

Worship Sharing 12/29/20

Spiritual Equality / Unity

“There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath different names; it is however pure and proceeds from God... confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any where the heart stands in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become brethren.”

John Woolman, Journal

“The Light can come from all sides. The joy of experiencing the Light in a completely different way than one has thought it would come is one of the greatest gifts that Friends meeting for worship has brought me. I believe that meeting for worship has brought the same awareness to all who have seen and understood the message that everyone is equal in the sight of God, that everybody has the capacity to be the vessel of God’s word. There is nothing that age, experience, and status can do to prejudge where and how the Light will appear.’

Ursula Franklin 1979

“The way is one: Christ the truth of God; and he that is in the faith, and in obedience to that light which shines from his Spirit into the heart of every believer, hath a taste of the one heart and of the one way, and knoweth that no variety of practices which is of God, can make a breach in the true unity”

Issac Pennington, 1659

Queries

What has been your experience of hearing Truth said in unexpected ways or coming from unexpected sources?

What practices have been useful to you when expanding how you listen for Truth from others.

How has paying attention to listening deeply helped you maintain a sense of “the true unity”?