

A DECLARATION OF THE DIFFERENCE OF THE MINISTERS OF *THE WORD*, FROM THE MINISTERS OF THE WORLD, WHO CALL THE WRITINGS *THE WORD*.

The Ministers of the Word now lay in Prisons, for witnessing Christ the Word, by them who have the Writings, who are filling up the Measure of their Fathers, who had the Writings, and persecuted the Word, and the Ministers of the Word.

—By Goerge Fox

Those who were ministers of the word, took in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things, which were most surely believed among them, which were eye-witnesses from the beginning, and having had a perfect understanding of those things, from the very first to write in order; showing how John was born, how Christ was born, and how they came to fulfill the prophets, and how Christ suffered, and how John suffered, and how the prophets did give testimony of Christ, showing the coming of the just one, and Abraham, and Moses, and David; and how the just one did come to fulfill what was written of him; and how John was sent before to prepare the way; and how Christ was offered up and died, and rose again according to the scriptures, of this the ministers of the word set forth in order a declaration: Matthew, a minister of the word, Mark, a minister of the word, Luke, a minister of the word, and John, a minister of the word. John said in his declaration, (a minister of the word) ,what the word is: God is the word, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God:" John 1:1. He did not say that the declaration was the word, but said in his declaration, God was the word. In the Hebrews the minister of the word said, "Who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow, considering the end of their conduct, Christ Jesus the same yesterday, today, and forever." Heb 13:7-8. John, a minister of the word, said, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the word of life; for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life which was with the Father, and was manifest unto us, that which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you." 1 John 1:1-

3. So that which was from the beginning with the Father, was before paper, and ink, and writings, which the ministers of the word declared forth, and showed unto the saints. Peter, a minister of the word, in his epistle, saw the mockers and scoffers, who spoke the high words in hypocrisy; he declares what the word was, "That by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water, and in the water, whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with the water perished; the heavens and earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment, and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Pet 3:5-7. So this is the word which is kept in store, and by which the heavens were of old, as you may read. The minister of the word, Peter, in his first epistle, which declares of the builders that rejected the corner-stone, such as had the scriptures, he said, "The word of the Lord endures forever, this is the word which is by the gospel preached unto you, being born again not of corruptible seed, but of the incorruptible, by the word of God which lives and endures forever; as new-born babes desiring the sincere milk of the word; in the beginning was the word, that which was from the beginning declare I unto you, the word of the Lord endures forever;" 1 Pet 1:23-25, 2:2. Scripture is writing, and writing does not endure forever; but the word of the Lord endures forever: for all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man is as the flower of the grass that fades away, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

In the epistle to the Hebrews, the minister of the word said there, "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high." Heb 1:2-3. Here you may see that which upholds all things by the word of his power, which the scripture speaks of, is that which was before writings was. Paul, a minister of the word said, "The word is near you, even in your heart and in your mouth, that is the word of faith which we preach, that if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart, that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved." Then he said, "The scripture said (which are the writings) that whosoever believes in him shall not be ashamed: and the righteousness of faith speaks on this wise; say not in your heart, who shall ascend into heaven? that is, to bring Christ down from above: or, who shall descend into the deep? that is, to bring Christ up again from the dead; but (said he) the word is near you, in your heart, and in your mouth." This is the word of faith, which he preached, and for preaching this word of faith, they were they persecuted by those who had the writings. The twelve, which were ministers of the word, called the multitude of the disciples, and said unto them, "It was not reason for them to leave the word of God, and serve tables, but they would give themselves continually unto prayer, and to the ministry of the word," Acts 6:2,4,7, as you may read: and the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied. In Deuteronomy you may read, "Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, who should go over the sea for us, and bring it to us,

that we might hear it, and do it." Deu 30:11-14. But the word is unto you in your heart and in your mouth, that you might do it. Again, here you may see where the word is that Moses declared who wrote of Christ, who said, "Like unto me will God raise up a prophet, him shall you hear;" which prophet is the word; and all the prophets from Samuel, and all that have followed after him, likewise foretold of these days of Christ, Acts 3:22-24, whose name is called the word of God. When Peter, a minister of the word, was preaching Christ the word, showing how all the prophets did give witness, that through his name whosoever believed in him should receive remission of sins. While Peter was yet speaking, the Holy Ghost fell on them all that heard the word, Acts 10:43-44, which the prophets gave testimony of.

