, words like *sacred* (set apart) crop up: sacred right of voting, sacred halls of Congress, for example.

Are any of our ideals "sacred"—set apart, this is better than that?

20 years after 9/11: what questions did the problem of 9/11 raise, and have we been addressing them?

Evolution in consciousness: long ago, sacred was fixed *in a place*. This changed over time.

9/11 was an attack on three real places and symbols: WTC (money), Pentagon (military), Flight 93 - White House? Congress? (power). This was intentional, these places chosen for a reason.

Is the core of our American ideals rooted in money, military, and power? What does America stand for? What's our moral stance in the world?

Kent listed in his own words things to value about America.