love on
forward
seek the way
that leads to God

he action flame
burns strong
an urgent call
seeks heed

he call is clear
go
must
will.

louds part
and mists rise
he view grows clear
he road ahead is focused sharp

William Bagwell
Centering Down...

STANLEY JOHNSON, Editor of the Scottish Friends Newsletter, concludes an editorial by citing Simone Weil’s *L’Enracinement* (translated by a Friend under the title of “The Need for Roots”). She is quoted as saying that the authors of the French Revolution fell into a confusion of languages and of ideas in trying to insist on *rights* rather than obligations. “If we all, and that means *us not them,*” he writes, “start thinking more of our obligations and less of our rights, the healing of the breaches will start in us, ‘beginning, O Lord, with me.’”

IT IS IN common, for all, that the earth was created. Nature knows no rich, she gives birth only to poor. When you give to the poor, it is not from your own wealth, it is a fragment of their property you are returning to them, for it is common property, given for all to use, that you are keeping for yourself.

*Bishop Ambrose of Milan, as quoted by Brother Roger in Letter from Taize*

**CREATIVE DEPRIVATION** (definition): refusing to smother children (and adults) with material goods, and concentrating instead on creative uses of imagination and time.

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... And Witnessing

ANN ARBOR Monthly Meeting was recently denied a claim for exemption from payment of war taxes. It had maintained that the taxing statutes were unconstitutional in that they forced the taxpayer to pay money for killing, against their religious consciences. They supported their claim by citing the Buckley vs. Vales case where the Supreme Court decided it was unconstitutional to limit how much money of his own a candidate can spend for his campaign, thus establishing money expenditures as a means of free expression. They made the distinction between taxes used for killing and those otherwise employed, pointing out the gravity of the former. “The tax court,” they reported, “did not comment on these matters but only rehearsed classic arguments once again.”

The meeting is studying further bases for a repeated appeal.
Continuing to Quake

by Victor Reynolds

Although I can’t do much to help your faith, for it is strong already, I want to be able to do something about your joy.

2 Corinthians 1:24 Living Bible

AND IF WE feel our faith is not “strong already,” we need joy even more—it is a wonderful strenghtener of faith!

One swallow doesn’t make a summer, but Sheila Hendley’s article in The Friend of December 17 and the interest it obviously aroused, inspired me to the New Year’s wish for the Society that there may be among us a renewal of a more joyous experience of and response to the presence of God; that we may respond with some enthusiasm to the hope behind a delightful phrase I discovered recently: “If it was left to the Holy Spirit, there would be nothing left in the church but Jesus and dancing.”

My plea is that we do not too lightly dismiss this kind of witness as “not for us” or as “too emotional.” At a time when so many pronouncements within the Society stress the necessity of uncertainty in matters spiritual, or demand acquiescence in an ever more reduced version of the faith once delivered—at such a time some more ebullient affirmation of faith is to be welcomed. Failing such a welcoming, this experience and the energies it releases will be diverted into more congenial and receptive fellowships, to the further impoverishment of our own Society.

There is at least one very good precedent, relating to this subject that puzzles and disturbs some, in the following quotation from St. Augustine’s Confessions:

O my God, when I love Thee, what is it that I love? Not the beauty of any body...not the clearness of this light...not the embrace of flesh and blood. Not these do I love in loving God. Yet do I love a kind of light, a kind of odour, a kind of food....The interior part of man has known these things (through) the exterior. I, I, the soul, have known them by the senses of the body.

Or, to come nearer home, there is that poignant reply of the newly blinded Gloucester to King Lear’s, “...you see how this world goes.” “I see it,” says Gloucester, “feelingly.”

Perhaps we need to sacrifice the too rational and too pragmatic “seeing” before we can recover an experience of God which moves us “feelingly” and allows us to respond, in and out of meeting for worship, with the fire and emotion of love.

There is, I believe, a very subtle kind of double bind operating among us here: we still declare the central Quaker witness to the experiential in faith, but nowadays so circumscribed by the modern over-emphasis on the rational and the pragmatic, that the very nature of that experience is changed. On the one hand we have this emphasis: “...The inner light is the divine Spirit trying to express itself through a human person. It can only do so through the rational powers of the individual, which are different for every person.” (Letter in The Friend, December 4, 1973—my emphasis.) Although this is an extreme expression, it is sufficiently widespread in less articulate form to account for the increasingly philosophical and individualistic nature of much modern Quaker writing and speaking. On the other hand, we sustain the traditional Quaker emphasis on the pragmatic, on normal everyday life and good works, as sufficiently mediating the presence of God. It is as if we were making a determined effort to keep our experience of God in a horizontal plane; not so much that “we turn the divine initiative into a human enterprise,” as John V. Taylor sums up the present-day trend (The Go-Between God), for we still genuinely believe in and experience the working of the Spirit—but rather that by limiting his working to this horizontal plane, we domesticate our encounter with God; even try to domesticate God himself!

The increasing witness of some individuals within the Society—and of a growing renewal movement outside it—is that this condition is being spoken to in our time, and some Friends involved in this movement have been sharing their experience by correspondence and the occasional letter during the past few years. I would welcome enquiries from interested Friends both to widen this sharing of experience and to demonstrate that even “pentecostal” experience is not necessarily confined within a fundamentalist context, but is as relevant and appropriate to Quaker faith today as it was in the time of our first beginnings.

Just over twenty years ago a devotional article in The Friend referred to Thomas Kelly as “an individual forerunner” of a baptism into this renewed and more dynamic experience of God, pointing both in his own experience and in his speaking to the Society the possibility of a corporate fulfilling of the New Testament promise: “Wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.” Perhaps it is not too late to turn again to his witness, that we may see this promise as still alive for us; and as it is spoken within the context of our own Society and in the light of all that has happened in the years since it was first given us, it may be more persuasive and, hopefully, more acceptable.

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"To be a birthright member of the Society of Friends and to be a composer is to embody the paradox of reconciling implicit quiet with explicit sound. . . . With the present suite my intention has been to mold, finally and practically, my nominal religion with my craft. . . . The music represents a blaze of silence."

Those words are from the preface to an eleven-movement composition written by Ned Rorem and performed on February 2 at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York by Leonard Raver, organist. Ned Rorem, a member of 57th Street Meeting in Chicago and a widely-recognized musical composer, drew both the title and much of the inspiration for his work from Jessamyn West's *The Quaker Reader*.

Here are Ned Rorem's notes on each movement:

1. **First-Day Thoughts**

   "In calm and cool and silence, once again
   I find my old accustomed place among
   My brethren, where, perchance, no human tongue
   Shall utter words; where never hymn is sung,
   Nor deep-toned organ blown...
   
   John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

   "Whittier," says Jessamyn West, "joined not one but two unpopular causes: poetry and abolition. The cause of poetry is always suspect; and abolitionists in the Civil War period were about as popular as Freedom Riders today." John Greenleaf Whittier wrote *First-Day Thoughts* in 1852 when he was forty-five. His verses evoke my own First-Days (Quaker Sundays or meeting days) which, however, were confined to a Chicago childhood often colored by a wandering mind.

2. **Mary Dyer did hang as a flag . . .**

   "Mary Dyer did hang as a flag for others to take example by," said General Atherton, one of her persecutors.

   Only in America did Quakers ever receive outright death sentences, as opposed to prison terms. In *Mary Dyer of Rhode Island* Horatio Rogers describes that woman's career of fighting for liberty of worship. She never gave up, never offered the public repentance which might have saved her, and died on the gallows of Boston Common one June morning in 1660. Everywhere is a whirl of wind, the ever-weakening C-sharp pedal trill depicting the entrechat spasm of the martyr's feet, and her silent scream.

3. **Evidence of Things Not Seen**

   "... he that lives to live ever, never fears dying. Nor can the Means be terrible to him that heartily believes the End. For tho' Death be a Dark Passage, it leads to Immortality, and that's Recompense enough for Suffering of it. And yet Faith Lights us, even through the Grave, being the Evidence of Things not seen. And this is the Comfort of the Good, that the Grave cannot hold them, and that they live as soon as they die. For Death is no more than a Turning of us over from Time to Eternity. Death then, being the Way and Condition of Life, we cannot love to live, if we cannot bear to die..."

   **William Penn**

   In 1693 William Penn published a collection called *Some Fruits of Solitude*. His fierce yet comforting phrases on Death are quoted at some length under my third title, *Evidence of Things Not Seen*. Like George Fox's *Ocean of Darkness* is Penn's *Dark Passage*, and both of these thinkers—these doers—extolled the bright nutritive total tranquillity at the core of all storms.

4. **"There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil..."**

   "There is a spirit that delights to do no evil..." from the dying words of James Nayler [1660]

   This piece comes from a little tune, on a George Peel poem, composed in Paris twenty-two years ago. A
fragment of the tune was later used in my “Prayers and Responses.” Today it is bestowed as a balm to James Nayler who perished so painfully in London the same year as Mary Dyer in Boston.

5. The World of Silence

“There must be a hush from the din of the world’s noises before the soul can hear the inward Voice; ... a closing of the eyes to the glare and dazzle of the world’s sights before the inward eye can see that which is eternally Real....”

Rufus Jones

“Man and mystery first meet in silence,” declares the Swiss philosopher, Max Picard. “The sphere of faith and the sphere of silence belong together.... When there is only noise in and around man, it is difficult to approach the mystery. When the layer of silence is missing, the extraordinary easily becomes connected with the ordinary.” Yet from a strictly physical standpoint, is not the “silent world” beneath the sea in fact a din of fish squawks and liquid cyclones, like the deafening Niagara of our own bloodstream?

One of my definitions of silence: activity within the brain during the low-decibel hour of a Friends meeting. The activity is not always serene (could it be today?) and sometimes calls forth noisy chords.

6. “Bewitching attire of the most charming simplicity...”

Hector St. John de Crevecoeur, on Quaker dress in Nantucket, ca. 1770

No coincidence comes as a surprise when I’m at work. Thus, while composing A Quaker Reader in Nantucket, I happened to open Crevecoeur’s Letters From An American Farmer. Instantly I fell upon the alluring essay about Nantucket Quakers 150 years ago. Their dress, their self-reliance, their grace and wit, their gift (in the absence of songs or cards) to spin yarns about whaling trips, their cheerful flirtations, all that seemed so close to home that it entered the music as naturally as the continual cry of the gulls.

7. A Secret Power

“When I came into the silent assemblies... I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart.”

Robert Barclay

Like much programmatic music, this little chaconne (a 6-note ground thrice stated) was named after the fact, the way babies are named. But if the music did not emerge from the prose, the context for A Secret Power is nonetheless inspiring in itself. Robert Barclay (1648-1690), a Scotsman who arrived at Quakerism via other faiths which gave him “impressions contrary to the principle of Love,” said further: “When I came into the silent assemblies of God’s people, I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart, and as I gave way unto it, I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up....”

