

FRIENDS IN SAN ANTONIO

7052 North Vandiver at Eisenhower

June 2016

Words from MLK (Queries from Val)

“Our lives begin to end the day when we become silent about things that matter.”

What are the things that matter on which we may not be speaking/acting enough?

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

What injustices do we see or experience on a regular basis? If they do not directly harm us, how do they threaten us?

“In the end, we will not remember the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

How are we speaking (with words or our lives) for an end to racism and White supremacy in the US?

Below are terms that were discussed as common in the dialogue of the anti-racism movement. For more information, search the internet—there are many resources out there.

Define racism: The combination of prejudice and power. Since People of Color (POC) do not as a group have power, they are considered not to be racists, even if they are prejudiced.

Structural Racism in the US: This is the biggest problem POC face. Even white people who are not racist live in and benefit from structures favoring them that have, over time, built a significant disparity in access to education, housing, employment and wealth. See: Ta Nahesi Coates, Reparations

White privilege and domination: Has been part of US and world history for hundreds of years. This does not mean that some Whites do not have the same privileges than others but that all Whites get many breaks that Blacks do not. Ask yourself the question in the paragraph below.

Colorblindness: no POC believes it really exists, and if it were to exist, it would mean discounting all their efforts to survive in the hostile environment in the US. Denial of racism is racism. All white and POC have been brought up in a racist society and all reflect their upbringing to some extent. If you are white and do not believe you see race or that racism is still a problem, ask yourself to honestly answer, “Would I just as soon live in a Black skin?”

White guilt/fragility: White people who deny their racism tend to be very

Calendar

5. Sunday
Potluck lunch at
11.30 a.m..

12. Sunday
Forum – Ending
Institutional Racism:
Carol B..

14. Tuesday Study
Group at Gretchen’s
home.

19. Sunday.....
Meeting for
Business, 11.30.

26, Sunday
Forum – Our New
First Day School
Program: Alice P.
Kristal M..

29. Wednesday
Midweek Meeting,
7.00, Gary’s home.

upset when POC mention it. Whites often want to avoid the issue or if not talk about their own feelings, centering the conversation on Whites, not POC.

Teach yourself: Many activists of color ask that White allies work with other White people because just living with racism is exhausting, and they're busy surviving. Note however that the ideas and concepts in this discussion have been well documented by Black (and other) POC.

Microaggressions: Small things that Whites do that diminish POC. "Can I touch your hair." "You're very [surprisingly] articulate." "Where are you from (to an Asian or Latino." Stereotyping of an entire group, even in a positive way.

Cultural Appropriation: Whites benefitting from something that would be looked down upon if a POC did it (such as wearing dreadlocks) of adopting a cultural symbol or art and getting more recognition for it than the people who developed it.

Being an Ally: Engaging in sustained anti-racism work under the leadership of POC. Making mistakes and taking flack for them but sustaining the work. Listening to and believing POC's lived experiences of racism without attempting to 'whitesplain' them.

FB groups: I can provide the names of some of the groups where active discussion of these issues goes on. Val



Personal News

So . . . , should we compare the Bahamas, Scotland and Cuba? Gary and Vivian, Bill and Pat, and Marian will no doubt be sharing experiences. And how different. Marian in Cuba, David and Lee, in Colorado? Much like Kentucky, Suzanne? Or California, Janet and Ken? Scotland, Gary and Vivian? David and Lee have much travel in store.

Ah, our white privilege, the freedom to fly at 500 mph, or drive at 65, to other parts of the world. And, hopefully, to learn there. Gretchen has been to the Executive Committee of Friends General Conference, and describes herself as a FGC junkie.

A black nephew of Janet and Ken's son's wife was shot in May, in Champaign, Illinois. Gun violence came closer to them. Janet and Ken went to their son's daughter's high school graduation in Atlanta and then on to California. [What a pain air travel is! Confusing and trying off and boring on.] But their hosts then had to leave for the funeral.

Janet and Ken's niece in England, told the news, said " The lovely nurse who took a blood sample from me on Monday was black and from Los Angeles: she said the best thing about living over here was that she felt so much safer because of the lack of guns. "

Rose Medellin, who was married here to Eric Myers twenty years ago, will be visiting San Antonio next month and hopes for hospitality. Beth's father died n the middle of May. We understand they were close, so Beth will have suffered grief.

