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EQUALITY — Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, Stewardship

Respect different people and different ideas.

Honor all faiths.

Celebrate a rich community made up of many cultures.

Reflect a broad, inclusive spectrum of the global family.

~Friends Journal

We are all equally loved by God. ~Wichita Friends School

A radical vision of equality, rooted in the recognition of “that of God in everyone,” is in many ways the core of Quaker spirituality—and, in a way, it’s also responsible for two of the most enduring stereotypes about Friends. First there’s the “thee” and “thou” thing. 17th-century English had two second-person pronouns,... Quakers, however, didn’t believe in such distinctions, and called everyone “thee,” which nobles took as a sign of disrespect, leading to serious tensions in the early years of the Religious Society of Friends. A more significant legacy of the Quaker vision of equality is that from the beginning, women and men were both accepted as capable of receiving and sharing the continued revelation of Spirit.

~Quaker.org

Equality is about ensuring everybody has an equal opportunity, and is not treated differently or discriminated against because of their characteristics. Diversity is about taking account of the differences between people and groups of people, and placing a positive value on those differences.

~Unionlearn.org

Queries

- What speaks to you from these quotes?
- For you what are the differences between equality, equity and conformity/
- How can equality be abused?
- Are there ways Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) enhance relationships and how can it fracture relationships?