8. “...No darkness at all....”

“God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all....”

Walt Whitman, recalling fifty years later how Elias Hicks thus quoted Christ

Here the cycle seemed to need something spare. Recalling a little hymn I wrote several seasons back, I rennotated it for the purpose, just as Whitman recalled, and doubtless worded, from a half-century earlier the harangue by Elias Hicks who cried that God is light, and that in Him was “No Darkness at all.” Which explains the title. (How hard it is to be easy! During long years as a composer I’ve scarcely grazed the simplicity—call it honest economy, if you will—which surely inhabits the richest art.)
9. One Sigh Rightly Begotten

Again William Penn. He wrote: "If you confine Christ's dwelling to a local heaven" (I thought of naming this movement *A Local Heaven*) "you are ignorant of that which is the greatest joy that can be: Christ dwells in the heart" (but since, as I see it, the heart too is a local heaven, the title would have carried no weight beyond itself—no afterthought). Penn adds: "Nothing reaches the heart but what is from the heart, or pierces the conscience but what comes from a living conscience..." Also: "Never marry but for love, but see that thou lovest what is lovely." And finally: "One sign, rightly begotten, outweighs a whole volume of self-made prayers..." an aperçu both tender and tough, and ever so musical.

10. Return Home to Within

"Return home to within: sweep your Houses all. The Groat is there, the little Leaven is there, the Grain of the Mustard Seed you will see which the Kingdom of God is like... and here you will see your Teacher, not removed into a Corner, but present when you are upon your Beds and about your Labour, convincing, instructing, leading, correcting, judging and giving Peace to all that love and follow Him."

Richard Howgill, c. 1670

Is the recurring pedal D a calling horn, a lonely dinner bell from the "other side"? The title is from Howgill, but Boutroux too speaks of "The beyond that is within," and the poet Vaughn wrote: "My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars." The longest road leads into our own Heart of Darkness, and, despite Hicks' contention, that road moves through an ocean of black....

11. Ocean of Light

"...there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an ocean of light and love which flowed over the ocean of darkness."

George Fox

...or so thought George Fox. But his thought, like that of all strong innovators, was of necessity optimistic. "I should have a sense of all conditions," wrote Fox early in his career. "How else should I speak to all conditions; and in this I saw the infinite love of God. I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love which flowed over the ocean of darkness. And in that also I saw the infinite love of God; and I had great openings."

I DON'T know much about music, but I know what I like.

Why can't I say even that much about people? The attention I pay to the Brahms Violin Concerto far surpasses in quality what I give to any human being whomsoever, friend or foe. The Concerto is easier, true. But a certain real effort is required, and I do make it—not always, but fairly often.

I settle myself quietly, empty myself of all extraneous thoughts, impressions, emotions, withdraw my attention from all outside sights, sounds, and concepts; and I listen. I turn my whole self to the music like radar; I become a receiver, percipient, minutely alive. I follow in busy quietude the shape of the music as its structure builds in my mind. I say nothing about it to myself, I am for this little space of time a pure act of listening.

I am not simple enough to be very good at this, nor do I have the musical education to hear all there is to be heard. But each time I listen I hear more, and more acutely.

This is surely the clue to the kind of attention I owe people. I must empty my mind of other claims and, in interior silence, let them tell me who they are. I must remain in watchful, active quiet as the basic architecture of a personality presents itself to my mind. I must learn to hear a slight variation on a theme, a modulation to another key, an inner melody, a discord, an individual beauty of tone.

If love isn't this, it can't be much.

But the minute the note of another human being begins to sound, my self leaps up in clamant alarm and yells, "What about me? I'm here, too!" In the ensuing din I can't hear a thing.

I have a great deal to learn about the virtue of silence. I wish I could be quiet long enough to figure out how to begin.

Fae Malania
The Story of Chee: I Am an Indian

Chee is two and one-half years old. He lives at a mission school in New Mexico. He is Navajo. Karen, his mother, teaches at this school, along with Dan and Susan McConnell who I was visiting when I met Chee.

What a beautiful child! His big, dark eyes sparkled. Suddenly he said to me, "I am an Indian." Then he began to dance and to chant in perfect Indian fashion. When he finished he looked up at his mother with pride. She patted him on the shoulder and said, "His grandfather teaches him these things, and he also tells him stories."

In the afternoon I joined Susan in her classroom. On the creative writing bulletin board were posters of Indians and what they had said. There also were legends and short poems written by the students which were very good.

Later, Susan told me that she had started her work with the class by discussing "Who am I?" A Navajo teacher then joined her and they shared legends, language, art, music and stories about Indians with the children. Then they encouraged the children to take what they had heard and seen and put it together in a way that was meaningful to them.

"They know who they are," Susan said, "like Chee does, and they also are proud of who they are. We all need that. There is no difference among people in what we really need."

The young person within me knew I had been taught something important by Susan...and by Chee.

Responses

From Glastonbury Reader:

Dear Marjorie,
I just love what you wrote for the Friends Journal in December. I have a new calendar with quotations from Thoreau. January’s is:

"Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads."

Cheers!

From Leon Kanegis in Washington:

Dear Marjorie,
...thanks for caring...

Sometimes to me silence is love.

Eric Toensmeier
age 5

Nature is life.
That prevents life
If we kill all the animals.
Then there won’t be meat for anybody.
Then nobody can be alive.

Thanks for being God.
If everybody kills all of your animals, then you’ll break up in half.
It was hard work to make the world.
We know, God.
We know how hard it was.

Eric Toensmeier
age 5
Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Proverbs 23:29

TO A CERTAIN sort of American in the 19th century, the sentiment of the author of Proverbs was as congenial as the Fourth of July. "Temperance," that singularly American notion, was a code-word for believers. To a European, "temperance" meant moderation, one of the four cardinal virtues; to Americans of the last century, it meant total abstinence from alcohol. The ethic which advocated such "temperance" was associated with the rise of the American middle class to dominance (a dominance within the Society of Friends as elsewhere), and the story of that rise is a curious one.

In colonial America (even among Friends), abstinence was no widespread ideal. Drunkenness, naturally, was disapproved: it became a disownable offense in the 1750's. The innkeeper was a respected, useful member of any community. One reads, for example, in John Woolman's Journal that he "had an evening meeting at a tavern in Brunswick, a town in which none of our Society dwelt." Beer and wine was drunk with meals, and drunkenness was an individual problem at most.

With revolution came change. Pre-revolutionary America had been governed by an aristocracy of wealth (the merchants of the East, the feudal landowners of the South), and these powerful persons understandably tried, after 1776, to hold the "common man" in check. One well-known means of control was limiting the franchise to male landowners; another, less discussed, was temperance advocacy (when "temperance" still meant "moderation"). Its founders were, as regards politics, Federalists; as regards religion, orthodox Calvinists. Their values were anti-Jacksonian and anti-populist, and their publications (aimed at working class people) argued that sobriety and self-mastery were virtues protecting society from a host of dangers—a doctrine with which Friends obviously agreed.

Around 1815 the Republic, nearing forty, was overcome by the second religious outpouring, the Great Awakening. Orthodox sects everywhere lost members to more evangelistic groups, and the temperance societies were taken over by middle class Americans. The temperance preachers were often reformed drunkards, the oratory flamboyant; "temperance" came to mean teetotaling. Friends, like other Americans, became stricter. (After all, George Fox, by his own testimony, had drunk in moderation. William Penn owned stock in a brewery. But 19th century Friends eschewed such dangerous practices. A fortiori, the troublesome example of Jesus, miraculously making wine at Cana and drinking it at his last supper, was ignored.)

By 1845 an intemperate wave of Irish and German immigrants was washing over our eastern shores: neither the Roman Catholic nor the Lutheran tradition shared the anti-drinking bias of Calvinism. To those already here, these "foreigners" were a troublesome lot. They competed for jobs. They lived in cities. And they drank. (Among Hicksite Friends, it appears, the impetus for temperance came from rural Friends afraid of increasing urban corruption.) The "negative reference" of drinking was intensified.

The year 1863 saw the middle class American totally dominant in the nation's politics. The Republic was ruled by the local retailer, the doctor, the lawyer, the small factory owner, and the small farmer. It was this period and this class which gave birth to the celebrated Women's Christian Temperance Union (an organization which weighty Friends supported, until the WCTU allied itself with those who advocated major social changes). The WCTU's speakers devoted themselves to exhorting immigrant workers and their wives to practice middle class virtues (such as teetotaling), and to resist the corrupting influence of the sophisticated easterners. Again, this message was utterly congenial to Friends.

In 1870 the Orthodox Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia evinced a well-established concern that Friends totally abstain:

Enquiry has been made in all the Quarterly Meetings respecting the use of spiritous liquours as a drink....In fourteen of the Monthly Meetings...there are forty-one who use the article as a drink....Notwithstanding the use of this pernicious article has long
The Orthodox spent some time debating whether the use of sweet cider was licit; the Hicksites made signing tavern licenses a disownable offense. In 1879 the Orthodox demanded total prohibition for Pennsylvania. In 1880 the Temperance Association (independent of the two Yearly Meetings) opened coffee stands to lure lunchtime customers away from taverns.

Around 1890 there was another great wave of immigrants, who tended to be Roman Catholic or Jewish, and who settled in the cities. The "native" middle class, by contrast, was Protestant (and/or Quaker) and rural. Willingness not to drink became one sign of worthiness to rise in society. The apogee of all this was the prohibition movement, during which politicians of every conceivable stamp got aboard the "native" bandwagon. Quakers went along with their class; one finds Rufus Jones writing in 1898:

We honestly believe that the liquor problem is beyond all question the greatest problem now before the nation, and the greatest moral problem in the world.

By 1914 the Orthodox were advising Congress to pass prohibition, and they got their wish in 1919 with the passage of the Volstead Act.

Law, however, seems to run either before or behind custom: the middle class was about to do an about-face on teetotaling. The Republic had given birth to big business, and the modern corporation was aborning. Everybody, including Friends, seemed to be going to work in an office. The world of the office is one in which the ability to get along with others, to be tolerant, is highly valued. Oddness of any sort, it would soon be said aloud, might militate against financial success. (And Friends, by and large, have not joined John Woolman in seeing financial success as a moral danger.)

The Friends Temperance Committee, a joint venture of the Orthodox and the Hicksites since 1898, continued to preach the gospel of total abstinence, but the commitment of ordinary Friends was on the wane. In 1947, for example, Friends were busy endowing a scholarship in narcotics education, and printing up temperance booklets for distribution. But the report of the Temperance Committee for that year admits that "the Nominating Committees have not during recent years found younger Friends who were willing to serve...."

It was not until 1958, however, that the Temperance Committee admitted in print that drinking beverage alcohol is often due to tensions, frustrations, or to an unreadiness to face up to situations.