When the apostle preached the word of God, and most of the whole city came together, the Jews were envious, who had the scripture, and did not know the word that Paul preached; therefore said the apostle, "Beware for fear that that come upon you which is spoken of in the prophets; behold you despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work in which you shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you." Acts 13:40-41,46-50. Yet the apostles Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and spoke the word of God, which was often ministered among them that had the scriptures, and told them, "seeing you put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo we turn to the Gentiles," which had not the scriptures, Moses and the prophets; and many of the Gentiles received the word, and so the ministers of the word held forth the covenant of light to the Gentiles, saying, "I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles, that you may be my salvation to the ends of the earth. Isa 49:6. And when the Gentiles heard this they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord, and as many as were ordained to eternal life, believed. And the word of God was published throughout all the region. But the Jews which had the scriptures, stirred up the devout and honorable women and chief men of the city, and they persecuted Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts, for preaching the word, and against them the apostles shook the dust off their feet," Acts 13:48-52, as you may read. In the same chapter you may see how the ministers of the word showed the people how that which was written of the word was fulfilled; and that it was said in the same scripture, "You are my Son, this day have I begotten you:" and to this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written, Psa 2:7, Acts 15:15, which showed the coming of Christ, the just one, which the ministers of the word were witnesses of; and John a minister of the word said, that "The word was made flesh, and dwelt among them, and they beheld his glory, as the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth;" John 1:14, but he does not say, that the writings were made flesh, for the Jews that had the writings of Moses and the prophets, persecuted Christ the word. The chief priests, doctors, and the rabbis, and those who had the law ministered forth, and sat in Moses' seat, had the writings, the scripture, they did not know the word that was made flesh, but said he had a devil. So those who

had the writings, the scriptures, were strangers to the word, and did not know the word that was made flesh; but those who saw his glory, were ministers of the word, the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth; which same word is *now* manifest that ever was, Christ the same today, yesterday, and forever. Christ said, "If they call them gods to whom the word of God came, the scripture cannot be broken;" and said Christ, "As it is written in your law, I say you are gods," [who has an ear may hear this] and also it is written in your law, the testimony of two men is true, I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me bears witness of me, Christ whose name is called, the word of God.

Now the Jews that had the law, and the writings of the prophets, and said they were of the seed of Abraham, and that God was their Father, and they were not born of fornication, these did not know Christ the word that became flesh, as they who are gotten up into the same light of profession in this age. They could not understand Christ's speech, nor hear his word, as they now who have the writings, and know not the word, but put the writings for the word; John 10, and they questioned him whether he was greater than Abraham and the prophets, and said, "Who did he make himself," John 8. Here they knew not the word (that had the scriptures) that became flesh, as you may read. Many of the Jews, who had the scriptures, said the word was a devil, and said of Christ Jesus, "He has a devil, why do you hear him?" The prophet Jeremiah cried against those who use their tongues, and say, the Lord said, when the Lord never spoke to them; and ran, and the Lord never sent them, as these do that know not the word, and by their lies and their lightness caused the people to err, said the prophet, "What is the chaff to the wheat, said the Lord? Is not my word like a fire, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" Jer 23:28-32. Now that which breaks the rocks in pieces, and is as a fire that burns up, that is the word. He does not say that the letter is so, as a hammer, and as a fire; for though they had got the true prophets' words, yet they did not profit the people, which did not stand in God's counsel. The minister of the word in the epistle to the Hebrews declares, that "The word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb 4:12-13 This is the word, but he does not say so of the letter which kills and open to the eyes of him with whom we have to do. All things being upheld by the word, must needs be naked in his sight, and manifest; and in the beginning was the word, by whom all things were made, which is the word of reconciliation, (namely) "That God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their sins and trespasses, and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation," 2 Cor 5:19, which reconciles to God. The minister of the word thus said, who said the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.

Many have the writings as the Jews had, but they cannot witness the word of reconciliation; for the Jews stood against the word of reconciliation, who had the writings, as now the doctors and teachers of the world, who are in the nature of the Jews, have given the Bible the name of Christ, whose name is called, "The word of God," and persecute them who do not bow to their image. "And he was clothed in a vesture dipped in blood, and his name is called, the word of God;" Rev. 19:13-16, and this, John, minister of the word, declares in his revelation, and said, "The armies which were in heaven followed upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean: and out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations, and rule them with a rod of iron, and he treads the wine-press of the fierceness and wrath of the Almighty God: and has on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords." And I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, and his image, nor received his mark in their foreheads, nor their hands; and they reigned with Christ, whose name is "The word of God." See here now, those who did witness Christ the word of God, were beheaded, and suffered, as you may read in John's testimony of the word, and those who were beheaded for the word. The apostles went into the synagogues of the Jews and temple, and them that held up the synagogues, tithes, and the first priesthood and the temple, they having Moses and the prophets read among them every Sabbath-day, Acts 13:27, the apostle showed them Christ Jesus the word that became flesh, which the prophets prophesied of, which showed the coming of the just one, and of whom Moses wrote. They showed them out of the prophets and Moses, that Jesus was the Christ, whose name was called, "The word of God;" and they hearing the scriptures, the writings, but not knowing the word, were those who hauled out of the synagogues and temple, and persecuted them that were ministers of the word, and they knew not the word though they had Moses and the prophets, and the writings; and the minister of the word did give testimony unto the word of his grace with boldness, speaking in the synagogue and temple; and the priests could tell by the scripture where Christ should be born. When Herod had gathered all the chief priests together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born? Matt. 2:4-5. And the chief priests could tell him by the scripture, in Bethlehem of Judea, it is written, for so said the prophet. Now here the chief priests which had the writings of the prophets and the scriptures, with which they could tell where Christ should be born, and with it give answer to Herod at his demand, yet they knew not the word; but the chief priest mocked him with the Pharisees, and the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and crucify Jesus. Here you may see that neither the chief priests nor elders knew the word, "And all the chief priests and elders, and all the council sought false witness against Jesus to put him to death;" and the chief priests accused him and the elders. Now you may see here the highest of the priests, and those that were elders sought false witness against Jesus the word of God, though they had scriptures, as they do now against them who are