Alice will be married this month at her parent's home. The date is auspicious: 61116, a palindrome. Happy Wedding, Alice! And Jim says Janaki and Andrew Chiarello will be married under the care of Chestnut Hill Meeting, near Philadelphia, this coming Saturday, June 11th. Janaki just completed her Masters in Social Work from Bryn Mawr. Andrew is in charge of WiFi infrastructure on the Bryn Mawr undergraduate campus. They will continue living in the Philadelphia area. Lovely, Janaki!

Neil tells us he's off to Saratoga Springs to spend the month training, then to see dear friends in Seattle and Portland.

"Then I get to go to Maine for a week to do nothing but work on a show about Love (MY show!). "

Spring Fair a Triumph

The ponies were a great draw for families enjoying the 2nd Annual Quaker Fair. There was a steady stream of Fairgoers all morning and we raised \$100 more than last year for the Central American refugees.

But more than that, it was really fun. We put up tents and tables and stocked them with a high quality Jumble and many fine books. The home baked goods [supplemented with donations from Broadway Daily Bread] at the end of the line were a good draw. Hot coffee and hot dogs, and fresh produce from Urban Farm Stand were a welcome addition. New this year, an artist, a hand-made jewelry booth, and specialty soaps and lotions.

But the children's corner, under the trees, was the highlight. In addition to the pony rides [two sizes] and the zoo of farm animals, miniature size, to hold and stroke, we had kids making God's eyes with bright yarn, kids painting each others' faces and a Go Fish activity.

The smooth flow of events is thanks to splendid collaboration of everyone who volunteered to help. Friends showed up, had a job to do, and did it joyfully. We had impromptu tours of the Meetinghouse and grounds, answered many questions about our faith, and invited Fairgoers to worship with us

The first sprinkles of rain started just after our announced closing time: 1 p.m. The heavy rain waited until all the tents and tables were down and safely stowed away. How's that for coordination!

Those are Gretchen's words. The organization of the Fair was her's – all the recruitment for specific responsibilities. And it all went well on the day.

And she sent out this message: "i would like to draw on your experience to write up our efforts for a [possible]3rd Annual Fair. Would you, briefly, let me know what went well, what did not; what supplies you might have used; what you would tell someone doing your job next year. Thanks, Gretchen"

Thank you, Gretchen!

Business Meetings, April & May

----- The April Meeting for Business began with the following:

If your heart is full of fear, you will not seek truth; you will seek security.

If a heart is full of love, it will have a limbering effect on the mind.

William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

A travelling minutewas approved for Bill, who will travel among Friends expressing the reality of climate change. Suzanne reported that James had fixed a bathroom door and that wildflowers were now bloomng Friends approved submitting the following priorities to FCNL's work with Congress: 1) immigration and for-profit prisons, 2) mass incarceration and for-profit prisons, 3) climate change, 4) reducing money in politics, 5) military actions and spending.

Vall announced that a talk on the Israel/Palastine situation will be held in the meetinghouse in May, led by a Vancouver Friend who has written of this and co-sponsored by the Jewish Voice for Peace . Val is also drafting a statement about application for membership, to be posted on the website.

Gretchgen said that five or more vendors will come to the Quaker Fair. Alice, Kristal, and Carol have written a flyer on Friends Firstday School for distribution at the Fair. There was discussion about the "mentoring" of interested attenders. Yjr following statement, to be posted on our outdorr bulleting board, was approved:

WE AT FRIENDS MEETING OF SAN ANTONIO (QUAKERS) ARE VERY GLAD YOU ARE

HERE. WE ASK THAT YOU RESPECT OUR COMMITMENT TO NONVIOLENCE BY NOT BRINGING A WEAPON HERE. JOIN US AS WE HELP EACH OTHER LEARN HOW TO LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE AND HARMONY WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

Denise will update events on our Facebook site. After this, meeting closed in silence.

----- The May Meeting for Business commenced with Islamic advice:
Silence is the language of God; all else is poor translation.

--*Jala Ad-Din Rumi*

The clerk asked that the following concerns be addressed in forums over the summer:

- Stable staff and volunteers for re-invigoration of our First Day School,
- Ongoing challenges of managing our complex property.
- Ways to consistently explain our faith and encourage membership.
- Updating our "Last Wishes" documents.
- Review of FMSA handbook revisions for overall approval.