That is obviously a reasonable way to place "the alcohol problem" in a wider context, but it is still only part of the truth. Middle class Americans, including Friends, were subtly being pressured to drink—because drinking itself had become a sign of belonging to the middle class! The situation of 1890 had been socially reversed. Moreover, the use of alcohol is one way to indicate to others one's place within society. Drinking is an "adult" act, like smoking; hence the attraction of both for teenagers. Until recently, too, drinking was also a "male" action; hence the widespread admiration for the male who could "hold his liquor," and the disdain for the woman who also could.

More conservative Friends (who naturally staffed the Temperance Association) sensed that they were isolated on the issue of teetotalism. In 1960 they abandoned the word "temperance" in their title. In 1966 they published this complaint:

For many years Friends' Temperance Committee has carried on with inadequate funds, insufficient appointed personnel, and no paid staff, fighting against the apathy of Friends and others.... The time has come to consider what we are doing....

And indeed it had.

"Social acceptance," as the temperance Friends observed in one of their reports, "does not make harmful practices less harmful." By the same token, though, social disapproval does not make morally licit behavior immoral. Friends in the last century had been caught up in a larger social movement, the prohibition movement, and had mistaken its judgments for the dictates of the inner light. It is hard to explain the extremism of Rufus Jones (calling the "liquor problem" the "greatest moral problem in the world") in any other way.

There are obviously degrees of physical and psychological harmfulness attached to many actions. Drinking alcohol, it appears, is always at least somewhat destructive of neurons. Nicotine too has demonstrable ill effects. So, however, does that American curse, obesity, yet neither in 1870 nor today has any yearly meeting published its testimony against being fat. The reason is not that Friends approve of being fat, but rather that even Friends testimonies arise out of a larger social matrix. The world and the Society have never really been as separate as some Friends would like to imagine.

Phil Mullen
THE TOPIC OF drugs is not easy for most people to discuss. It is easier to talk about such things if you are not directly involved, but have been in close contact with those who are. That is the point of view from which I am writing. I am now able to look back at my relationships with people who were involved with drugs from a very different perspective.

I was raised with very strong opinions against anything which did not comply completely with the given rules. When I was first aware of the fact that a friend of mine had gotten involved with drugs, I rejected our friendship completely, and did everything possible to see that I would no longer be associated with her. She was surprised by my rather abrupt end to what had been a good friendship. She told me that the reason she came to me about this, rather than hiding it from me, was that she needed to be able to talk to someone about it. I was never able to deal with the realization that she had taken a step in that direction, and due to my own fear of getting involved, I never gave her the help she was begging for.

By the time I reached high school, at least half of my friends were involved in drugs to some extent. I kept fleeing from them, finding only a very small group of people that I could still relate to. I knew that sooner or later I would have to stop running away from the people I disapproved of, but I put it off for as long as possible. I was suddenly faced with an unpleasant reality when on a school trip I stumbled into a situation where I knew that a large group of people were getting high. The teachers didn't know, and by our student honor code it was my responsibility to see that they found out. Because the students had been my friends, I didn't want to see them hurt. However, I felt that my responsibility to everyone in the situation was to turn them in. While I struggled with this inside myself, my indecision was solved by the fact that someone else had noted and reported the incident I was worrying about.

The other incident that really affected my views was a phone call from a friend that I hadn't seen for more than a year. She had gotten to a point where she was in over her head, and, not knowing how much to trust her new friends, she came to me for advice, knowing that I had always claimed to be there when she needed me. When she came to me with that kind of trust, there was no way that I could simply reject her. This also brought me to realize that other people might have felt this way, and I had turned my back on them. Because of this I began to look more closely at people's reasons for getting involved. This is something that everyone must remember to do.

Just because a person uses these methods to escape reality, have fun with friends, hurt parents, even to prove to themselves that they “have the courage”—that doesn't mean the person is a hopeless delinquent. Chances are the person has a lack of self-confidence and is in great need of reliable friends who won't in any way drag them deeper. Once a person has gotten into a situation where she doesn't know where to turn, to turn one's back on her is to deny her the chance to get rid of problems through friends. It's also to encourage her to rely on other people like herself, people who'll only get her deeper into their world of semi-conscious beings. People must remember this, and take action to support others.

Through Young Friends I have learned a lot about accepting people for what they really are. When a person is afraid to let you know what (s)he's really like, give her or him time and support. Such persons in their own time will stand on their own feet, not needing false crutches such as drugs to keep them there.

Dee Smith

I BELIEVE THERE is a trend within our Society to lower our standards of personal conduct rather than to accept being “different” by holding on to our principles. I am aware, for example, that alcoholic beverages are being served at official functions of Friends meetings and schools. Is this the corporate witness we want to convey? Is this the message we want to bring to our children? They no longer are having First Day School lessons which teach abstinence, nor are they hearing ministry against alcohol. Our children are being bombarded with peer pressure and advertising, and have no standards on which to make judgments about determining their lifestyles. The parents who are trying to teach abstinence do not have the corporate support of their chosen religious body.

Many Friends argue that moderation in the use of alcohol is an acceptable goal. Is war in moderation acceptable? Is moderation in racial justice acceptable? Why is it that in order to help feed the world's people we talk constantly about cutting down on our meat intake, but little about our intake of alcoholic beverages (which use even more grain)?

Moderation is not an acceptable goal for me. I unite with the following, which appeared in The Friend (London) recently: “Drink thy sherry (or beer) as long as thy conscience allows.” For myself I am convinced I am better without it, others are better without it, and the world needs to be without it. These seem to me sufficient reasons to exclude alcohol from daily living as a matter of religious witness.”

Mary Jane Leonard

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Accepting the Unthinkable

by Evan Howe

HOW HAVE we come to accept, so casually, the monstrous reality of atomic weaponry? Somewhere there is a hellish sequence of thought which has alienated us from every decent human impulse. We have become, by our silence, accomplices of the purveyors of genocide. Those who do not oppose this horror with all their being condone it, for we are facing straight at the possibility of the total destruction of every living creature, and the earth itself. Norman Cousins, at the time of the bombing of Hiroshima, said, "Gentlemen, you are all insane." We are. We are starkly and inhumanly mad!

There have been writings about the reasons for our alienation. They are mere intellectualizations, and convey nothing about the monstrosity of atomic destruction. We are aware that we dropped the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Yet, when a test blast in New Mexico rattles buildings a hundred miles away, and registers on seismographs in Siberia, we show total unconcern. We even write scenarios of proposed wars as if we were talking about children's games, with never even a "naughty, naughty!" One scenario goes: China gives an H-bomb to Syria, who drops it on Haifa. The Israelis retaliate, the Soviet Union comes to the aid of its allies, and we are inevitably drawn in. Destruction, devastation, annihilation: the reduction to zero of all of us.

I don't know the answer.
I simply propound the question:

"How can I, a civilized human being remain unperturbed, and accept the unthinkable thought?"

THE STRUGGLE to save our forests has a meaning beyond the wise conservation of a valuable natural resource. There is a symbiosis between a person and tree that is, in essence, mystical.

To walk in a redwood forest in the moonlight is a transcendentally beautiful experience, in which we are minded of the old Druids. If we permit what Carl Jung calls our "collective unconscious" to roam, we can recall the times we were tree dwellers. The forests were our home and our source of food. As primitive humans left the forests, and learned to walk upright on the savannas of Africa, thereby becoming "human," the forest was still their refuge.

Later, our first religious rites were in the woods. We think of Plato talking with his students in the groves of Athens; in our day, we have a picture of Leo Tolstoy seated in the white birch forests of Krasnya Polyana, taking in the true pacifism which is love for all created things . . .

Somehow, the forest is us. Destroy the forests and you mutilate the human soul in exact proportion. Dylan Thomas caught this perfectly:

"The force that through the green fuse drives the flower drives my green age; that blasts the roots of trees is my destroyer."
Was Jesus Totally Pacific?

by Robert Heckert

Hans Schuppli (FJ 1/15) has a brief piece under the title “Conformity.” He regards Jesus as a completely pacific person. For instance, he writes: “Jesus never commanded his followers to defend their physical lives.... He forbade Peter to use a weapon to defend him against the might of the Roman occupation.” Further, he says, “Don’t let us forget that Christ preached love of one’s enemy....”

This article is a rejoinder to Hans Schuppli. I draw liberally upon the monumental work Jesus and the Zealots by the late British scholar, S.G.F. Brandon, who for many years until his recent death was Professor of Comparative Religion in the University of Manchester, England.

It is not possible to properly understand and evaluate the Gospels unless one is aware of the underlying cause or reason for their production. In the case of the Gospel of Mark, which was the earliest to appear (about 72 A.D.), the author, writing in Rome very shortly after the destruction of Jerusalem and its holy temple, the crushing of Jewish rebellion against Roman imperial rule, was acutely anxious to produce an account of Jesus and his ministry, which would assure the Christians of Rome, and, indirectly, the Roman authorities, that Jesus had no interest in Jewish national politics, and was totally uninvolved in it, and that the responsibility for Jesus’ crucifixion on a charge of sedition lay not with the Roman authorities, but with the Jewish priesthood. Jesus was depicted as, on the whole, a peaceable man who was not hostile to Rome. In this way Mark hoped to allay Roman suspicion of the Christians.

The Markan Gospel became the pattern for the other two Synoptic Gospels that followed, namely Matthew and Luke. This pattern remained unchallenged, because the Jewish Christian Church in Jerusalem had been wiped out in the catastrophe of the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. The Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, led very briefly by Peter, and then permanently and authoritatively by James, the brother of Jesus, had proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah who would restore the kingdom to Israel, as indicated in the first chapter of the Book of Acts. But after 70 A.D. all authentic writings of the leaders of the Jerusalem Church disappeared into oblivion, and, in fact, there is no record in Christian literature of the fate of the Mother Church of Jerusalem. It lacks literary representation in the New Testament.

About ten years after the appearance of Mark came the propagation of the Gospel of Matthew, the most Jewish of all the Gospels which, as Brandon effectively shows, had its origin in the then greatest Jewish center of the Roman Empire, the city of Alexandria in Egypt. Very important to note about the large Jewish population of Alexandria is that they took warning from the catastrophe of Jerusalem of 70 A.D. not to take any violent action in an effort to restore the Kingdom of Israel. They even accepted without a murmur the destruction by the Romans of the great temple near Alexandria which was a smaller-scale model of the temple in Jerusalem. The Alexandrian Christians reasoned that the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem was the deserved punishment by Yahweh of Israel for its rejection of Jesus.

The author of Matthew wrote his Gospel with this logic in mind. He produced an image, notably, of a pacific Christ, as did also Luke a little later. These two Gospels together had the greatest influence in shaping the pacific image of Jesus that became predominant from that day to this, and which was reinforced by the development of Christian theology with its doctrine of Christ’s Divinity, of Christ as the Savior of mankind. Matthew went beyond Mark by presenting an image of Jesus who rejected all resort to armed resistance. When Jesus was placed under arrest in Gethsemane, Matthew has Jesus say to one of the disciples, probably Peter, “Put up your sword. All who take the sword die by the sword.”