witnesses for the word. "And the chief priests assembled together, and the scribes and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest who was called Caiaphas, and consulted together to take Jesus by subtlety and kill him" These had the writing, the scripture, but knew not the word. The chief of the priests, as the chief of the priests and elders (those who have the writings of the prophets, Christ, and the apostles) now cast into prison and seek to put to death, and scourge in the synagogues, and whip and beat, and haul before the magistrates those who witness Christ to be the word, in the synagogues, and the scripture to be a declaration. "And these things shall they do unto you (said Christ) because they have neither known the Father nor me. But these things I have told you, that when the time shall come, you may remember I have told you." John 16:2-4. So we do remember now Christ's words, and see his prophecy fulfilled in this age; those who have the writings, the scriptures in the synagogues [churches] and temple, haul them out of the synagogues, and persecute them, imprison them, and whip those who witness Christ to be the word, as the writings declare, which they have among them read, every Sabbath-day. But as Christ and the saints said to them which had the writings of the prophets, they did not know the voice of the prophets, nor did they know the Son of God, nor had seen God; Acts 13:27, and likewise the chief priests and the scribes and the elders mocked Christ whose name is called, "The word of God;" John 5:37 here they knew not the word, as they mock now at those who witness Christ the word, and haul them out of their synagogues. The chief priests cannot endure the presence of them who witness Christ the word, nor the elders, but persecute them. The chief priests covenanted with Judas, and bought Christ for thirty pieces of silver, to put him to death. A great multitude came with Judas with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people, Mat 26:47, to take Jesus to murder him. Here the chief priests which had the scriptures, and the elders, knew not the word, but persecuted it, and those who believed in it, and were ministers of it, as the disciples of Christ's testimony declare. Even as the chief priests and elders of the people, who have the writings of the prophets, Christ, and the apostles, now persecute them that believe in the word, and own the word, which the prophets showed the coming of, and the apostles were witnesses of. While Saul was among the chief priests and Jews, he had authority from the chief priests, and a commission, to beat, to punish, and to persecute in every synagogue them that believed in Christ the word. Paul, a minister of the word, declares this in his examination and declaration to Agrippa; Acts 26. When they were put to death for witnessing the word, Saul gave his voice. Now, do not the chief priests incense the multitude against those who witness Christ the word? Are they not hauled out of the synagogues? Have they not authority from the chief priests and elders of the people to haul out of the synagogues and to persecute them that witness Christ the word, and the scriptures a declaration, as you may read.

When the apostle was converted and denied the first priesthood, from which he had his authority to persecute, and witnessed Christ the everlasting priest, whose name is called, "The word of God," then was he persecuted among them, and with them, and by them that had the writings of Christ that was to come. They sought to put him to death who was a minister of the word, and his end of going into the synagogues was to show them that Jesus was Christ, out of the prophets, and Moses who wrote of him, and showed the coming of him which they had the writings of, but did not know him when he was come, Acts 17:1-3. So the purpose of the apostles going into the synagogues was not to hold them up, nor the temple, but to witness Christ the everlasting priest, the everlasting covenant, and the everlasting offering, and to bring the people to him, to turn them from darkness to light, so that they might come to witness their bodies temples of God, 1 Cor 6:19. So the ministers of the word Christ Jesus went into the synagogues to the ministers of the law and the first priesthood that took the tithes, that held up synagogues and temple; and those who were ministers of the word were hauled forth by the first priesthood; those who held up temple and synagogues hauled them out that were ministers of the word, and knew not the word, and charged them to speak no more in that name, Acts 4:18, among those who had the writings, as you may read, and as the world does now; chief priests which have the writings and the tithes, and the synagogues, are against them that are ministers of the word Christ Jesus, who is the light of the world, and does enlighten every one that comes into the world, that all men through him might believe, who is the word, whose name is called, "The word of God," and that every man might come to hear that prophet which God has raised up, Christ Jesus, whom Moses prophesied of, and every soul that will not hear this prophet is to be cut off, Deu 18:18-19, Acts 7:37, as you may read; it is not the hearers of the word, but the doers of the word are justified; if therefore you hear and do the same, you are happy. "Be you therefore doers of the word, and not hearers thereof only, deceiving your own selves, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word which is able to save your souls," James 1:21-22, which is not the letter, nor the writing of the scripture, but the ingrafted word is able to save your souls, which you are to receive with meekness, as you may read. This word the ministers of the word preach, which differ from those who are ministers of the letter, have the writings, and persecute those who are ministers of the word. A minister of the word and spirit has never persecuted anyone.