The Treasurer said that he will be considering a different program for Meeting's accounts to void an anomaly, though this is not important. He said that this month's accounts were much as usual. The new CPS meters are now operating correctly.

Gretchen reported that the Quaker Fsair had gone well, with income \$100 more than last year. For the Property Committee Marian reported that new forms of lighting for the pathway are being considered. Concern was expressed about its effect on wildlife. Friends approved the appointment of Val to M&O Committee.

Meeting closed in silence.

2. ICE RAIDS MAY/JUNE News from RAICES

Asylum seekers who arrived after 1 January 2014 are priorities for removal. In the past week we have provided services to roughly 20 families detained after being arrested by ICE in these raids. More are arrested every day from as far away as South Carolina and sent to Texas. Failing to show up to immigration court for a hearing results in an automatic deportation order. If DHS has the wrong address and the hearing notice is never received by a family, or they do not have a lawyer and fear attending, the judge can STILL issue a deportation order, even if no one ever explained their rights, the asylum process, told they needed a lawyer, or spoke to them in their language (mainly an issue for speakers of indigenous languages from Guatemala).

Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University research found that "knowledge of the increased risk of migrating to the U.S. and the increased risk of deportation has no impact whatsoever on their decision to migrate. Rather, the overwhelming predictor...is whether or not that person has been victimized by crime in the previous year."

RAICES asks that concerned people call their government officials

Miscellany

José Woss of FCNL tells us, "We are so close. The Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act, which would start to roll back mass incarceration, has broad support from senators of all political stripes. If it came to a vote today, it would almost certainly pass." He says it only takes Mitch McConnell to bring it to the vote. Will this have been achieved by the time you read this?

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In the same issue of the *NY Times*, it is said that “shootings by preschoolers [are] happening at a pace of about two a week.” During a single week in April four toddlers killed themselves.

The guns were presumably cocked and convenient, ready to fire when tiny hands found and held them. Yet, given the argument that guns are necessary for protection, what protection would they afford if not convenient and ready when a threat from an outsider occurred?

In Guatemala there were an annual 34.1 gun deaths per 100,000 population, in Honduras 67.18. The figure for the USA in 2014 was 10.54 (including suicides). In the UK in 2011 the comparable total figure was 0.23, with no unintentional deaths. There are strict controls on guns there

So – what conclusion can we draw? That citizens of the UK are more determined, or more accurate?

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Did you know...? Visitation is the essential work of the Friends World Committee. Visitation is like opening windows and letting the light of understanding shine in. Through visitation, Friends meet “face-to-face and heart-to-heart” to share both that which unites and that which divides them in the life of the Spirit. With God’s help, open exchange builds understanding, respect, trust and love, and renews awareness of a world-wide family of Friends.

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Joseph Rowntree, born on May 24 in 1836, was a Quaker chocolate manufacturer, social reformer, & philanthropist... He said, “I feel much of the current philanthropic effort is directed to remedying the more superficial manifestations of weakness or evil, while little thought or effort is directed to search out their underlying causes.”

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State legislatures all across the country have introduced anti-transgender “bathroom” laws. These laws rely on fear, not facts. Yet our own lieutenant governor has said the “bathroom issue” will be a legislative priority when the Texas Legislature convenes . Understanding what it is like to be transgender can be hard, especially if you have never met a transgender person.

Well, we have, and she is as likeable as he was. ACLU is working in Texas to support transgender Texans, present and future.

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“**Quaker**,” said the headline! Wow! Have they picked up on the Spice Fair? The ponies and the petting zoo? No, indeed. Quaker Oats, sued for not being honest, not displaying Quaker Integrity.

Well, Quakers have nothing to do with Quaker Oats and never have. Ironically, after a period of oppression and suspicion, Quaker merchants got such a reputation for integrity that the company manufacturing the Oats called them Quaker in order to cash in on that reputation.

Can we assure visitors that there is no glyphosate in the Meeting grounds? Better not. Somebody may sneak in and test them and find a faint trace. Who knows? Marian? Suzanne?

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One is called to live nonviolently, even if the change one works for seems impossible. If faith does not touch the lives of others it has no point. Faith always starts with oneself. It means an overriding sense of responsibility for the universe, making sure that universe is left in good hands and the belief that things will finally turn out right if we remain faithful.

But I underscore the word faithful.

Daniel Berrigan

It has seemed to us that ISIS could have taught the British and American missionaries a thing or two about compelling faith. The Christians never used force, we thought.