The Alexandrian Christians well understood the meaning of these words, for they recalled the fate of the Judean Christians who took up arms with their fellow-
countrymen against the heathen Roman conquerors in that fateful year 70 A.D. They were well aware that in that final struggle the Jerusalem Church went down to destruction.

The image of the pacific Christ, which we see in Matthew’s scene in Gethsemane, is foreshadowed in the Beatitudes found in the Sermon on the Mount. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth . . . . Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God . . . . Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you . . . .”

The author of the Gospel of Luke was equally intent upon stressing the pacific character of Jesus. Luke was written for a community far removed from both Rome and Alexandria, a community which had its own individual set of interests and needs. Brandon avers convincingly that this community was in Greece. Near the beginning of Luke we have the song of the angels announcing the birth of Jesus: “Glory to God in highest heaven, and on earth His peace for men on whom His favor rests.” This image of Jesus is further promoted, for example, in the parable of the Good Samaritan and in the parable of the Prodigal Son. We see it again in Jesus’ lament over Jerusalem: “Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace.”

All in all, the Gospel of Luke leaves us with the image of Jesus who came to bring peace to mankind, and who even prayed for those who crucified him.

However, there is another way of looking at the Gospels and at Jesus. Surely, he was brought up in the traditions of his people. The main thrust of this tradition was a strong belief in the sovereignty of God over the nation of Israel. It was the Zealot Party, which was most fanatically dedicated to ridding Israel of the hated Roman imperial rule. The Zealots were the freedom fighters of their day, motivated by a strong, religious impulse.

Jesus could not help being aware of the Zealots, their history, and what they stood for. When he chose his disciples, he included Simon, the Zealot, although Mark in his Gospel suppresses the fact that Simon was a member of the Zealot Party. Later Gospels do not suppress this information. The fact that Jesus chose Simon as a disciple shows that he had sympathy for the Zealots. There is no record that he ever condemned them, while he did condemn at least a large element of the Pharisees, all the Sadducees, and the Herodians.

Jesus was a revolutionary. Let us look at him as he made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on an ass with the crowds hailing him as the King of Israel. This was a revolutionary act in defiance of Roman rule. We see him entering the temple and angrily cleansing it of the money-changers and the traders, which amounted to an open attack on the Jewish sacerdotal aristocracy, who controlled and profited handsomely from this traffic. The High Priest held his position at the pleasure of the Roman authorities. In attacking this regime Jesus was indirectly attacking Roman rule over his nation.

In describing this scene the Gospels picture Jesus as being alone in his act, but upon reflection it is surely unbelievable that one man alone could have accomplished such an operation against a big array of traders and their huge paraphernalia, and with the temple police on duty.

The truth is Jesus had allies. He had not only his disciples, but he had also the crowds of pilgrims, who accompanied him on his entrance into Jerusalem, and were prepared to follow his lead. It is certain that in such a heated atmosphere there was violence. Apparently the Temple police were powerless to turn aside this human avalanche. Even the Roman troops in the Antonia Fortress inside the temple did not attempt to intervene.

Mark and Luke both allude to an uprising in the city which was taking place at the same time in which there was bloodshed. Barabbas was a leader in it. He was captured and imprisoned, along with numerous other Zealots. It would seem that the two actions had some connection with each other, precisely what it is impossible to say. We know that Jesus, too, was arrested.

We all know the sequel. Pilate sentenced Jesus to death on the strength of the case made against him by the Jewish priestly authorities. The most serious charge which they made was that Jesus claimed to be Messiah, King of Israel, tantamount to sedition against Roman rule, which no Roman authority could tolerate for a moment.

Jesus met the same fate as did Judas of Galilee, the Zealot who led an armed revolt against Rome in 6 A.D. On either side of the cross that bore Jesus there was crucified a “brigand,” as the Romans called Israel’s freedom fighters, the Zealots. If Jesus were totally pacific and non-political, he would not have hung on that cross.
Friends and the Controversy over Socialism

by Larry Ingle

Controversy over socialism that has broken out in the pages of the ecumenical journal Christian Century has an especial meaning for Friends, for it serves to highlight the approach of Herbert Hoover, the Quaker who struggled with the same problem over his long lifetime. Recent and renewed interest in Hoover among historians may lead Friends to wrestle once again with a matter that cuts to the heart of Quaker social thought.

Catholic layman Michael Novak sparked the Christian Century debate in a Washington Post article of March 14, 1976, entitled "A Closet Capitalist Confesses." Evincing no bitterness against socialists, Novak lauded what he termed American "democratic capitalism" as a vehicle of immense social, political, and economic progress and one that conformed to Christian notions of the depths of human sinfulness.

In the Christian Century of December 1, 1976, Bruce Douglass, a political scientist at Georgetown University, responded to Novak's piece with an excellent short plea for socialism. He affirmed his conviction that socialism represents "a better, morally superior way of life" that will harness egoism and nurture the tender shoots of a better human nature. Then in the same journal's February 23, 1977, issue, Novak rejoined that he simply did not believe the state could enforce egalitarianism without resorting to "egalityranny."

Friends are no strangers to discussions about the just society nor, for that matter, to practical efforts to create one. John Woolman, William Penn, John Lilburn, and John Bellers all thought long and hard as they sought a political system to reflect their understanding that there is that of God in every person; Pennsylvania represented one such "holy experiment," but it was Herbert Hoover who struggled mightily during his long career to enunciate an economic and social theory that would unite the benefits of socialism and capitalism and yet avoid the pitfalls of each.

Recent studies of Hoover, while noting the failure of the thirty-first president's policies, have given him high marks for the creativity of his thought. Joan Hoff Wilson produced Herbert Hoover: Forgotten Progressive in 1975 to document what other historians had been saying for some time: that the austere Quaker had long since rejected outdated notions of laissez-faire so characteristic of small businessmen and their defenders in the 1920's. Instead Hoover proposed something he labeled "American individualism," or what historians have called "cooperative individualism."

However much he failed to communicate by his choice of a term that could mean all things to all people, Hoover harked back to his childhood and early development within small Quaker communities in Iowa and Oregon. He remembered a society that allowed the utmost liberty yet whose members were committed by common consent to the well-being of all by the virtuous and concerned action of each. Thus, as in meetings for business, all would reflect on the known facts and then, united, come to a common consensus.

As Secretary of Commerce and President, Hoover had an opportunity to put his theory into operation. He thought government bureaus should collect all the relevant data, make them known, and encourage people to act on them. Because they would naturally share a common commitment to the public welfare, Americans would then act in concert to deal with the nation's problems—ergo, there would be no need for coercion as each person sought earnestly to serve the common weal.

Hoover's philosophy, however, faltered under the impact of the greatest depression in American history. Different groups simply defined the public welfare in different and conflicting terms. Human greed, which lurks at the root of capitalism just as surely as hope for man's perfectability lies at the foundation of the socialist dream, emerged to destroy the president's plans. As Franklin Roosevelt's subsequent administration demonstrated so clearly, legal coercion was necessary to force Americans to submit to the kind of common concern that
flowed naturally from the shared values of a small Quaker community.

Which brings us back to the Novak-Douglass debate. Novak's final point—as compelling as it is devastating to hopes for creation of a true community—is that capitalism for all of its moral failings rests on a more realistic view of human nature than socialism. Man or woman, at least unredeemed man or woman, is a sinner who ever seeks his or her own good and resists the tugs of altruism except when it, too, enhances his or her well-being. Novak admits that the socialist ideal has a much higher moral appeal, but submits that it falls flat before the reality of the human condition: "God's heart may have been socialist; his design was capitalist as hell."

And which brings us to today's Friends and the hard questions Hoover's failure and the Novak-Douglass discussion leave for us. We make constant appeals to our governments to do this or try that, and we base these admonitions on assumptions that may be perfectly valid for our small select Society but are far from universally shared. We must continue to speak truth to power, but can we expect those who do not share our values to apprehend that truth, much less practice it? The answer is not self-evident.

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Open Letter

I AM SO deeply saddened and moved that I can no longer remain silent. I am an attender at a small Friends meeting. I had been a “Christian” for 23 years but by study only and not spirit. Recently, I have, by the love and mercy of Christ, been granted the grace to understand and believe that Jesus was/is a personality that descended from His Place in Heaven and took human form and weakness to show us the will of God and to give to us a means by which to know it.

Friends, in my limited experience of two years, are rejecting the entire concept of Christianity. They expound upon and worship the “Light,” the “Spirit,” the “Lord of Love,” ccf., without mention of Jesus Christ. That is like belief in light while denying the candle, belief in warmth without fire.

I am most thankful for the Society of Friends. They do a great deal of good. But that they have allowed themselves to stray from the testimony of Jesus as Christ, to the point where “their major concern remains with action more than belief” breaks my heart for I know the truth and I care. I love you. In that love I could not lie. By asking God to lead me to the truth, whatever it might be, He has led me to Christ. All I ask now is that you also give Jesus a chance. If you are truly “seekers” you cannot abandon attempts to know Him. He will not deny you, I promise; He promises.

Quakers broke from the Church because of the perversion of Christianity during those times. Now where is Christianity at the hands of Quakers? Perverted once more. Exploited as a means to gather well-intentioned people together. We (I consider myself a Quaker) are becoming as Merton said “a society of friends” not, as we should be, a society of seekers. I believe George Fox would deny us as his following if he were to return today. I know Jesus would. Love for mankind’s welfare has preoccupied our minds. Stewards of this earth and our brothers and sisters, of course we must be yet, it must be an outgrowth of our love for God. Service must not be our aim, rather God.

I am thankful for the Quakers. It is with and through them (and the Catholics) that Christ was able to enter my life. I only wish I could reciprocate and give to you the gift that I have received. I cannot. You must first ask and then only, Christ Jesus can give. Oh, that you would. I tremble at the thought, at the hope. I care so much for you my Friends, my dear friends.

Love in Christ,
Walter R. Miller
Columbia, SC
Friends Around the World

People Power

In the summer of 1976 the small seacoast town of Seabrook, NH, made history as some local residents, joined by people from all over New England, confronted the multi-billion dollar nuclear energy business.

"People Power and Power People, Seabrook: August 1976," is a 29-minute videotape about their opposition to the construction of a nuclear power plant along the coast at Seabrook. The black and white tape is available in one-half-inch videotape or cassette for $10 rental and shipping. To show the videotape, you need a television set and a videorecorder, available from local cable TV stations, high schools and colleges.


Swedish-Finnish Greetings

One of the most windy weekends in the fall was the weekend to conquer the stormy sea to reach Sweden Yearly Meeting at Aland, an island in the Baltic between Finland and Sweden, meant travelling for both Swedish and Finnish Friends. It also meant time to sit down in worship-sharing groups, time to talk and time in togetherness.

