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If $2a^2 + b = 2b^2 + c = 2c^2 + a = \frac{1}{2}$ then find:

$$\Omega = a + b + c$$

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$$\begin{cases} 2a^2 + b = \frac{1}{2} \\ 2b^2 + c = \frac{1}{2} \\ 2c^2 + a = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4a^2 + 2b = 1 \\ 4b^2 + 2c = 1 \\ 4c^2 + 2a = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4a^2 = 1 - 2b \\ 4b^2 = 1 - 2c \\ 4c^2 = 1 - 2a \end{cases}$$

$$a, b, c \in \left(-\infty; \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

$$(*) \begin{cases} 4a^2 + 2b = 1 \\ 4b^2 + 2c = 1 \\ 4c^2 + 2a = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{Summarize the system of equations side by side:}$$

$$(4a^2 + 2a) + (4b^2 + 2b) + (4c^2 + 2c) = 3$$

$$\left(2a + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(2b + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(2c + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{15}{4} \quad (1)$$

(*) The system of equations is symmetric with respect to the variables a, b, c .
Therefore $a = b = c$.

$$\text{Or from } (*) \begin{cases} 4(a+b)(a-b) = 2(c-b) \\ 4(a+c)(a-c) = 2(a-b) \\ 4(b+c)(b-c) = 2(a-c) \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$64(a+b)(a-b)(a-c)(a+c)(b-c)(b+c) = 8(c-b)(a-b)(a-c)$$

$$8(a-b)(b-c)(a-c)(8(a+c)(b+c)(a+c) + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow a = b = c,$$

$$\text{Then by (1) : } 3\left(2a + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{4}, \quad a_2 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$\text{So } a_1 = b_1 = c_1 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{4}; \quad a_2 = b_2 = c_2 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$\text{Then } a_1 + b_1 + c_1 = \frac{-3 - 3\sqrt{5}}{4}, \quad a_2 + b_2 + c_2 = \frac{-3 + 3\sqrt{5}}{4}$$