But now we read that, five centuries ago, "scholarly tracts in Europe defended the slave trade by suggesting that African captives required the salvation that only chains would provide." We propagated vastly more violent conversion than ISIS ever has been able to. Or wanted to?

Love Thy Neighbor

By Alicia McBride, FCNL

Love is hard.

I don't mean romantic love – the eros kind – although that is hard in its own way. I'm talking about the love and empathy we are called to have for those around us – what the Greeks call agape, or selfless love.

An Episcopal priest I knew years ago explained this kind of love in a way that's stuck with me. He said that loving our neighbors is like loving our siblings – we don't always like them very much, but underneath everything they do to drive us crazy, we never question that we love them.

We are living through a campaign season where Donald Trump makes headlines and draws crowds for anti-Muslim rhetoric. In the past year, some in Congress have tried to keep refugees from Syria and Iraq out of the country, despite the lessons of history. Our criminal justice system names people as criminals, doling out mandatory minimum prison sentences whose effects linger long past the sentence's end.

One part of the equation is to show love to those who are the targets of fear and suspicion. Many of you are involved in this kind of work, personally and politically. FCNL is as well, in lobbying for systemic change.

This orientation towards loving those around us does not make us blind to the mistakes and faults of the people caught in our country's immigration or criminal justice system, or the possibility that someone could game those systems for their own benefit. What it does do is argue for giving the worth and dignity of every individual more weight, at a time when our shared humanity doesn't seem to have much weight at all. But that's not the whole equation. What about those people who are spouting Islamophobic rhetoric, or lobbying to keep Syrian refugees out, or arguing against shorter sentences for people convicted of a drug crime?

Personally, I find it more difficult to remember that those people, too, are my neighbors whom I am called to love. This is where love can feel particularly hard, where I have to remember that I don't have to like someone, or agree with them, in order to love them. I don't have to go out of my way to say something nice about them. But I need to orient myself to remember that they're human too, that in Quaker terms there is something of the Light in them, no matter how difficult it is for me to see, and part of my faith is in continuing to act as if I believe that until I do.

Join FCNL's #LoveThyNeighbor campaign to show the power of love to overcome fear and hatred.

The Green Climate Fund

There is an exciting new initiative to help people and communities around the world deal with the effects of climate change. Already, the fund is helping ensure access to clean drinking water, develop solar power, and improve infrastructure to keep people safe when extreme weather hits.

But the U.S. needs to step up to its commitment to this fund and Jose Augto, of FCNL wants us to ask our representatives to support U.S. contributions to the Fund. The U.S. is one of 42 nations that has promised support for this independent fund. Just two months ago, the U.S. made

its first payment on the promise. As Congress decides how to spend money in the upcoming year, it's important that they make fully supporting the Green Climate Fund a priority.

Today, says Jose, I'm on Capitol Hill visiting offices with our partners in the faith community in support of the Green Climate Fund. Members are making decisions now about what funding they'll work for. It's important that they hear your support for this international effort to help vulnerable people adapt to the results we're already seeing from climate change.

Inside the Storytelling Revolution

April 2016

Storytelling is on the rise. With the continued expansion of technology sharing stories has never been easier. Our latest issue of *Building Peace*, "Inside the Storytelling Revolution," examines the countless ways we communicate with one another and the power that stories hold to inspire peace as well as war.

The sixth publication looks at the processes of advocacy and advertising—both selling peace in their unique ways. We feature the work of StoryCorps and how they are lifting up local voices to contribute to a more peaceful society. Our stories also come from the "Countering Violent Extremism" and filmmaking communities as they explore the ways that narratives can rewrite history—and what it takes to reveal the truth.

Building Peace is published online by Alliance for Peacebuilding. Go to <http://buildingpeaceforum.com/publication>

Prisons or Child Welfare Centers?

On May 3, Grassroots Leadership and two mothers who were detained in Texas with their children filed papers in state court in Austin seeking an Injunction and Restraining Order to halt the licensing of controversial family detention centers in South Texas.

The South Texas Family Residential Center, operated by prison corporation Corrections Corporation of America in Dilley, and the Karnes County Residential Center, operated by prison corporation GEO Group in Karnes City, had applied for licenses under lowered standards adopted under a new regulation.

