

## 18. PENDLE HILL PAMPHLETS

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### Introduction

Many remarkable gifts have come out of the Pendle Hill experience, but few are more remarkable than the series of Pendle Hill Pamphlets, ongoing now for eighty years. Conceived as the published equivalent of messages spoken in a Friends' meeting for worship, these brief essays reflect the range and vision of unprogrammed Quaker religious thought and practice.

Among the authors represented here are a handful of famous names [...] But for the most part the pamphlets are the works of a “cloud of witnesses” distinguished primarily for their spirit and expressiveness. And while there are recurring themes among them (peace, worship, art), the four hundred-plus titles cover almost as many topics.

No.	Title	Author and date	Brief description
18	Anthology with Comments	Gray, Elizabeth Janet (1942)	The author offers excerpts from the writings of W. H. Davies, George Herbert, James Stephens, Francis of Assisi, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Thomas Ellwood and William Blake, among others, with her interpretations.
92	An Inward Legacy: Selections from Letters to his Friend. Edited with an introduction by Gilbert Kilpack	Robinson, Forbes (1956)	These excerpts have a common theme: the force of grace, Christian prayer, love, and revelation.
112	Two Trends in Modern Quaker Thought: A Statement	Fowler, Albert Vann (1961)	A discussion of universalism and particularism in Quakerism.
115	Mysticism and the Experience of Love	Thurman, Howard (1961)	The religion of the inner life, or mysticism, is life affirming and reaches its highest goal in love.
126	Readiness for Religion	Loukes, Harold (1963)	Advice for those who seek to bring up their children to recognize their calling as children of God.

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127	Thou Dost Open Up My Life: Selections from the Rufus Jones Collection	Jones, Rufus Matthew (1963)	Readings chosen from this well-known Quaker's writings by his daughter, Mary Hoxie Jones. The Rufus Jones collection is housed in the Haverford College Library.
142	Dear Gift of Life: A Man's Encounter with Death	Smith, Bradford (1965)	The author wrote this while dying of cancer, facing his own mortality.
156	Ethical Mysticism in the Society of Friends	Brinton, Howard Haines (1967)	The author sees ethical mysticism as a process of withdrawing from the world and returning to it.
163	The Hardest Journey	Steere, Douglas Van (1969)	Addresses the cost of spiritual renewal and the linkage of outward with inward journeys.
181	The Quaker Message: a Personal Affirmation	Doncaster, Leonard Hugh (1972)	The tenets of the Religious Society of Friends are described and commented on.
182	On Speaking Out of the Silence: Vocal Ministry in the Unprogrammed Meeting for Worship	Steere, Douglas Van (1972)	The nature, functioning, sense of expectancy, and frame of interpretation embodied in Friends' way of worship.
202	Quaker Poets, Past & Present	Jones, Mary Hoxie (1975)	The author/poet suggests that worship and the experience of poetry can complement each other.
211	Seeking Light in the Darkness of the Unconscious	Yungblut, John R. (1977)	A synthesis of psychology and mysticism using Jungian approaches.
216	O Inward Traveler	Murphy, Carol R. (1977)	A spiritual journey includes approach, alternative visions, absorption, awareness, and meditation.
221	Harnessing Pegasus: Inspiration and Meditation	Vining, Elizabeth Gray (1978)	The author explains how she has developed her writing style, using the inner self, over 40 years.
239	Growing Old, a View from Within	Jacob, Norma (1981)	A retired social worker reflects on various aspects of aging, including its liberation, its losses, its fear, and its openings.

