

STILLNESS SIMPLICITY TRUTH

1647 GEORGE FOX RECOGNISES THAT GOD'S LIGHT IS WITHIN EVERY PERSON 1660 AMID OPPRESSION FROM A RESTORED MONARCHY, QUAKERS DECLARE THAT THE SPIRIT "WILL NEVER MOVE US TO FIGHT" 1663 A GROUP OF CHILDREN CONTINUE TO HOLD QUAKER MEETING WHEN THE ADULTS ARE IMPRISONED FOR GATHERING ILLEGALLY 1666 MARGARET FELL, MOTHER OF QUAKERISM, PUBLISHES 'WOMEN'S SPEAKING JUSTIFIED' 1670 A COURT REFUSES TO FIND WILLIAM PENN AND WILLIAM MEAD GUILTY OF PREACHING TO "AN UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY". IT SETS A PRECEDENT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF JURIES 1678 ROBERT BARCLAY'S APOLOGY ARGUES THAT DIRECT EXPERIENCE OF GOD IS MORE MEANINGFUL THAN SCRIPTURE 1698 THE FIRST QUAKER IS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT BUT REFUSES TO SWEAR AN OATH, PREVENTING HIM FROM TAKING HIS SEAT 1758 PENNSYLVANIAN QUAKERS DECLARE SLAVE-TRADING AN ACT OF MISCONDUCT AND STEP-UP EFFORTS TO ABOLISH A TRADE THAT FRIENDS HAD BECOME ASHAMED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN 1763 JOHN WOOLMAN URGES QUAKERS TO "LIVE ANSWERABLE TO THE DESIGN OF OUR CREATION", CALLING THEM TO LIVE A SIMPLE LIFE WITH CAREFUL USE OF THE EARTH'S RESOURCES 1796 QUAKERS PIONEER HUMANE MENTAL CARE AT THE RETREAT IN YORK 1798 THE ADULT EDUCATION MOVEMENT BEGINS WHEN SAMUEL FOX HELPS SET UP A SCHOOL FOR YOUNG FACTORY-WORKING WOMEN 1813 ELIZABETH FRY STARTS PRISON REFORM WORK AT NEWGATE PRISON 1832 JOSEPH PEASE BECOMES THE FIRST QUAKER MP AFTER A REFORM BILL ALLOWS PEOPLE TO AFFIRM THEY ARE TELLING THE TRUTH RATHER THAN SWEARING AN OATH 1847 WILLIAM BENNETT PUBLISHES 'SIX WEEKS IN IRELAND', ENCOURAGING DONATIONS FOR FAMINE RELIEF BEING CARRIED out by Irish Quakers 1860s Quaker BUSINESS PEOPLE, PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING UNIVERSITY, PROFIT FROM THEIR INSISTENCE ON FAIR AND FIRM PRICES FOR GOODS. CHOCOLATE-MAKERS CADBURY AND ROWNTREE'S BUILD HOMES AND SCHOOLS FOR THEIR WORKERS AND ARE AMONG THE FIRST FIRMS TO OFFER PENSION PROVISIONS. BARCLAYS AND LLOYDS BENEFIT FROM THE QUAKER

IMAGE OF TRUSTWORTHINESS, FRUGALITY AND PRUDENCE. TODAY WE CAMPAIGN TO HOLD ALL COMPANIES TO THE STANDARDS THESE ONCE MET **1895** THE MANCHESTER CONFERENCE DECLARES AN OPENNESS TO "NEW LIGHT" FROM OTHER FAITHS AND TRADITIONS, AND AN ENGAGEMENT WITH CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE AND SOCIETY 1914 THREE QUAKER MPS DRAFT THE PROVISION FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION IN THE 1916 MILITARY SERVICE ACT (NOW PART OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS) 1939 QUAKERS HELP EVACUATE CHILDREN FROM NAZI GERMANY ON THE KINDERTRANSPORT 1942 EDITH PYE'S FAMINE RELIEF COMMITTEE NETWORK SPAWNS THE OXFORD COMMITTEE FOR FAMINE RELIEF, WHICH BECOMES OXFAM 1947 QUAKERS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR POST-WAR RELIEF WORK 1961 QUAKERS HELP FOUND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TO CAMPAIGN FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE 1963 'TOWARDS A QUAKER VIEW OF SEX' IS PUBLISHED, ESPOUSING A POSITIVE UNDERSTANDING OF SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS 1963 QUAKER BAYARD RUSTIN ACTS AS LEAD ORGANISER OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM, WHERE MARTIN LUTHER KING GIVES HIS FAMOUS 'I HAVE A DREAM' SPEECH 1982 QUAKER HOUSE BELFAST IS SET UP "TO FURTHER THE WORK OF RECONCILIATION AND OF BEFRIENDING ALL PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND" 1988 THE FIRST 'TURNING THE TIDE' NONVIOLENCE TRAINING WORKSHOP IS HELD. TODAY THESE RUN AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING IN EAST AFRICA 1997 QUAKERS WORK AT THE UN TO BRING ABOUT THE LANDMINE BAN TREATY 2013 FOLLOWING A CAMPAIGN FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY, SAME-SEX QUAKER MARRIAGE CEREMONIES ARE LEGALLY RECOGNISED 2014 QUAKERS IN BRITAIN DIVEST FROM FOSSIL FUELS.

TODAY, INSPIRED BY FAITH, WE CONTINUE TO WORK FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE, SUSTAINABILITY, PEACE AND THE EQUALITY OF ALL PEOPLES. READ MORE AT WWW.QUAKER.ORG.UK AND FIND A MEETING NEAR YOU.



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