Keats' wrote of the negative capability as the capacity “to remain in uncertainty, mystery, and doubt without any irritable reaching after fact and reason.” As important as multisite randomized clinical trials are; uncertainty, mystery, and doubt are frequent companions of any psychiatrist.

The large group is a temporary accommodation for unhoused minds within the wider more securely housed system of the residency. The structure of physical seating in the large group can foster different goals. When all chairs face the podium, we invite a dependence on the speaker. Concentric circles facilitate the exploration of matters of concern to the membership. Spiral seating allows secure forms of knowledge to be interrogated and the insecure edifices of learning to be developed. Within the spiral formation, both permanence and impermanence, rigidity and chaos have equal status as fantasies to be explored, rather than as facts to be assumed.

Large group can facilitate learning to think in the context of uncertainty and chaos. It can enable one to become a reflective practitioner.