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Open For Transformation: Being Quaker (Swarthmore Lecture Book 2014)



Synopsis

“If we as Quakers want our Quaker approach to faith to be vibrant, cohesive, coherent and socially useful, we need to be clear about what we are and what we are not.” In the last 150 years the backdrop to our Quaker experience has changed. Have we as Quakers been prey to inroads of secularism and individualism? Have these inroads left Quakers in Britain a diffuse and diluted faith community? Ben Pink Dandelion asks rigorous and difficult questions about what it means to be Quaker today within this context. In this important and exciting book we are challenged to consider how we retain an authentic encounter with the Divine, how we become a transformed and transforming community. And we are called to see how subversive, joyful and open a rekindled version of Quakerism could be. This book also contains a set of activities to help Quakers reflect upon and engage with the themes of this Swarthmore Lecture.

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This book/speech has the potential to turn Quakers upside down. It "spoke to my condition" and I hope it will be widely read. The book has a prophetic feel and seeks to find ways to return Quakers closer to their roots, rather than the complacent, secular, individualised way many Quakers live today. It will give hope and make angry, which is a good thing. Perhaps Ben Pink Dandelion is a successor to Thomas Kelly, who argued for many of the same things 75 years ago.

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