Many children and younger friends were seen in the group of seventy, as were Friends from Britain, Denmark, East Germany, Holland, Japan, Norway and the United States.

"From this meeting our greetings go: To Friends everywhere, The Swedish-Finnish Quaker family greets you all from its forty-second yearly meeting, for the first time in Finland. We are happy that so many Friends and friends of Friends from Finland thereby have been able to participate. John Ashford has spoken to us on the theme of the meeting—Life in the Meeting—Life out of the Meeting. The yearly meeting has joined some Friends in their commitment to grant Assyrian refugees asylum in Sweden. We fully support the call of the Hamilton meeting for abolition of torture.

An appeal will be directed to the President of South Korea to free those persons that have been imprisoned on account of a public statement in favor of democracy.

Once again the issue of breaking the anonymity of the Society has been felt urgently. We have been discussing different ways of reaching out with the Quaker message to seeking contemporaries.

In this connection the monthly meeting in Finland has inspired us by expressing their concern for the Viittakivi international fold highschool and the working commune in Västervik. May Life in the meeting give Life out of the meeting through receptiveness and obedience to God's leading!"

Annika Eriksson and Lars Grip members of Stockholm meeting.

Violence in America

Writing in the K(orea) Q(uaker) Newsletter, Marilyn Dyer makes the following "Comment of a Traveler":

"Traveling as we have in so many parts of the world, we have puzzled over the fact of violence in American life. We have finally come to a feeling that because Americans have so much in comparison with the rest of the world (even our poverty here is not poverty as it is experienced in other countries), and because in our country we actually teach and live by the principle of moving forward at all times, in order to be more and have more, that perhaps we are creating our own unhappy, always restless society of persons experiencing discontent with their lot, whatever it may be..." She concludes with the remark that in many parts of the world "religions...have contained little in them that motivated people to face life as they find it and strive to change things instead of accepting conditions as inevitable and unchangeable."

Children's Holidays

Scottish Friends have decided that for 1977, instead of supporting their program of holidays for families from Northern Ireland at Skelmorlie as in the past, they will instead back the work of an English Friend, Jerry Tyrrell, who has been coordinating similar projects in Londonderry since 1973 for the Holiday Projects Derry Committee.

Their decision is in line with his own original motivation: to attempt to simplify and better order "the whole field of holidays for Northern Ireland children which was then in a state of considerable muddle as a result of much well-intentioned but often ill-advised voluntary effort by a host of organizations in many countries."

The purpose of both programs was to bring together Protestant and Roman Catholic children on holiday (whether in Ireland or abroad) so that they could get to know each other personally and then keep up the relationship in reunions of various kinds throughout the year.

Holiday Projects Derry, having kept in contact with some of the children it first became acquainted with several years ago, now finds itself dealing with an older age group and beginning some training in youth and community leadership. As Peter Tennant comments in the Scottish Friends Newsletter: "Here we have the fullest possible development of a once simple idea—from holidays to reconciliation to leadership for the future."

Given present conditions in Northern Ireland, the importance of this work is self-evident and not to be underestimated. Peter Tennant stresses that it needs the help of "money and the physical presence of people." Scottish
Friends are doing what they can on both counts, even helping with the expenses of those who volunteer to go to Ireland and serve personally. Few American Friends will be able to do the latter, but Peter Tennant indicates that financial aid will be welcome for the new project, as it was for the Skelmorie one, and may be addressed to him: Peter Tennant, Invertrossachs, Callander, Perthshire, Scotland.

Rapid World Change

Peter D. Jones, writing in the *Australian Friend* on the subject of "Friends and Change," remarks that perhaps people in the western world, not understanding (or wanting to understand) contemporary rapid world change, react by becoming part of a backlash or escape into escapism. Or they fall into the arms of political or religious extremists who offer them the total security they crave. Where religious groups have tended to emphasize personal salvation and compassion, Marxists have reacted against this inadequate response to the world by stressing analysis and structure. Both, says Peter Jones, can be equally dogmatic and resistant to new thinking; both are weakened by dependence upon charismatic personalities and manipulators. True leadership inspires others to realize their own power.

After listing some of the strengths and weaknesses of the resistance and other revolutionary movements, he concludes: "The fact is that as the Society of Friends we are small in number and a scattered community. Nevertheless if we are to have any relevance in the movements of change which surround us then we must develop a catalyst role, taking on tasks where we can realistically fulfill our expectations, emphasizing those 'peculiar' aspects of our faith which brought us together as a Religious Society of Friends in the first place. If we do not do this then we stand aside from world history, and become once more a curious irrelevance."

The Quaker Socialist Society was formed. We had an annual general meeting at the Yearly Meeting and the steering committee has met several times since. We now have a list of some 240 odd names of Friends interested in the Society, and groups have been formed in localities with a view to decentralizing. It is hoped that ideas and attitudes will flow back to the Centre and in the democratic way of Friends we will build up an amalgam of Socialist thinking with the Society. Next year we have planned a conference and though as yet we have not produced any literature, some of us have been allocated the task of writing our ideas applying some expertise which we possess to Friends' thinking on Socialism.

It is hard as yet to state a uniform view of our members and supporters, but briefly I think we would all be agreed on this. The capitalist system is one based upon self-interest, greed and selfishness and as Christians its basic tenets should be eschewed. We would seek a system where cooperation succeeds competition, where one is concerned as much about one's neighbor as oneself, where class interests give way to the interests of society, moral as well as economic, where standards of behavior are constantly being raised, where privilege is restricted so that others may be freer, where, to quote Ben Vincent, "a regime of dividend-motivated investors, speculators, of employers and organised workers, is replaced by a single-class order in which as equal comrades we should control the economy for the benefit of all."

We feel that much of Great Britain's economic ills are brought about by the greed and selfishness of wealthy speculators who do harm to British production, distribution and exchange of real wealth by buying and selling national money. We see our education, welfare and public administration cut while profit motivated individuals waste huge sums of money on luxuries, competitively motivated advertising, cosmetics, quackery, imported alcohol and cars and luxuries that will soon be denied here to even middle-class incomes.

We believe that a Christian society would devise a socio-economic system in which production will be planned by the people's agents for the benefit of all and would prevent private profiteers exploiting shortages, the weakness of their fellow citizens and the scare-mongering of interested adventurers.

We seek in fact a more just society, not based on the gambler's toss. I add that we think that such a society must evolve democratically, and we are trying to persuade people that their interests lie with us if they are to be happy. Should we not succeed, the freedoms which all Quakers value will be lost and disciplines will be forced on us possibly by people in whom the inner light is a bit dim.}

*Derek Willmott*

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**Enrichment in Iowa**

Friends in Decorah, Iowa, spent the weekend of February 19 with Dorothy Ackerman pursuing the topic, "Psychology of Silence." The strength of the weekend was not that we proceeded together from step A to C along the path of silence. Rather the excitement was that we came with our unique selves and left with an enrichment of those unique selves. We also experienced a strong feeling of support shared by members of the group.

I personally was most enthusiastic about our thoughts concerning a "weighty Friend." Our meeting has no birthright Friends, one attender over forty, about ten seekers between 20 and 40, and sometimes, more children than adults. When the yearning for a weighty Friend was verbalized, Dorothy encouraged us to mention qualities we would treasure in a "weighty Friend." The exchange was followed by silence in which we concentrated on that specific quality we had named, growing in us.

Other participants reacted positively to the physical affection and exertion, group support, new thoughts of reincarnation, insights into personal blocks to meditation, yoga exercises, and use of power. Dorothy has a broad spectrum of experience, and quick insight into individual needs. She is uniquely skilled at meshing these identified needs and her potential contribution.

*Perry-O Sliwa*

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**For those readers who have had difficulty contacting the Brooklyn Friends Meeting in response to the article on the Newgate Project (2/1 FJ), the mailing address for both the project and the meeting is P.O. Box 730, Brooklyn, NY 11201.**

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The Creation Mandala

by Perry Treadwell

dedicated to John and June Yungblut

In the beginning was Energy
The energy of electromagnetic waves and more
random, 
chaotic,
experimenting in combinations
Until subatomic particles were formed
Evanescent pebbles
Unless they come together
To become bound Energy
Mass, storing information by its very being
Energy made information
Naked atoms packing themselves together
Creating new combinations
Information about the potential of the atom
Stored in its nucleus of particles
The first order of complexity
And God smiled

Now the atoms seek out their combinations
Restrained by the information they contain
Energy and mass combine
To throw out
The substance
Into the void
Great masses of molten Energy
Throbbing with the information for life
Molecules are made
modified
destroyed
But Energy
never created
never destroyed
And God grinned

Molecules as combinations of atoms
Contain a new order of information
Protein
Nucleic acid
The computer tapes of Energy
And God delighted

The chaotic combination of molecules
Is bound by a fatty membrane
Molecules reproducing themselves
In this constraint
The cells divide
Energy becomes life
And God laughed

Wave energy of atomic disintegration
Rains down on the fragile protoplasm
Driving it onward
Energy changed into mass
by the green god
Chlorophyll
Now cells seek out their common joining
New synergisms develop
The multicellular organism
Constructs a new level
of information
And God rejoiced

Cells specialize to make organs
stomach
liver
brain
And the random connections of neurons
Creates the awareness
of Self
Energy feels itself
And God loves

Wave
atom
molecule
chemical information
cell
neuron-brain
wave

Humanity stands on the edge of the void
 Aware of the primordial past
Anticipating the challenge
Of the synergic future
Creation never ends
Synergy of brains
Waves encountering waves
The next order of information
Humanity takes the Energy of atomic fusion
Processed through the system of plants
And transforms it into the Energy
of Creation
Creating that which never was before
And could not exist without humanity
God and Energy become aware of One
The end is the beginning
And the mandala is complete.

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A Review-Essay

A Teacher's Reward

by Thomas E. Drake


SOMETIMES A TEACHER feels that the rewards of teaching come in slowly if at all. It is as if his cherished words and ideas, sealed into the bottles of his students' minds and cast into the sea of alumni who once sat in his classes, had sunk without a trace. But when the occasional barnacled bottle does come back in the form of a word of appreciation; or better still, when a one-time student makes a substantial contribution in the very field in which the teacher once instructed him, teaching becomes very rewarding indeed. Such a reward is Philip S. Benjamin's illuminating book, The Philadelphia Quakers in the Industrial Age, 1865-1920.

How was I to know that this young student with whom I labored twenty years ago at Haverford—labored and babolored, cared for and comforted, almost despaired of in his doubts and confusions and seeming lack of confidence in himself and his purposes, would eventually write a book about Philadelphia Friends which would bring to life a whole generation of which I really knew nothing but hearsay?

