

## Quotes for Adult First Day School

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Video of Jordans Meetinghouse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4pfFJKKhyA>

*Built in 1688, Jordans is one of the first Meeting Houses in Britain, and Quaker meeting for worship still takes place here every Sunday morning.*

George Fox described the Valiant sixty as being:

“Valiant for Truth and Tread upon Deceit”

George Fox audaciously rose in mass and said to the Priest:

“You will say this and the apostles say this; but what canst thou say?”

Fox is not always provocative; he also is skilled at prose.

“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 the hills, and upon 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.”

Fox describes his own educations as being:

“I learned to read and write at eleven years of age, I knew pureness and righteousness’ while I was a child, I was taught how to walk to be kept pure. The lord taught me to be faithful, in all things and to act faithfully in two ways; inwardly to god and outwardly to man.”

Fox explains his serenity:

“Be still and cool in your own mind and spirit from your own thoughts, and then you will feel the principle of God to turn your mind to the lord God, from whom life comes; whereby you may receive his strength and power to allay all blusterings, storms, and tempests.”

Fox and his view of Pleasure

“Take heed of pleasures, and prize your time now while you have it; do not spend it in pleasures or earthiness. The time may come that you will say; you had time, when it is passed.”

William Penn on Praise:

“We are apt to love praise, but not deserve it, we must love virtue more than that.”

William Penn on thrift:

“He who is taught to live upon little owes more to his father’s wisdom than he who has a great deal left him does to his father’s care.”

William Penn on silence:

“True Silence is the rest to the mind; it is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment.”

William Penn on Plainness of dress:

“I was plain, and would have all things done plainly; for I did not seek any advantage to myself.”

William Penn on Plainness of speech:

“Speak properly, and in as few words as you can, but always plainly; for the end of speech is not ostentation, but to be understood.”

William Penn on Quakers basic belief:

“That which the people called Quakers lay down as a main fundamental in religion is this - That God, through Christ, hath placed a principal in every man, to inform him of his duty, and to enable him to do it; and that those that that live up to this principal are the people of God and those that live in disobedience to, are not God’s people, whatever name they may bear, or profession they may make of religion. This is their ancient, first and standing testimony: with this they began, and this they bore, and do bear to the world”

Edward Burrough on Quakerism:

“We are not for names, nor Men, nor Titles of Government, nor are we for this party, nor against the other, because of its Name and Pretense; but we are for Justice and Mercy, and Truth and Peace, and true Freedom, that these may be exalted in our nation.”

Issac Pennington on his view of Quakerism:

“Then this is the way of redemption; to wait to feel the appearance of the light of the spirit in the heart; and, at its least or lowest appearance, to be turned from the darkness towards it.”

William Shewen on his view of Quakerism:

“That which makes a people blessed and happy, is that they hear and obey the still small voice, which says, this is the way, walk in it. This is the voice of the true shepherd, and the sheep know it, follow it and obey it, and a stranger they will not hear or follow.

George Fox’s instructions

“Be Patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations wherever you come; that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone; whereby in them you may be a blessing, and make the witness of God in them to bless you.”

Robert Barclay’s Summation of the experience,

“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 me and the good raised up.”

George Fox’s reassurance,

“There is that near you, which will guide you; OH! Wait for it, and be sure to keep it”