

***Monk in the midst: Coffee talk***

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***Transcript***

**“Lucky”:** You were about to tell me your name.

**Bishop Shaw:** Tom Shaw.

**“Lucky”:** Tom Shaw.

**Bishop Shaw:** And I asked you if you know what the Episcopal Church was.

**Lucky:** The Episcopal Church, isn't it a bunch of Anglicans with opinions?

**Bishop Shaw:** [Laughs] Yeah. So, can I, you say you go to Appleton Chapel almost every morning.

**Lucky:** When I'm in town.

**Bishop Shaw:** So what do you get out of that?

**Lucky:** What do I get out of that. Well, it's a good way for me to not be obstinate and contemptuous. I hear a lot over there. I don't feel like they're always talking my language, but I figure everybody that's in that room is looking for something. And I find it in the simplicity of the sunlight coming through the windows, and the quietness. I love the way they sing over there. The boys and girls that are in that choir, the guy that plays the organ—that brings peace to my heart, just sitting in that space.

**Bishop Shaw:** So would you, I mean if you, if somebody said to you, asked you to describe God, is that how you would describe God, as light?

**Lucky:** The light of the world, yeah. It's like a code, it's a secret code in the Bible—oh no, I'm going too far—no, I'm a Son worshiper. I pretty much don't understand what's going on. It's a grand universe which is unfathomable. And I used to think I knew, but now the wonderful thing that gives me comfort is that I know that I don't know, and I know that you don't know, so we can agree to not know. That's where we get our understanding, and we can get as much peace out of this present moment as humanly possible. So, did anybody thank you for getting out of bed yet today, Tom?

**Bishop Shaw:** No, nobody has.

**Lucky:** I'm glad you're out here in your frock, talking about God.

**Bishop Shaw:** Thank you very much.



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