

Humility & Curiosity

Tuesday Group 7/11/23

I was plain, and would have all things done plainly; for I did not seek any outward advantage to myself. ~ George Fox, 1624-1691

Therefore, my dear Friends, keep your watch everyone in your hearts continually, that you may not be betrayed from that pure life, that yields virtue unto your souls, and nourishes up unto eternal life. ~ John Burnyeat, 1631-1690

Keep close to the Light and own it alone to be your teacher, guide, and counselor in all the way through which you are to pass, and in all things that you are to do. Stand in the denial of self and all its goals; and own the Light, which leads into singleness of mind unto God away from selfish ends. ~ James Parnell, 1637?-1656

No clear impressions, either from above or from without, can be received by a mind turbid with excitement and agitated by a crowd of distractions. The stillness needed for the clear shining of light within is incompatible with hurry. ~ Caroline Stephen, 1834-1909

The light checks you, when you speak an evil word, and tells you that you should not be proud or unrestrained, nor fashion yourselves like the world; for the fashion of this world passes away. ~ George Fox, 1624-1691

Follow steadfastly after all that is pure and lovely and of good report. Be prayerful. Be watchful. Be humble. Let no failure discourage you. When temptation comes, make it an opportunity to gain new strength by standing fast, that you may enter into that life of gladness and victory to which all are called. ~ Ohio Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline, 1992

There is a quiet, open place in the depths of the mind, to which we can go many times in the day and lift up our soul in praise, thankfulness and conscious unity. With practise this God-ward turn of the mind becomes an almost constant direction, underlying all our other activities. ~ Kenneth Boulding, 1910-1993

Queries

- How do these speak (or not) to you at this time?
- What inclinations towards humility or curiosity might come from applying these quotes?
- Do any of these quotes help in listening to ourselves and our community?
- Do any of these quotes guide you in serving your immediate and a more global community?