Grassroots Leadership asked the 250th Judicial District Court to invalidate those regulations on the ground that DFPS is only granted authority to regulate childcare facilities and not detention centers, prisons, detention camps, or mental health facilities.

"By all reasonable measures, family detention camps are prisons. They are not childcare facilities," said Bob Libal, Executive Director of Grassroots Leadership.

In November, Grassroots Leadership won a temporary injunction to stop DFPS from using emergency rulemaking procedures to license family detention centers in Karnes and Dilley as childcare facilities. The state responded by publishing a new permanent rule which lowered childcare standards.

Thousands of Texans submitted comments against the rule and dozens of people — formerly detained mothers, child advocates, faith leaders, and survivors of Japanese internment — testified against the adoption of the rule. Dozens of groups filed formal comments opposing the rule. Nevertheless, the state adopted the rule.

"DFPS has publicly stated that this effort is about justifying immigration enforcement and not about ensuring child welfare," said Cristina Parker, Grassroots Leadership's Immigration Programs Director. "The agency has no business taking on giant new immigration detention facilities holding thousands of children."

[At the time of writing a court has temporarily barred the licensing of the detention center at Dilley.]

Books of the Month,

Britain Yearly Meeting Edition, May

LIVING OUR BELIEFS – *An Exploration of the Faith and Practice of Quakers*

Compiled and edited by Graham Ralph with young Quakers £6

“Inside Living our Beliefs“are short, simple passages and thoughtful quotations introducing different aspects of Quakerism. Some chapters explore the words we use to express ourselves and our faith. Other chapters describe how and why we worship, make decisions and involve people in our communities.

Many of us have experienced Quaker meeting for worship on a hill, in a hotel lobby, under the stars; it is often on these occasions, with others, that the silence can surprise and the Spirit can burn even more brightly.

OUR LIFE IS LOVE – *The Quaker Spiritual Journey*

Marcelle Martin £12

Marcelle Martin understands and interprets early Quaker experience in fresh and profound ways... She does not write about the early Friends as a detached historian, analytical theologian, or objective outside observer, but as an intuitive, empathic fellow traveller because she shares their spiritual DNA... I also felt I was being invited into the depths of their journey as I heard echoes of my own experience, which made my own ordinary life seem more mystical. You too may recognize yourself in many of the stages (or pathways) that are described.

– Carole Spencer, from the foreword.

WITH A TENDER HAND – *A resource for eldership and oversight*

Zélie Gross £12.50

Quaker Life commissioned this book to help Quakers today provide confident eldership and oversight. Drawing on experience in many different meetings in Britain, it offers support to Friends as they nurture the life of their worshipping community. It aims to support new and existing elders and overseers in this vital role.

TWELVE QUAKERS AND PRAYER

Quaker Quest £2.50

What is prayer? If it isn't pleading or wishing, what is it? What's the point when prayers are not answered? Is prayer expecting God to do what we should do? Can you pray if you don't believe in God? Twelve Quakers respond to these and many more questions about prayer from their own experience. Each responds differently. Simply and clearly, they describe how they pray and tell of the changes it has made to their lives.

FAITH, POWER AND PEACE – *The 2015 Swarthmore Lecture*

Diana Francis £6

Diana Francis draws on her extensive experience to affirm Quakers' historic rejection of all war, arguing that militarism cannot make sense as a response to human vulnerability. She describes how nonviolent power can transform violent situations and provide a radically different model for international relations.

The Swarthmore Lecture is BYM's annual lecture.

THROUGH US, NOT FROM US – *Vocal ministry and Quaker worship*

Rex Ambler, Alec Davison, Janet

Scott & Michael Wright £3.00

All Quakers are equal in sharing responsibility for their meetings and worship, whether the ministry is in silence or through the spoken word. It makes for a telling spontaneity. Through us, not from us recounts the talks of four experienced Friends from a conference on Vocal Ministry.

This book examines the context in which it began and the power it can release in Quaker worship to inspire witnessing for peace and social change.

A SUSTAINABLE LIFE – Quaker Faith and Practice in the Renewal of Creation

Douglas Gwyn £9.99

As a Quaker climate activist alive to his roots, I read this book in reverse order, from last chapter to first. It was like taking a journey home. I'm grateful for the clarity, the grounding, and the invitation to power. As political turbulence around us increases, I recommend to you this journey.

– George Lakey, nonviolent activist and trainer, founding member of EQAT (Earth Quaker Action Team).

