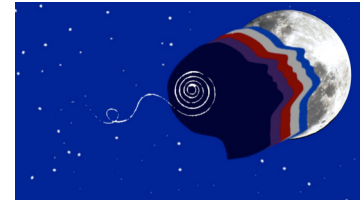


## Hosting Big Conversations Over Tea



**What?** A gathering of friends, new, old or both, to share simple nourishment and hearty conversation. With *Big Topics at Midnight* as a springboard, we'll discuss the "official" big topics of race, class, gender, earth, and spirit, as well as our experiences of waking up, connecting to ancestors, partnership across differences and more.

**How?** Once you and Nancy sort out the details (including practical preparation support for you) and the event day arrives, Nancy will bring her magic folder full of questions, images and discussion starters to ease the group into conversation, as well as offer simple gathering and closing rituals.

**Where?** Living rooms are lovely. Parlors perfect. Board rooms, not so much. Gathering spaces with couches and cushions and kitchen connections—yes! Depending on location and season, parks and gardens and beaches work, too.

**Who?** Groups of women or women and men, who have read *Big Topics at Midnight* (preferably) and/or are hungry for juicy discussions. Big Conversations just get richer in groups with a diversity of ages, experiences and perspectives. Invite five friends and ask them each to invite one other person to spice up the mix. Call together eight to ten friends and acquaintances. Or, if you're part of an ongoing group that wants to dive into Big Conversations, wonderful.

**When?** Sunday afternoons tend to work well, but Big Conversations can happen any day of the week. Two hours is a good amount of time. Three, a bit more spacious.

**What is asked of you as host?** Issue the invitation early enough to give people time to read the book. Hospitality coordination: set a location, provide or ask folks to bring tasty treats to share, etc. Cover Nancy's transportation and lodging, if needed.

**What is asked of the participants?** Read *Big Topics at Midnight* or browse Nancy's website. Come with an open heart, a taste for afternoon treats and an eagerness for meaningful conversation.

