

Worship Sharing 3-12-24

What are we 'waiting' for?

"By ethical mysticism I mean that type of mysticism which first withdraws from the world revealed by the senses to the inward Divine Source of Light, Truth, and Power, and then returns to the world with strength renewed, insight cleared, and desire quickened to bind all life together in the bonds of love."

Howard Brinton 1967

"The authentic life of the spirit must know a re-birth, a kindling from the Source, a release from the demands of the self into the knowledge of the truth which sets men free. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." This touch of grace upon the spirit, this sense of God's presence, this re-birth into new life may come when we least expect it, may come in most unorthodox ways and under conditions we have not foreseen."

Rachel Cadbury 1955

"True godliness don't turn men out of the world, but enables them better to live in it and excites their endeavors to mend it; not hide their candle under a bushel, but set it upon a table in a candlestick."

William Penn 1668

"How many of us are open to, and expectant of, spiritual encounter? How many of us are open to the possibility of transformation? Are we prepared to take the risk of being transformed as Margaret Fell was, or are we frightened of spiritual experience? If we are not open for spiritual transformation, what are we doing in attaching ourselves to a meeting? We have lost a sense of collective purpose when the spiritual is optional. If we have lost the experiential basis of our life together, we have lost our rootstock."

Ben Pink Dandelion 2014

Queries

How do these quotes speak to your experience?

How has spiritual practice strengthened or transformed you?

In what ways has spiritual practice 'set you free'?