

AFDS For Easter Sunday. Quotes and queries to consider:

- [Quakers] continuing revelation faith requires each of us to look to that of God in ourselves, act and testify as led by Spirit, and answer to that of God in others. Our Society has therefore ... stretches to accommodate a wide range of thought and testimony. — “Not One Quaker Experience but Many” , 12/1/18, by Gabriel Ehri, Friends Journal
- “[There are] two extremes of belief which an individual can hold and still be comfortable within the Religious Society of Friends: At one extreme are those who believe that Jesus was the greatest of spiritual teachers but with nothing of the supernatural Adherents to the second belief usually see no hope for a man aside from "accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior" [as proclaimed in the Apostle’s Creed.]
- “If we really believe in this resurrection, we must believe it down to our very bones. You can’t halfway believe in resurrection. Either he got up from the grave, or he didn’t. And if we really believe that he got up, then that belief should transform our every day: who we are and what we do has to be different.” — Timothy Adkins-Jones, March 2024 *The Christian Century*“
- *A divine, spiritual, and supernatural light is in all men; . . . as it is received and closed within the heart, Christ comes to be formed and brought forth . . . and with the Apostle thou mayest say. . . . It is no more I, but Christ alive in me; And then thou wilt be a Christian indeed.” — Robert Barclay (1648-1690),*

Queries:

1. Consider your personal spiritual journey, how would you map out the events around Easter in your life? Share with us where you are now in your awareness of Easter.
2. Have you had the experience of “continuing revelation”? In what ways?
3. What enables you to encompass the wide gradience of beliefs noted in the first and second quotes above — or not?
4. How the description of the resurrection in the third quote impact you?
5. Robert Barclay has been called the first Quaker theologian, do his words connect with you or are you wondering what it means to “be a Christian indeed”?