

Openings

The promptings of love and truth



“Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts. Trust them as the leadings of God whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life.”

Advices & Queries 1

Quakers have found that there is a source of guidance and transformation within all people that, if we pay attention to it, can make us aware of our flaws and limitations, and bring us into a new life of peace and justice. This Inward Teacher can show us the order, beauty and harmony of creation, and our place within the complex web of life. It can also reveal the influence of a false spirit of greed, selfishness, cruelty, violence and destruction that leads to injustice and disrupts the order, beauty and harmony of creation.

Ecological Reflection

The spiritual experiences and insights of the earliest Friends convinced them that they were being brought back into a harmonious relationship with the whole of creation. They felt that its true beauty and order were being revealed to them, and that it was possible to live in right relationship with the rest of the natural world. We affirm that, when we are willing to pay attention to the guidance of the Spirit, such insights and wisdom remain available to us today.

Query

Are you willing to be truly open to the guidance of your Inward Teacher, even when this disturbs and discomferts you by revealing your flaws and limitations, and your dependence on a false spirit of greed, selfishness, cruelty, violence and destruction? Where are the promptings of love and truth in your heart leading you in this time?