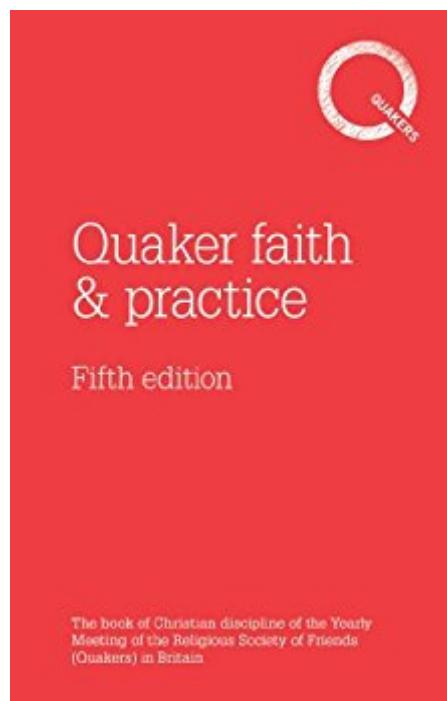


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Synopsis

This book of Quaker faith and practice is an attempt to express Truth through the vital personal and corporate experience of Friends. It is largely composed of extracts: a fitting way of expressing the breadth of Quaker theology. It also describes the current structures of Britain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

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Customer Reviews

I've always been interested in reading how different "streams" of Christianity practice their faith, and last year read the Hutterite Confession of Faith (see my review here: <http://wp.me/p2xQE-8Q>), which was great. So when I saw "Quaker Faith and Practice" on , I wanted to pick it up. One thing I found surprising right off the bat was a lack of the history of the Quakers; how they came to be called that, when and by who they were founded, etc. The introduction was a history of the manual itself only. In that way, this book really is a manual for Quakers themselves who (presumably) know this history already. This information is readily available on Wikipedia of course, but reading it from a Quaker perspective would have been insightful. Because of that I won't say much more about their

beginnings here beyond to say that the term "Quaker" began as a derogatory term, but over time gained acceptance amongst their practitioners (they also call themselves "The Religious Society of Friends"). As a non-Quaker, I found the parts on the necessity of listening in silence until God speaks, especially in community, to be fascinating. I knew of the Quaker practice in their worship gatherings already, but reading the ideas behind it (especially the emphasis on doing it in community - not as individuals in the same room but doing it together) encouraged me to continue trying to practice it in my own life, both on my own and to now include others when I can. "True silence..." said William Penn, "is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment." (2.14) "Worship is our response to an awareness of God.

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