..... Presumably these books will be available from QuakerBooks of FGC, which carries an extensive catalog of books for Quakers. Go to <http://www.fgcquaker.org/services/bookstore>

A British pound is roughly \$1.50.

Quaker Press

Friends General Conference's QuakerPress has been publishing books, pamphlets, and curricula that nurture meetings, individuals, and the greater Religious Society of Friends for over fifty years. QuakerPress publications are sold through QuakerBooks of FGC as well as through other book retailers. FGC is pleased to announce that "we have opened submissions for manuscripts to be published with QuakerPress." To learn more about the topics and content QuakerPress seeks and how to submit a manuscript, go to <http://www.fgcquaker.org/serve/publishing/quakerpress-fgc>.

Solitary

"Imagine being alone and caged in a small, enclosed space behind a steel door 23 hours a day for months...or even decades.

Unfortunately, long-term solitary confinement is reality to more than 80,000 men, women, and children in U.S. prisons. The actual number could be much greater, because isolated confinement figures are based on self-reporting by wardens and state corrections departments.

Under international law, the way U.S. prisons use solitary confinement is torture. Prison isolation violates the United Nations Convention Against Torture and the UN International Convention on Civil and Political Rights. In fact, numerous studies have documented the harmful psychological effects of long-term isolation, for prisoners and for those who guard them.

Despite these facts, nearly every U.S. state still uses some form of solitary confinement. Prisoners can be placed in "restrictive housing" for a variety of reasons, from fighting with another inmate to getting caught with a pack of cigarettes. A prisoner can be thrown into solitary for no reason at all, simply as a tactic the guards can use for intimidation and control.

Yet there is hope for an end to this injustice in the prison system. For more than 30 years, the American Friends Service Committee has worked to end the cruel practice of isolation and provide alternatives that promote healing for prisoners and their families."

Shain Cretin, Gen. Secretary, AFSC

Ironically, Quakers were early in devising solitary confinement. Felons in early Pennsylvania would serve their entire sentences in isolation, not just as punishment, but as an opportunity to seek forgiveness from God. Born before a scientific era seeking evidence, this now seems to us an unjustified optimism.. But, says Brooke Shelby Biggs, quoted in *Mother Jones*, "It was a revolutionary idea—no penal method had ever before considered that criminals might be reformed." Friends were also early in considering that insane people might be cured.. The Retreat, in York, England, was founded for the treatment of people with mental health needs in 1796. It operates still as a not for profit charitable organization.

It is famous for having pioneered humane and moral treatment that became a model for asylums around the world. Founded by William Tuke, it was originally run by and for Quakers but became open to everyone. It inspired many other progressive facilities.

Intr-meant?

We remember, decades ago, a weighty Friend saying “We don’t need any more Quaker graveyards!” Why? How do we choose the method of disposal of our bodies after we die? Surely having it safely interred in a woody field, home to wildlife in the midst of a city, decomposing in such a way that it will soon provide nutrients for the variety of life which draw them from the earth? A coffin may contaminate the soil. Many of us now choose cremation. But this is not a carbon-neutral method and may also release contaminants.

Cadbury’s Chocolate

In the late 19th century the subject of food adulteration was widely discussed in the press of the time, with Arthur Hill Hassall regarded as one of the leading experts in the field. His work came to the attention of a Quaker family in Birmingham called Cadbury, who were trying to establish a business selling chocolate. They had invested in a new approach to manufacturing chocolate. Previously, starch and other fillers had to be added to mask the flavor of the cocoa butter but their new press removed this cocoa butter, thus removing the need to add starch. The widespread concern about food adulteration, spearheaded by Hassall’s investigations, meant that they could market their new Cocoa Essence as “Absolutely Pure. Therefore Best.” The success of the product, in turn, helped transform this small family business into a worldwide company.

Showoffs, those Cadburys. But there’s a noticeboard for Meeting on Eisenhower – place there a sign: “Quakers -Absolutely Pure. Therefore Best.”

Query for June

Can we keep our lives uncluttered by things and activities? ... How can we center our lives each day in awareness of the Light so that all things take their rightful place.

Meeting for Worship is held on Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a Forum discussion at 11.30, usually lasting until about 12.45. Children are invited to join worship for the first fifteen minutes, after which they may go to join with the Young Friends program. Child care is available during Forum.

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