



LIVING IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP  
WITH THE LIVING WORLD  
QUAKER TESTIMONIES AS A TEMPLATE?

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# Get Involved

We are all connected. We need each other to face the overwhelming realities of the climate crises and to act on these concerns with love, faith, and reverence. Join us in being part of a dynamic, powerful community of Friends taking Spirit-led action to care for the planet and all living things.





## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

We respectfully acknowledge that this Meeting gathers in the traditional, sovereign territory of several Indigenous peoples, who have cared for these lands since time immemorial and continue to do so today. Their presence is imbued in these mountains, valleys, forests, meadows, and waterways. May we honor the original stewards of these places and their homelands.



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I. QUAKER TESTIMONIES

II. CONTINUOUS  
REVELATION

III THIS I KNOW  
EXPERIMENTALLY/  
EXPERIENTIALLY









SO, GIVEN OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE OF THE EARTH, AND EINSTEIN'S INSIGHT THAT WE "CAN'T SOLVE A PROBLEM WITH THE SAME THINKING THAT GOT US INTO IT," ISN'T CLIMATE CHAOS A SYMPTOM OF A LARGER AND DEEPLY SPIRITUAL PROBLEM?

*WHICH IS:*

**HOW WE UNDERSTAND OURSELVES IN, AND IN RELATIONSHIP WITH, THE LIVING WORLD/GOD'S CREATION? ...AND WHAT ARE OUR BEHAVIORS WHICH FOLLOW NATURALLY FROM THAT WORLD VIEW?**



Pyramid --(white/male) humans more deserving of the richness of the Earth than any other being/s  
Earth is nothing more than stuff, commodities, and all of that stuff belongs to us.



We are members of a democracy of species governed by laws of interdependence



CHANGING  
THE  
PARADIGM

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE  
SMALL  
CHANGES,  
CHANGE THE WAY YOU **DO THINGS.**

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE  
MAJOR  
CHANGES,  
CHANGE THE WAY YOU **SEE THINGS.**

—GABE BROWN

*It would go a great way to caution and direct people in their use of the world, that they were better studied and known in the creation of it. For how could man [sic] find the confidence to abuse it, while they should see the Great Creator stare them in the face, in all and every part thereof?*

*SOME FRUITS OF SOLITUDE, William Penn*

*19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.*

*20 Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.*

*PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS: 1:19-20*





## **FRIENDS' TESTIMONIES:**

- **SIMPLICITY**
- **PEACE**
- **INTEGRITY**
- **COMMUNITY**
- **EQUALITY**
- **STEWARDSHIP ???**
- **SUSTAINABILITY ???**
- **UNITY WITH NATURE ???**



**OR?!**







**CONTINUOUS  
REVELATION**





KNOWING “EXPERIMENTALLY” /  
”EXPERIENTIALLY.”



REFLECTIONS?  
COMMENTS?  
QUESTIONS?







**MEETING FOR WORSHIP...**

**WITH A CONCERN FOR A  
PARTICULAR  
TESTIMONY...**

**WITH A PARTICULAR  
MORE-THAN-HUMAN  
MEMBER OF THE LIVING  
WORLD**



# QUERIES

1. How was it to share MFW with a more-than-human member of the Living World?
2. What insights about the testimony you chose arose during Meeting for Worship with the Living World?
3. What will being faithful to this testimony in consideration of this being or beings require of me?
4. What would my life look like/how would I and my behavior change if I considered/applied the Testimonies of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, and Equality in reciprocity with The Living World as I do with human beings?
5. Do you have any sense of an inward shift in my understanding of your place in the World and in relationship with all the other beings with whom you share it?
6. Anything else you'd like to share that is on your heart

THANK YOU  
FRIENDS!

