

Patapsco Friends Meeting

Reading List for Quaker Inquirers

A selection of introductory materials. Some are available in our literature rack or for borrowing from the library. You may also order from:

Pendle Hill Bookstore (800) 742-3150 ext 2, <http://www.pendlehill.org/bookstore.html>,
Friends General Conference Bookstore (800) 966-4556, <http://quakerbooks.org/>; or
Also, classic Quaker pamphlets are online and free at <http://pamphlets.quaker.org/>.

General

Baltimore Yearly Meeting. *Faith And Practice*, 1988. 102p <http://www.bym-rsf.org/publications/fandp/>

Peck, George T. *What Is Quakerism? A Primer*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #277. 45p

West, Jessamyn. *The Quaker Reader*

The Bible. Our founders were Christian, deeply rooted in the scriptures. Quaker faith and practice is especially reflected in *The Letter of James*. *The Gospel of John* has been called the Quaker gospel. *Revelation* may help in understanding "The Lamb's War," which was a phrase early Quakers used for their evangelical crusade. "The Sermon on the Mount" (*Matthew 5-7*) helps give a sense of the radical transformation that Jesus and early Friends were calling for.

Spirituality and Worship

Allen, Richard. *Silence And Speech*. Quaker Home Service, 1992. 12p

Kelly, Thomas. *A Testament Of Devotion*. Harper, 1992. 86p

Gorman, George. *The Amazing Fact Of Quaker Worship*. Quaker Home Service, 1973. 158p

Punshon, John. *Encounter With Silence: Reflections from the Quaker Tradition*. Friends United Press, 1987.

Punshon, John. *Alternative Christianity*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #245.

Taber, William. *Four Doors To Meeting For Worship*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #306. 30p

Steere, Douglas. *On Speaking Out Of The Silence: Vocal Ministry in the Unprogrammed Meeting for Worship*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #182.

Steere, Douglas. *Prayer In The Contemporary World*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #291

Quaker History

Bacon, Margaret Hope. *Quiet Rebels: The Story of the Quakers in America*. Pendle Hill, 2000. 250p

Barbour, Hugh & J. William Frost. *The Quakers*. Friends United Press, 1994. 418p

Brinton, Howard H. *Friends For 350 Years*. Pendle Hill Publications, 2002. 348p

Cooper, Wilmer A. *A Living Faith: An Historical Study of Quaker Beliefs*. Friends United Press, 1990. 217p

Punshon, John. *Portrait in Grey: A Short History of the Quakers*. Quaker Home Service, 1984. 293p

Murray-Rust, David M. *Quakers in Brief*. Birkenhead Meeting, Merseyside, UK, 1995,

[http://kendal-and-sedbergh-quakers.org.uk/Q in brief.pdf](http://kendal-and-sedbergh-quakers.org.uk/Q%20in%20brief.pdf)

Personal Experience

Brinton, Howard H. *Quaker Journals: Varieties of Religious Experience Among Friends*. Pendle Hill, 1972.

Newman, Daisy. *A Procession Of Friends*. Friends United Press. 1980. 460p

Steere, Douglas, Ed.: *Quaker Spirituality: Selected Writing*. This draws from writings of George Fox, Isaac Penington, John Woolman, Caroline Stephen, Rufus M. Jones, and Thomas R. Kelly

Fox, George. *The Journal*. (several editions available; for the hardy reader.)

Woolman, John. *The Journal And Major Essays Of John Woolman*. Ed. by Philips Moulton. Oxford University Press, 1971. 336p

Fiction

de Hartog, Jan. *The Peaceable Kingdom: An American Saga*. Atheneum, 1972. (one of a series)

Newman, Daisy. *I Take Thee Serenity*. Houghton, 1975. (one of a series)

West, Jessamyn. *Friendly Persuasion*. Harcourt, 1976.

Practice

Brinton, Howard H. *Guide To Quaker Practice*, Pendle Hill, 1955. 64 p

Brown, Thomas S. *When Friends Attend To Business*. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. (tract)

Loring, Patricia. *Spiritual Discernment: The Context and Goal of Clearness Committees*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #305, 1992. 32p

Loring, Patricia. *Listening Spirituality - Volume I: Personal Spiritual Practices Among Friends*. Openings Press, 1997. 207p

Loring, Patricia. *Listening Spirituality - Volume II: Corporate Spiritual Practices Among Friends*. Openings Press, 1999. 300p

Morley, Barry. *Beyond Consensus: Salvaging the Sense of the Meeting*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #307. 32p

Sheeran, Michael J. *Beyond Majority Rule: Voteless Decision-Making in the Religious Society of Friends*. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1983. 153p

Children

Friends General Conference. *The Quaker Way*. FGC, 1998. 96p

Briggs, Elinor, Marnie Clark, and Carol Passmore, Eds. *Lighting Candles In The Dark*. Friends General Conference. 1992. 215p

de Angell, Marguerite. *Thee, Hannah!* Doubleday, 1941.

Tuckle, Brinton. *Rachel And Obadiah*. Penguin. (one of a series)

Readings on the Quaker Testimonies

Simplicity

For annotations, see *The Quaker Heron*, Volume 1, Number 2, April 2000; p. 7

Thoreau, Henry David, *Walden*

McKibben, Bill, *The Hundred Dollar Christmas*

Schumacher, E.F., *Small is Beautiful*

Foster, Richard, *Freedom of Simplicity*

Woolman, John, *Journal of John Woolman*

Scott Savage, ed., *The Plain Reader, Essays on*

Bender, Sue, *Plain and Simple*

Making a Simple Life

Elgin, Duane, *Voluntary Simplicity*

Kelly, Thomas, *Testament of Devotion*

Peace

Boulding, Elise. *Cultures of Peace: The Hidden Side of History*. Syracuse University Press, 2000. 348p

The Quaker Peace Testimony: A Workbook for Individuals and Groups. Friends House, London, 1993. 83p

Stoner, John K. *Called to be Peacemakers: A New Call to Peacemaking Workbook*. New Call to Peacemaking, Akron, PA, 1993. 98p

Equality

Hetherington, Ralph. *Universalism and Spirituality*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #309, 1993. 32p

Integrity

Cooper, Wilmer A. *The Testimony of Integrity in the Religious Society of Friends*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #296, 1991. 28p

Community

Cronk, Sandra L. *Gospel Order: A Quaker Understanding of Faithful Church Community*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet #297, 1991. 48p

Mindell, Arnold. *Sitting in the Fire: Large Group Transformation Using Conflict and Diversity*. Lao Tse Press, Portland, Oregon, 1995. 267p

Walton, Marty. *The Blessed Community*. Southeastern Yearly Meeting, 1994. 21p