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**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2009 12:01 PM  
**To:** Al seckel  
**Subject:** Re: Gathering Part II

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2009, at 10:04 PM, Al seckel [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Email was sent before I finished.  
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> When Isabel and I put together our Passionate Minds Salon along the  
> same lines at our medieveal chateau in France, our guests really  
> enjoyed going together on various outings to see the sights. It was  
> all activity driven. There was no other structure. The activities  
> spurred and mix of people stirred the conversation, and there was  
> never a lack of it...  
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> The evenings at dinner were our only "structured" event. Around the  
> table each night, Isabel and I posed a question, which was framed to  
> elucidate the most interesting response from the group. We went around  
> the table, and each person had to answer the question. Most people  
> don't know what questions to ask, going for the mundane to the overly  
> pretentious. So, during the day, I would always put some thought into  
> the question, also knowing the mix, which would get a good and  
> interesting response. This worked extremely well and people enjoyed it  
> very much.  
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> Over and over again, we heard from our group, that this gathering was  
> by far the best time that they ever had, and so, I believe I can say,  
> it was an unqualified success. I am sure your gathering will be too,  
> as long as it avoid being pretentious, superficial, etc.

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