This is what Philip Benjamin has done for me and for all of us who vaguely thought we knew the grandfathers or great-grandfathers who steered Philadelphia Quakerism through the turbulent waters of the Gilded Age. For serious studies of Quaker Philadelphia, indeed of eastern American Quakerism altogether, have usually thinned out after the Civil War. My own Quakers and Slavery in America had nothing to say about Quakers and the Freedmen, Quakers and Jim Crow, Quakers and minority rights after the slavery issue had been settled. Allen Thomas and Rufus Jones lived among the generation of older leaders. William Comfort and Henry Cadbury knew them so well as not to feel like analyzing their motives and actions. But now we need to learn what really happened to the sadly divided, withdrawn and somewhat confused Philadelphia Quakerism which emerged from the Civil War. Wracked by division, faced with declension, how did the grandfathers meet the extraordinary problems which challenged Friends as well as society as a whole after 1865? How did a people apart, yet a people in the world, safeguard the good and jettison the outworn in the Quakerism they had inherited from their fathers? How did the conservative Orthodox Friends of Arch Street Meeting, and their evangelical associates of Twelfth Street Meeting, how did the Hicksite Friends of Race Street Meeting—the three focal areas of Philip Benjamin's study—face the new urban America of the post-Civil War era?

The challenge came in every facet of their lives. How did they adjust their cherished idea of a guarded education to the extraordinary social and technological changes which were breaking down the differences between American "island communities," such as the Friends, and molding a national culture? What did the financial necessity of admitting the world's children to Quaker schools and colleges do to Quaker education?

How did Friends respond to the "marketplace," the enormous new opportunities in merchandising, manufacturing, and commerce which the new technology made possible? What happened to Friends' testimonies as to worldly ways in dress, speech, music, or the theatre in the face of the abounding affluence of late-19th century America?

What differences appeared between Hicksite and Orthodox Philadelphians? How did Haverford really differ from Swarthmore? And why did Bryn Mawr determine to establish what it hoped would be a women's university?

Quietists, accommodationists, country Friends, city Friends, suburban Friends—what were their patterns of migration and counter-migration? What part did each type of Friend play in the decision-making?

How did Friends respond to the new industrial city? Could Quakerism offer answers to the problems of wealth-getting, high-density population, "alien" and black immigration, "labor" in a factory system, and politics in a city which Lincoln Steffens characterized as "corrupt and contented"? Would their ingrained pre-Civil War Republicanism make them captives of the post-Civil War Republican party bosses; or would they follow the Mugwumps into reform? Would they join non-Friends in the temperance movement, the battle against immorality and crime, or would they go it alone as they had done so frequently for so long? How did they adapt their habit of individual benevolence to the necessity of an organized attack on poverty? Would they go nativist in response to the immigrant wave of the 80s and 90s, or work toward assimilation? Were Quakers to be "integrationists" or "segregationists" after Reconstruction? Did Friends really believe in the equality of women, or did Quaker women have to fight—quietly of course—for their civil and political rights?

In other words, how did Philadelphia Friends respond to the "winds of change" which buffeted Philadelphia from 1865 to 1920? Threatened by dissension and a declining membership at the beginning of the period, what happened to produce the growing strength and unity which began to develop in the Society of Friends as the twentieth century opened?

All these queries Philip Benjamin, using the tools of the modern social historian, attempts to answer with the sympathy of one who, although not a Friend, grew up in suburban Philadelphia, went to Quaker Haverford, to Michigan and to Columbia, and eventually came back to teach at Temple University. What most of us have had to guess at, aided by little more than tradition, Philip Benjamin documents in detail, through intensive statistical analysis of the demographic structure of Philadelphia Quakerism, as well as through a thorough acquaintance with the letters, diaries, memoirs, and monographic studies of the Quaker leaders of the period.

After teaching at Dartmouth, Philip Benjamin came to Temple as Assistant Professor of American History and Director of Urban Archives, and there completed his book on Philadelphia Friends. It is a great loss that he died of cancer before the book appeared. But Philadelphia Quakerism remains in his debt, and his Haverford professor is grateful for this ground-breaking work of a former student.
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This work was written in the years of 1947, 1948 and 1953 by Woody in Brooklyn, California and Florida. The story is based on a trip which Woody took with his father and a few relatives. The trip was meant to rediscover the silver mine of a relative, Jerry P. Guthrie, in the Big Bend country of Texas. They took the trip in 1931, at the time living in Pampa, Texas, some six hundred miles from their destination. What actually occurred during the trip was a slice across the entire scope of Woody’s life; loving, making music, and adventuring, a slice from an extremely full and exuberantly lived life. Woody lived it to the fullest and above all, could then articulate it on paper or in song beautifully.

Seeds of Man is first of all a fantastic story, a folk novel. Seeds of Man is also the tale of poor people in America. It is poor whites, of the Guthrie clan, the poor Native Americans of Study Butte, the Mexicans who traveled northwards to work the crops and the drifters with whom the Guthries met up at several times. It is at this point that the story takes on a fine lustre. It is unique because Woody detects and is sensitive to the common interests of these people. The racial and language barriers are there, they can’t even communicate at some points, but there is an obvious bond all the same. The cement of the bonds were the words and music of Woody’s guitar and Eddie’s fiddle.

As the Guthries trucked and sang along through Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa and Pecos on their way to find Jerry P. Guthrie’s claim along the Rio Grande, they were full of expectations. The dream was crushed, the wishes and hopes turned into hard luck for the Guthries, the chance for an end to poverty in the family was dashed in the hard rock country of the Rio Grande.

The words of one of Guthrie’s songs echo the spirit, common dreams, and the hard struggle for a marginal existence and the struggle of poor people in America: “Old Jedge Parker Take Yer Shackles Off of Me.”

Lee Tesdell


This is a courageous and well-meaning attempt to interpret the role of energy in the social system. It is “aimed at the general public, political leaders, and students” and it is designed to be something of a textbook. It is written in a clear and lively style, although I must confess that I personally found the large number of diagrams often more confusing than they were illuminating, and the text conveys the essential message without them. It is a very sincere attempt at an interdisciplinary approach and the authors are fine, concerned people, well known to many Friends. Elisabeth Odum has worked extensively with the American Friends Service Committee.

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With all these virtues it is a painful duty to have to report that I think the book is profoundly wrong in its overall view of the world, and that while it contains a great deal that is of value, it is seriously in error in its basic position, and if it is believed it could do real damage. The basic error is the failure to recognize that all values are human values created by human valuations. Energy is a limiting factor, a very important one, but only one among many, in restricting the ability of the human race to achieve its values and desires, but energy neither creates value nor measures it. An energy theory of value indeed underlies a lot of the theory of this book even though it is never directly stated. It is even more fallacious than the labor theory of value, which has caused much human misery. Social systems cannot be reduced to physical description whether in terms of energy, entropy or any kind of physical or engineering efficiency concepts.

I have many technical quarrels with the Odums’ volume which cannot be explored fully here. Flow models, for instance, on which they rely almost exclusively, are quite inadequate to explain the intricate networks of the real world and are inadequate even to explain the ecological systems of the biosphere, much less the complexities of social systems. The concept of energy quality is nowhere adequately explained. It is defined in different ways in different places and is no substitute at all for the concept of human valuations. The concept of the net energy of a system in regard to energy, with a throughput of energy from the sun, with very different thermodynamic properties from those of closed systems. There is failure to recognize that the earth is an evolutionary system and has been in disequilibrium for at least four billion years.

Energy is likely to be a dominant human problem in the next hundred, or perhaps thousand, years. It is a limiting factor in all processes of production, whether that of the chicken from the egg or a house from a blueprint. A limiting factor, however, not a causative factor. Evolution, both biological and social, is essentially a process in information, knowledge or know-how, which may be limited by lack of energy and materials but is not created by their presence. The Odums are right in pointing out that our existing society depends on the using up of previously accumulated energy stocks, but, if and when we have to go back to living on our energy income from the sun, things are going to be tough, much tougher indeed than the Odums seem to think. There is still very large potential in energy stocks, however, in uranium, thorium, and deuterium, and we may be able to learn how to draw them down without catastrophe for a very long time.

We will, however, have to do a lot of fast learning. I wish the Odums’ book were a better contribution to this. It is extraordinary that in a book by two biologists the word “evolution” does not even appear in the index. The Odums are ecologists and ecologists, like many economists, have been obsessed by equilibrium. The real world, however, is an evolutionary, that is, disequilibrium, system, and crude equilibrium models of energy flows are only a first step towards understanding it.

Kenneth E. Boulding


Words and Women: New Language in New Times is an informative and eye-opening book. The authors, Casey Miller and Kate Swift, discuss sexism in English language usage and how it has shaped the perception of members of English-speaking societies. They argue that this perception, or world view, has led to cultural behavior which, for centuries, has boxed members of both sexes into standardized roles—men being the suppressors and women the suppressed.

Miller and Swift believe that much of what is said and done is so culturally ingrained in people that they are often unconscious of how they respond to linguistic impulses. However, once an
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THE RELAXATION RESPONSE

Dr. Benson expresses his debt to Maharishi Mahesh Yogi of Transcendental Meditation for his cooperation enabling this research. After several years’ work, however, Dr. Benson concludes that the special, personal, secret mantra required by TM is not needed. He has obtained similar good results by teaching a simple mantra procedure which he outlines in his book.

He also recognizes similar elements used to produce relaxation in other meditative techniques. In particular, the relaxation response has been elicited over the centuries through the ancient wisdoms and philosophies, and the great religious traditions of Christianity, Judaism, Islam and the East.

Florence L. Kite
Clubbed to Death

This is the year when the calendar should skip March and April, the months when the harp seal cubs are clubbed to death on the icefloe of Labrador and Newfoundland. This is the year when the mother seals should not migrate from the arctic circle to bear their young. Or if they must come south, then let them be guided to Maine. In the United States they would be safe under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Such dreams are only slightly more impossible than the reality of changing entrenched attitudes, of breaking the bonds of traditional thought patterns. We must stretch our minds now to encompass a new concept as revolutionary as the Copernican breakthrough that showed that the earth was not the center of the universe. Similarly we must understand that humankind is not the center of life on our earth. Instead we are part of a vast system of ecological order that underlies the complex flow of life on our planet. As we feel for ourselves we must feel for all forms of life and their support systems—the whales, seals, the forests, the seas, the land.

This perspective of the place of people in the animal and plant world leads us to a new interpretation of our “dominion...over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” Dominion does not mean plunder. On the contrary it means awareness, sensitivity, caring, respect, appreciation, attitudes which are imperative to the continuing of life in its infinite variety on this planet. “And God saw everything that He had made and beheld it was very good.” Let us therefore cherish it and preserve it as the common heritage for all people for all time.

Mary Bye
Doylestown, PA

Welcome

We are a new meeting—Sam Sharpe Meeting, John Woolman Place, Sam Sharpe Teachers College, Granville P.O., St. James, Jamaica, W.I. Perhaps visiting Quakers could join us in worship. We meet every other Sunday at 4 p.m. beginning 2/27/77. As a resident tutor, however, I am often here at other times and would enjoy meeting any visiting Friend.

