

"Sing and rejoice,
you children of the day and of the light;
for the Lord is at work in this thick night of darkness that may be felt.
And truth flourishes as the rose,
and the lilies do grow among the thorns,
and the plants atop of the hills,
and upon them the lambs do skip and play.
And never heed the tempests nor the storms, floods nor rains,
for the seed Christ is over all, and reigns."
~ George Fox, 1624-1691

"Peace is a gift, but it does not come magically through our passivity. Only in our faithful response to God's call do we receive God's peace."
~ Sandra Cronk, 1942-2000

"Let us no longer be blinded by the dim theology that only in the far seeing vision discovers a millennium, when violence shall no more be heard in the land wasting nor destruction in her borders; but let us behold it now, nigh at the door lending faith and confidence to our hopes, assuring us that even we ourselves shall be instrumental in proclaiming liberty to the captive."
~ Lucretia Mott, 1793-1880

"The Lord showed me that the natures of those things which were hurtful without were within, in the hearts and minds of wicked men. The natures of dogs, swine, vipers, of Sodom, of Egypt, Pharoah, Cain, Ishmael, Esau, etc. The natures of these I saw within, though people had been looking without. And I cried to the Lord, saying, 'Why should I be thus, seeing I was never addicted to commit those evils?' And the Lord answered that it was needful I should have a sense of all conditions; 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."
~ George Fox, 1624-1691

QUERIES:

* In what manner do I seek to understand where a person's words come from when the words are strange or disturbing to me?

* In what ways do I listen patiently and seek the truth that other people's thoughts may contain for me?

*As I learn from others, am I willing to share with them what I in turn have learned?
(1st 3 queries adapted from FGC Advices and Queries)

* How has "the infinite love of God", as spoken by George Fox, led to ways opening for me?