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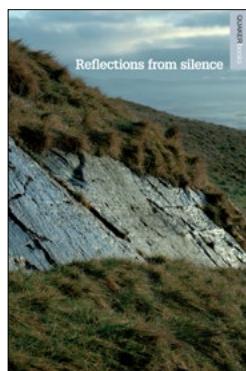
As we face the terrifying challenges of climate change today, the spiritual power we require will only come when we surrender every particle of our will and life into the hands of the living God – when we die to ourselves in order to participate in the transformational inbreaking of the Kingdom of God on earth.

In this deep and challenging lecture, Eden Grace explores the biblical, historical and spiritual roots of Quakers' contemporary witness to God's creation. The chapters are interspersed with several profiles of faithfulness from Friends around the world, and a comprehensive study guide provides an opportunity to gather and reflect on how God might be calling Friends to prophetic and transformative witness in our time.

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Jane Pearn draws on her interest in language and her 30 years as a Quaker to consider the meaning of concern in her own life and in the lives of others.



Quakers are not unique in the work they do, so what is distinctive about their approach and what can it offer the world today?