Alice Rhodd
Jamaica, W.I.
Warning

To all of us in the little country meetings, or in any other, the stranger presents a challenge or an opportunity. Our very survival depends upon our reaction. Attendees are the key when big families fail. We are on trial! And all these serious thoughts arose as I read my daughter's letter from Scotland. It won't hurt to quote a little of it.

"Yesterday I went to the Aberdeen Friends Meeting for the first time. I felt a need to get away for a brief while and meet with a group in silence, be they strangers or not. It was a small meeting of about twenty-five people; but I was a bit dismayed at being approached by an older Quaker who hurriedly said, 'Is this your first time here?' To which I replied, 'Yes.' And thinking I meant the first time ever to a Quaker meeting, she said, 'Let me show you our pamphlets.' I explained that I knew of Quakerism, and she said, 'Oh.' (I don't know if she said any more). But some other people talked to me. Yet what a dismal way to introduce someone to something through a boring pamphlet!

Of course, we all would want to use more imagination, if we had time to notice the new face at the back of the meeting. But first there are announcements for the captive audience, and introductions and some conversation. But watch out, the newcomer may escape without even a pamphlet.

W.F. Brinton
Schuylkill, PA

Membership Requirements

Thank you for several very thoughtful articles on meaning of membership (FJ 2/15/77), especially William Edger-ton's. Friends wishing to read further might find useful Gordon Cosby's "Handbook for Mission Groups" outlining the membership continuing requirements which have made his Church of the Savior in Washington so powerful. Also, the comments on membership in Dean Kelley's "Why the Conservative Churches are Growing."

Vail Palmer, editor of Quaker Religious Thought, sent me some excellent references to early Friends' requirements for membership.

Let's have some more of such articles.

Philip J. Meighan, Jr.
Chicago, IL

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Josephine W. Johns, Clerk

The Field of Inner Silence

As a birthright Friend and a teacher of the Transcendental Meditation program, I was pleased by the recent articles by T. Canby Jones and by Wendal Bull. These vivid expressions of inner personal experiences inspire everyone with the desire to be sensitive to "the inner light." Friends believe it essential in today's busy world that people learn to...
appreciate the rich inner fulfillment that comes from turning the attention inward. I would like to add simply that the Transcendental Meditation program provides a technique of entering that field of inner silence at will, and Friends would find it an aid in stabilizing that quiet "consciousness" so that every thought and action can be spontaneously guided by the purity of one's own inner light.

Peter Freund
State College, PA

"Floating"

T. Canby Jones in a recent issue of Friends Journal used the word "floating" in regard to meditation. By coincidence, the same word came to me during worship the week before First Day, I seemed to float out into the blue sky above and the blue water all around. One feels part of nature, part of the infinite.

In the same way during worship that First Day, I seemed to float out into the room, losing all sense of physical identity. I felt one with the loving spirits around me and part of the infinite love of God.

From that experience I felt a renewed conviction that, instead of destructive criticism, we must try to lift each other's spirits, and reach outward to help the world.

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#### Alaska

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FLAGSTAFF—Unprogrammed meeting, 11 a.m., 402 S. Beaver, near Campus. Mary Campbell, Clerk. 316 E. Cherry Ave. Phone: 774-4298.

PHOENIX—1702 E. Glendale, Phoenix, 85020. Worship and First-day school 11 a.m. Olive Good-koontz, clerk, 751 W. Deport St., Chandler, 85224. Phone: 962-5984.

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#### California

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MALIBU—Worship 9:30 a.m. Phone: 213-457-3041.

MARIN—Unprogrammed worship, 10 a.m. Call Louise Aldrich 663-7585 or Joe Magnud 663-5033.

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NEW HAVEN—Meeting 9:45 a.m. Connecticut Hall, Yale Old Campus. Phone: 879-4721.

NEW LONDON—622 Williams St. Worship, 10 a.m., discussion, 11; 1st Clerk: Betty Chu. 720 Williams St., New London 06320. Phone: 424-7947.

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WATERBURY—Meeting 10 a.m., Watertown Library, 470 Main Street. Phone: 274-8586.

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DAYTONA BEACH—Sunday, 10:30 a.m., 201 San Juan Ave. Phone: 977-0447.

GAINESVILLE—1921 N.W. 2nd Ave., Meeting and First-day school, 11 a.m.

JACKSONVILLE—Meeting 10 a.m., YWCA. Phone contact 369-4345.

LAKE WALES—At Lake Waikus Water Heights. Worship, 11 a.m. Phone: 665-1380.

LAKE WORTH—Palm Beach Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 823 North A St. Phone: 846-3148.

MELBOURNE—Meeting and First-day school, 11 a.m. Discussion following. Call 777-0418 or 794-1182 for information.
Georgia

Atlantic - Worship and First-day school, 10 a.m.; 1384 Fairview Road, N.E., 30306. Courtney Scoon, clerk, phone 525-8612. Quaker House phone 373-7968.

Augusta - 340 Telfair St. Unprogrammed meeting 10:30 a.m. Sunday in Meetinghouse. Lester Bowles clerk. For information phone 743-4200 or 733-1476.

Savannah - Meeting for worship 10 a.m. YWCA, 105 W. Oglethorpe Ave. 786-5621 or 236-6327.

Hawaii

Honolulu - Sundays, 2426 Oahu Avenue, 9:45 a.m., hymn sing, 10 a.m., worship and First-day school. Over-night inquiries welcomed. Phone: 986-2714.

Maui Island - Meetings every other week in Friends’ homes. For information contact Seki or Okubo (878-6224) or Hilda Voss (878-2064) on Maui, or call Friends Meeting on Oahu at 986-2714.

Illinois

Carbondale - Unprogrammed worship, Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Phone: 457-6042.

Chicago - 7th Street, Worship 10:30 a.m., 5615 Woodward Ave., Monthly Meeting every first Friday, 7:30 p.m. Phone: BU 6-3066.

Chicago - Chicago Monthly Meeting, 1074 S. Ashland Ave., Meeting House, 51-5-9484 or 63-5715. Worship, 11 a.m.

Chicago - Northside (unprogrammed). Worship 10:30 a.m. For information and meeting location, phone: 477-5960 or 546-1203.

Decatur - Worship 10:30 a.m. Phone Fred Bockman, clerk, 985-2023, for meeting location.

DeKalb - Meeting, 10 a.m., 424 Normal Road. Phone: 756-2651 or 756-1985.

Downer's Grove - (west suburban Chicago) - Worship First-day school, 10:30 a.m., 5710 Lombard Ave. (3 blocks west of Belmont, 1 block south of Maple). Phone: 965-3861 or 852-9591.

Evanson - 1010 Gainesfield, Ur 48511. Worship on First-day, 10 a.m.

Forest Park - Worship 10:30 a.m. at Meeting House, West Old Elm and Ridge Rds. Mail box: 25, Lake Forest 06045. Phone: 548-5033 or 234-4645.

McHenry County - Worship 10:30 a.m. 1st and 3rd Sundays. 815-385-3872.

McMinn - Clear Creek Meeting. Unprogrammed worship 11 a.m., First-day school 10 a.m. Meeting house 2 miles south, 1 mile east of McMinn. Phone: 615-883-2381.

Oak Park - Worship, 11 a.m., 1382 Hampshire House, 946 North Blvd. Phone: 369-5434 or 524-0059.

Park Forest - Thorn Creek Meeting, Call 748-0164 for meeting location. 10 a.m. Sunday. Child care and school.

Peoria - Galena Meeting, 11 a.m. in Galena. Phone: 343-7097 or 248-2969 for location.

Piqua, Ohio - Friends Hill Meeting, unprogrammed worship, 10 a.m. Phone: 610-377-2238.

Rockford - Meeting for worship every First-day, 10:30 a.m. For information call 815-964-0716 (Peterson).

Urbana-Champaign - Meeting for worship, 11 a.m., 714 W. Green St., Urbana. Phone: 344-6510 or 367-9601.

Indiana


Indianapolis - Lanthorn Meeting and Sugar Grove. Unprogrammed worship, 10 a.m. Grove Meeting House. Willard Halas, 275-1987 or Albert Maxwell, 639-4649.

Richmond - Clear Creek Meeting, Stout Memorial Meetinghouse, Earlham College. Unprogrammed worship, 9:15 a.m. Clerk, Howard Alexander, 640-5442 or 742-1056.

Valparaiso - Worship, Sundays 10:30 a.m. AFSC, 23 W. Lincolnway. (926-3172 evenings).

West Lafayette - Worship, 10 a.m., 178 East St. Ave. Clerk, Horace D. Jackson. Phone: 463-5920. Other times in summer.

Iowa

Ames - Meeting for worship 10:15 a.m. Forum 11:15 a.m. YWCA-Alumni Hall, ISU Campus. For information and summer location call 256-2061. Welcome.

CEDAR RAPIDS - Unprogrammed meeting. For information and location, phone: 364-0047.

DES MOINES - Meeting for worship, 10 a.m., classes, 11:30 a.m. Meetinghouse, 4211 Grand Ave. Phone: 274-4081.

IOWA CITY - Unprogrammed worship and meeting, 10 a.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. Phone: 224-4081. Clerk: Myra Carson.

WEST BRANCH - Unprogrammed worship and meeting for worship, 10:30 a.m. Meetinghouse, 317 N. 8th St. Box 979, West Branch 52372. Correspondent: Phone: 943-5039. Much love and sometimes coffee.

Kentucky

Lexington - Unprogrammed worship and First-day school, 4 p.m. For information, call 268-2533.

Louisiana


New Orleans - Worship Sundays, 10 a.m., Presbyterian Student Center, 1122 Broadway. Phone: 622-3411 or 661-8022.

Maine

Bar Harbor - Acadia meeting for worship in evening. Phone: 286-5419 or 244-7113.

Mid-Coast Area - Meeting for worship 10 a.m. at Damariscotta library. Phone: 582-2107 or 586-4156 for information.

Orono - Unprogrammed meeting, MCA Bldg., College Ave. Phone: 806-2189.

Portland - Portland Friends Meeting, Riverton Meetinghouse, Route 302. Worship and First-day school, 10 a.m. Phone: 774-2545 or 699-5551.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting - You are cordially invited to attend Friends meetings or worship groups in the following Maine communities:

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Twin Cities Friends Meeting. Unprogrammed worship, 10:00 a.m.; Friends House, 205 Summit Ave. Phone: 222-3350.

Missouri
COLUMBIA—Worship and First-day school, 10 a.m. Euclid Center Church, 813 Maryland. Phone: 449-3611.

MINNEAPOLIS—Unprogrammed meeting 9 a.m.; First-day school 10 a.m., programmed 11 a.m., 3451 Middlebury Ave., 458-5817 or 585-8442.

ST. LOUIS—Meeting, 2539 Rockford Ave., Rock Hill, 11 a.m. Phone: 721-0915.