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244	Reflections on Simplicity	Prevallet, Elaine M. (1982)	The author shares her lifelong concern with the process of simplicity, a gift that eludes one's grasp.
245	Alternative Christianity	Punshon, John (1982)	The writer characterizes the essence of Quakerism as radical, charismatic, and prophetic.
246	A Quest There is	Vining, Elizabeth Gray (1982)	A collection of quotations from some of the author's favourite mystics with interpretive comments.
248	The Candle of the Lord	Foulds, Elfrida Vipont (1983)	Gives the reader glimpses of historic Quaker country in the north of England and discusses the Quaker character.
251	Nurturing Contemplation	Murphy, Carol R. (1983)	Quoting people who emphasize being rather than doing, the author reflects on the fullness of the contemplative life.
261	Interconnections	Prevallet, Elaine M. (1985)	Reflections on deep relationships, the networks that God uses to transform wounds into wholeness.
292	On Hallowing One's Diminishments	Yungblut, John R. (1990)	A lifelong student of mysticism shares the experience of contemplative prayer in facing many forms of diminishment: birth defects, natural disasters, aging, and death itself.
294	Women of Power and Presence: The Spiritual Formation of Four Quaker Women Ministers	Graham, Maureen (1990)	A feminist studies the lives of Lucretia Coffin Mott, Elizabeth Fry, Rachel Hicks, and Rebecca Jones to discover how God moved in their lives.
297	Gospel Order: A Quaker Understanding of Faithful Church Community	Cronk, Sandra Lee (1991)	This essay concentrates on the communal and societal aspects of gospel order as the foundation of community life. Gospel refers to the actual relationship with God. Order refers to the patterns of daily living that flow from God.

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305	Spiritual Discernment: The Context and Goal of Clearness Committees Among Friends	Loring, Patricia (1992)	This essay is grounded in the central Quaker conviction of the availability of the experience and guidance of God to every person. It addresses the challenge of distinguishing the true movement of the Spirit from the wholly human.
307	Beyond Consensus: Salvaging Sense of the Meeting	Morley, Barry (1993)	The author discusses three essential components in discovering the sense of the meeting: release, long focus, and transition to light, all of which are nurtured by worship. Rich stories of life experiences, especially with adolescents, illustrate the process.
308	Marriage: A Spiritual Leading for Lesbian, Gay, and Straight Couples	Hill, Leslie (1993)	After a summary examination of Quaker marriage practices and procedures, this essay traces the evolution of a minute on same-sex marriage in Putney, Vermont Meeting, and the marriage of two men under the meeting's care.
311	Without Nightfall upon the Spirit	Morrison, Mary Chase (1993)	Reflections on aging, including its physical, spiritual, and religious effects, by an 83-year- old author.
324	Traveling In	Steere, Douglas Van (1995)	"I am going to speak about 'traveling in' and about my own personal journey. I haven't done that on any other occasion in quite so full a way as I'm going to do here this morning." So begins this essay, a treasure from one of Quakerism's most thoughtful writers.
327	Depression and Spiritual Growth	Mihalas, Dimitri (1996)	The author writes, "In 1986 I passed through a year of major depression, the worst experience of my life, yet I have reaped incalculable benefits from it. My world view has changed radically for the better. My life now opens out on peaceful paths and breath-taking vistas I never knew existed."

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330	Searching for the Real Jesus	Warren, Roland Leslie (1997)	The early Friends, as Publishers of Truth, proclaimed to have experienced the Truth of God's presence. The author, a Quaker with reverence for scripture, explicates the learned thinking of prominent contemporary scholars who debate the historical veracity of Jesus.
335	Come Aside and Rest Awhile	Taber, Frances (1997)	Out of her own rich experience, Fran Taber expands William Penn's vision for retreats. She describes the retreat movement as a significant thread weaving together the ecumenical religious community.
340	A Song of Death, Our Spiritual Birth: A Quaker Way of Dying	McIver, Lucy Screechfield (1998)	As a Cadbury scholar at Pendle Hill, the author researched seventeenth century and modern experiences of death and dying among Friends. She offers guidance for pastoral care in our meeting communities.
344	Dancing with God Through the Storm: Mysticism and Mental Illness	Elam, Jennifer (1999)	A Quaker psychologist challenges any absolute distinction between experience of God and mental illness, describes the stages of growth possible in discerning them, and asks Friends to provide safe communities in which people are not mislabelled.
345	More than Equals: Spiritual Friendships	Roberts, Trish (1999)	The author advocates for this growing form of spiritual nurture among Friends and gives good guidelines for seeking and sustaining a spiritual friendship.
354	Live the Questions: Write into the Answers	Parsons, Barbara E. and Mary Morrison (2001)	Two consummate journal writers describe the writing process and give exercises for keeping a journal.

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371	Members One of Another: The Dynamics of Membership in Quaker Meeting	371 Gates, Thomas (2004)	In Quaker faith and practice, the individual and the meeting are in a dynamic, mutually supportive, and reciprocal relation. In this essay Tom Gates examines many of the factors affecting the relationship between the Seeker and the Meeting, before and during membership.
374	The Practice of the Love of God	Boulding, Kenneth (2004)	The author urges us to explore love unlimited by time or place – love in our families, with our neighbours, and in our meetings and churches, all possible through our love for God. He concludes with his vision for the world and his assurance that there is no room for despair, that God is always redeeming the world.
375	Quaker Views on Mysticism	Abbott, Margery Post (2004)	This pamphlet considers how Friends today recognize and respond to the guidance of the Inward Light of Christ. It describes varying Quaker views on mysticism and the mystical, touching upon the need to continually test leadings in the silence of Quaker worship and in the arms of Quaker community.
385	In God We Die	Ostrom, Warren (2006)	Author Warren Ostrom, who has worked closely with the aging and dying for over two decades, offers his deeply considered insights on the end of life, as well as his reflections on the role of spirituality in how we face death, and guidance for finding clarity in our choices about our own final path.
398	The Messenger That Goes Before: Reading Margaret Fell for Spiritual Nurture	Birkel, Michael (2008)	Michael Birkel has discovered in the letters of Margaret Fell, one of the founding members of the Religious Society of Friends, a treasure trove of wise and loving counsel for those on the spiritual journey.

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399	Matthew 18: Wisdom for Living in Community	Green, Connie McPeak and Marty Paxson Grundy (2008)	The authors have spent years exploring the eighteenth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, which contains Jesus's advice to his disciples about how to get along with one another. In this essay, they describe what they have learned from their efforts to be faithful.
401	Three Ravens and Two Widows	Kelly, Richard Macy (2009)	Using the metaphor of the ancient ballad, The Three Ravens, Richard Kelly invites us to explore how history and family traditions may limit our understanding of Truth or give us the strength and vision to see new possibilities in times when disagreements trouble our communities.
404	Kindling a Life of Concern: Spirit-Led Quaker Action	Kirk, Jack (2009)	Jack Kirk discusses how concerns arise and are opened to us, how we may test them, and how we may find in them a centre of spiritual gravity for our lives. How do we discover our callings as individuals, and what is our calling as a community of Friends?
412	Answering the Violence	Lampen, John (2011)	John Lampen, who has served as a Quaker peace worker in Northern Ireland and elsewhere, draws on his own experiences and the accounts of other peace workers to explore the controversies, risks, rewards, and possible benefits of reaching out in friendship to perpetrators of violence.
416	Grief, Forgiveness, and Redemption as a Way of Transformation	Pryce, Elaine (2012)	The traumatic loss of a loved one is among the most devastating hurdles that life can throw in a person's path. Drawing from her own experience, as well as from art, literature, and traditional wisdom, Elaine Pryce explores the spiritual aspects of grief, recovery from grief, forgiveness, and the blessings of acceptance.

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417	John Yungblut: Passing the Mystical Torch	Finn, Charlie (2012)	In this pamphlet Charlie Finn unveils the faith and vision of John Yungblut. At the heart of this story, readers will discover a spiritual “genealogy”: Rufus Jones, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, and Carl Jung, who influenced John Yungblut who became a spiritual guide and friend to Charlie Finn.
432	A Death Chosen, A Life Given	Russell, Hannah (2015)	The author offers insights following the suicide of a loved one.

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