New Hampshire
CONCORD—Worship 10 a.m. Children welcomed and cared for. Merrimack Valley Day Care Center, 19 N. Fruit St. Phone: 793-6382.

DOVER MONTHLY MEETING


HANOVER—Meeting for worship, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Friends Meeting House, 29 Rope Ferry Rd. Phone: 443-4186. Clerk: Peter Bien, 12 Ledyard Lane, phone 443-5434.

PETERBOROUGH—Monadnock Meeting. Worship and First-day school 10:45 a.m. Odd Fellows Hall, West Peterborough. Singing may precede Meeting.

New Jersey
ATLANTIC CITY—Meeting for worship and First-day school, 11 a.m., South Carolina and Pacific Aves.

BARNEGAT—Meeting for worship, 11 a.m. Left side of East Ave., traveling seat from Route 9.

CROPWELL—Old Marton Pike, one mile west of Marston. Meeting for worship, 10:45 a.m. (Except First-Friday).

CROSSWICKS—Meeting and First-day school, 10 a.m.

DOVER—First-day school, 11:15 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Quaker Church Rd., just off Rt. 10.

GREENWICH—Friends meeting in historic Greenwich, sign, 6 miles south of Greenwich. First-day school 10:30 a.m., meeting for worship 11:30 a.m. Visitors welcome.

HADDONFIELD—Friends Ave. and Lake St. Worship, 10 a.m. First-day school follows, excellent babysitting provided during both. Phone: 425-6242 or 227-0210.

MANASQUAN—First-day school 10 a.m., meeting 11 a.m., 175 Circle Rt. 16. Circle. Phone: 212-777-9885 (Mon.-Fri. 9-5). Mailing address: Box 730, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

NEW YORK
ALBANY—Worship and First-day school, 11 a.m.; 727 Madison Ave. Phone: 377-0161.

ALFRED—Meeting for worship, 9:15 a.m. at The Gothic, corner Ford and Seylva Sts.

AUBURN—Unprogrammed meeting, 7 p.m. First-day worship. By appointment only. Auburn Prison, 130 State St., Auburn, NY 13021. Requests must be processed through Phyllis Rantaneau, coordinator, 21 N. Main St., Moravia, NY 13118. Phone: 315-457-5640.

BROOKLYN—110 Schermerhorn St. Worship and First-day school Sundays 11 a.m.; meeting for discussion 10 a.m.; coffee hour noon. Child care provided. Information: 212-777-9885 (Mon.-Fri. 9-5). Mailing address: Box 730, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

BUFFALO—Meeting and First-day school, 11 a.m.; 72 N. parade. Phone: 224-4565.


CHAPPAQUA—Quaker Road (Route 120). Meeting first-day 9 a.m. and First-day school 10:30 a.m. Phone: 914-238-9894. Clerk: 914-428-8217.

CLINTON—Meeting, 10 a.m.; Kirkland Art Center, On-the-Park. Phone: U L 3-2243.

CORNWALL—Meeting for worship, 11 a.m. Rt. 307, off 9W. Quaker Ave. Phone: 418-534-2217.

ELMIRA—11:00 a.m. Sundays, 155 West 6th St. Phone: 607-733-7972.

GRASSMERE-Cattell (formerly Greenfield-Newark). 10:30 a.m. During winter call 229-4157.

HAMILTON—Meeting for worship Sunday, 10 a.m.; Chapel House, Colgate University.

HUDSON—Meeting for worship 10 a.m., Union St. between 3rd and 4th Sts. Margaretta M. Moschek, clerk. Phone: 518-433-4106.

IThACA—10 a.m., worship, First-day school, nursery: Abel Taylor Hall, Sept.-May. Phone: 258-0214.

LONG ISLAND (Queens, Nassau, Suffolk Counties)—Unprogrammed meetings for worship, 11 a.m. First-days, unless otherwise noted.

FARMINGDALE-BETHPAGE—Meeting House Rd., opposite Bethpage State Park Clubhouse.

FLUSHING—137-16 Northern Blvd. Discussion group 10 a.m. First-day school 11 a.m. Open house 10 a.m. first-days except 1st, 2nd, 8th and 12th months.

HUNTINGTON-LOYD HARBOR—Meeting followed by discussion and simple lunch. Friends World College, Rower Lane. Phone: 516-423-3672.


LONG ISLAND-WATERSIDE—Dock Pond and Piping Rock Rds.

MANHASSET—Northern Blvd. at Shelter Rock Rd. First-day school 9:45 a.m.

ST. JAMES-CONSCIENCE BAY—Michie Rd. Adult discussion, 10 a.m. Phone: 516-261-6668 or 516-941-4676.

SOUTHAMPTON—EASTERN LI. —Administration Bldg., Southampton College, 1st and 3rd First-days.

SOUTHRIDGE—Colonial Village Recreation Room, Main St.


MT. KISCO—Meeting for worship and First-day school 11 a.m. Meetinghouse Road.

NEW PALTZ—Meeting 10 a.m. First National Bank Bldg., 191 Main St. Phone: 225-5678.

NEW YORK—First-day meetings for worship, 9:45 a.m. 11 a.m., 15 Rutherford Place (15th St.), Manhattan. Others 11 a.m. only.

Egg Harbor, Columbia University

110 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn Phone 212-777-9885 (Mon.-Fri. 9-5) about First-day schools, monthly meetings, information.

ONEONTA—10:30 a.m. worship; babysitting available, 11 Ford Ave. Phone: 746-2844
Tennessee

CHATTANOOGA—Worship 10:30, forum 11:30, Second Mile, 516 Vine St. Larry Ingle, 829-5914.

NASHVILLE—Meeting and First-day school, Sundays, 10 a.m., 2004 Acklen Ave. Clerk: Bob Lough. Phone: 615-289-0225.

WEST KNOXVILLE—Worship and First-day school, 10 a.m. D. W. Newton, 893-8540.

Texas

AUSTIN—Worship and First-day school, 11 a.m. Forum, 10 a.m., 2034 Washington St. Gl. 2-1841. Otto Hofmann, clerk, 442-2226.

DALLAS—Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Park North YWCA, 4434 N. Westminster Highway. Clerk: Terry Vaughan, 2119 Poppy Lane, Phone: 214-235-2710.

EL PASO—Worship, 10:30 a.m., 4121 Montana. Clerk: Michael Blue, 533-0160.


SAN ANTONIO—Unprogrammed meeting for worship, 11 a.m. Sundays, YWCA, 318 McCullough, 78215. Houston Wade, clerk. 512-736-2857.

Utah

LOGAN—Meeting 10:30 a.m. Cache Library, 90 N. 100 E. Phone: 752-2702.

OGDEN—Sundays 11 a.m., Mattie Harris Hall, 525 27th. Phone: 399-5965.

SALT LAKE CITY—11 a.m. unprogrammed meeting, 232 University, 84161. Phone: 801-362-6703.

Vermont

BENNINGTON—Worship, Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Bennington Library, 101 Silver St., P.O. Box 291, Bennington 05201.

BURLINGTON—Worship, 11 a.m. Sundays, back of 179 No. Prospect. Phone: 802-892-8449.

MIDDLEBURY—Meeting for worship, Sundays, 11 a.m., St. Mary's School, Shannon Rd.

PLAINFIELD—Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Phone Gilson, Danville, 802-664-2261 or Low, Montpellier, 802-222-3742.

PUTNEY—Worship, Sundays, 10:30 a.m. The Grammar School, Hickory Ridge Rd.

Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE—Janie Porter Barrett School, 410 Ridge Rd. Adult discussion, 10 a.m., worship, 11 a.m.

LINCOLN—Goose Creek United Meeting for worship and First-day school, 10 a.m.

MCLEAN—Langley Hill Meeting, Sunday, 10:30 a.m., junction old Rt. 123 and Rt. 193.

RICHMOND—First-day school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. 4500 Kenilworth Ave. Phone: 359-6185 or 321-6009.

ROANOKE-Salem Preparatory Friends Meeting, clerk: Genevie Warling, 342-8769, and Blacksburg Preparatory Friends Meeting, clerk: Judy Heald, 552-8757.

WINCHESTER—Centre Meeting, 203 North Washington, Worship, 10:15 a.m. Phone: 867-6497 or 867-0500.

Washington

SEATTLE—University Friends Meeting, 4001 9th Ave. N.E. Silent worship and First-day classes at 11 a.m. Phone: ME 2-7006.


Wisconsin

BELoit—Unprogrammed worship 11 a.m. Sundays, 811 Clay St. Phone: 608-365-5856.

GREEN BAY—Meeting for worship and First-day school, 12 noon. Phone Sheila Thomas, 336-0889.

KICKAPOO VALLEY—Friends Worship Group; 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Write D.V.L. R. 1, Readstown, W15450, or call 629-5132.

MADISON—Sunday, 11 a.m., Friends House. 200 Monroe St., 256-2246; and 11:15, Yahara Allowed Meeting, 819 Riverside Dr., 248-7235.

MILWAUKEE—10 a.m., YWCA, 610 N. Jackson (Rm. 406). Phone: 268-0850 or 683-2100.

OSHKOSH—Meeting for worship, 11 a.m. Sunday, 545 Monroe St. 414-233-5804.

WAUSAU—Meetings in members’ homes. Write 3320 N. 11th or phone 842-1130.

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The first thing that I do is to close my eyes and then to still my body in order to get it as far out of the way as I can. Then I still my mind and let it open to God in silent prayer. . . . I thank God inwardly for this occasion, for the week’s happenings, for what I have learned at his hand, for my family, for the work there is to do, for Himself. And I often pause to enjoy Him. Under his eyes I search the week and feel the piercing twinge of remorse that comes at this, and this, and this. Under his eyes I see again—for I have often been aware of it at the time—the right way. I ask his forgiveness for my faithlessness and ask for strength to meet this matter when it arises again. There have been times when I had to re-weave a part of my life under this auspice.

I hold up persons before God in intercession, loving them under his eyes—seeing them with Him, longing for his healing and redeeming power to course through their lives. I hold up certain social situations, certain projects. At such a time I often see things that I may do. . . .

When I have finished these inward prayers, I quietly resign myself to complete listening—letting go in the intimacy of this friendly company and in the intimacy of the Great Friend who is always near. . . . I do not know what takes place here. Often I am sure it is nothing at all. But there are times when a certain slowing-down takes place, a certain healing seems to go on, a certain tendering, a certain “dependence of the mind upon God.”

Douglas V. Steere

If the call comes (to speak), there should be no quenching of the spirit; the sense of unworthiness must not exempt us from the service, nor the fear of being unable to find the right words. . . . Broken and imperfect words springing from the deep place in the heart may wonderfully draw those present into communion with God and with one another.

London Yearly Meeting, 1949 Advice

The meanest thing that one knows in God—for instance, if one could understand a flower as it has its Being in God—this would be a higher thing than the whole world!

Meister Eckhart