Christ the word said, that they should be persecuted, and they were persecuted from city to city by those who had the writings of the letter, who did not know the word, which was in the beginning, by whom all things were made, which is the word of reconciliation, (which word now is witnessed among the children of light). They persecuted Christ, the same today, yesterday, and forever? Why do you persecute me, said Christ to Saul, Acts 9:4, who had his authority from the chief priests to persecute. Christ, the word, said: "I was sick and in prison, and you visited me not; I was naked and you clothed me not; and I was hungry and

you fed me not; and thirsty and you gave me no drink," Mat 25:42-45. When did we see you thirsty, or hungry, or in prison? (say they, who have the writings and did not know the word.) Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not unto me. Therefore if you do not visit him in the prison, what will become of you that cast him into prison? where will you stand in the day of judgment, though you have and do profess the writings as the chief priests and scribes did, but were persecutors of the word, and them that were witnesses for the word, as the ministers of the word now are by them who have the writings, but know not the word.

A CRY FOR REPENTANCE, UNTO THE INHABITANTS OF LONDON, CHIEFLY,

And unto all those whose fruits shame their profession, that they may come to Yes and No, in all their communications, and dealings, that their life may judge the world; for who are out of that, are in the evil, and fall into condemnation.

Given forth for the information of the simple, that they may know the say of Life, out of the evil communication which corrupts good manners.

By George Fox

Repent you tradesmen of London, repent you merchants and great men of the city, the day of the Lord's hand is coming upon you, the day of the Lord's wrath is to be poured upon you, who have lived in wickedness, fullness and gluttony, and serving the creature more than the Creator, who is God blessed forever; and serving your lusts more than Christ, and making your bellies your gods, fattening up yourselves with the creature, until you have forgotten God, until you grow proud and wanton. Alas! Do not heap up treasure upon earth, where thieves, and rust, and canker is, but consider all of you what treasure you have in Heaven. You tradesmen, whatever calling you follow, turn to the Lord by repentance. You seamen and fishermen, repent, and put away your evil, and turn to the Lord by repentance, while you have a day of mercy offered you. You poorer sort of people, who are drudging, laboring, and toiling in the earth under the great ones, repent. All you small and great, is not your labor for the mouth and apparel, yet your appetite, your lust and eye is not satisfied.

You teachers of the people, called priests, who have gotten into the high places, repent; and give over deceiving them, that you may be found in the life of what you profess. You rulers and magistrates, of whatever sort, high and low, small and great, repent, repent; that you may be found all in justice and judgment, that this may run down your streets, and in them righteousness reign; and that the streams and floods of ungodliness may not run down, but be stopped. You proud and idle people, men and women, repent, and come to acknowledge the Lord the Creator. You proud of the earth, great rich and small, turn, turn to the

Lord. All you lawyers repent, that oppression may be taken off, and unreasonable demands may cease; and mercy may be showed to the helpless, and the jaws of the wicked may be broken, that would worry, and rend, and tear the innocent to pieces, that the oppressed, the needy, and the helpless may be sought out, and of his burden eased, that the Lord may bless you.

All you husbandmen, tillers of the earth, or keepers of cattle, repent, that your minds may be brought out of the earth, and you turned unto the Lord, and that your minds may be brought out of the greediness of gain. You buyers and sellers of cattle, and all others that are greedy of gain, greedy after the earth, greedy after riches, greedy after fashions, for this will men and women destroy one another with lies and flattery, through greediness after gain, and the earth. Repent! The voice and sound of repentance is cried to you all, which reaches to the root of you all. The axe is laid to the root of the tree, and every tree that does not bring forth good fruit to the Lord God, must be cast into the fire; for the cry and voice of repentance is sounded, and sounds to you all, rich and poor, small and great. All tradesmen, lawyers, merchants, seamen, husbandmen, traders among cattle, judges, justices, rulers and magistrates, and you idle people of the land repent, for the day of the Lord's wrath is at hand, his vial is to be poured out on you all. Again, all you tradesmen, merchantmen whatever, or rulers, or judges, or justices, or lawyers, or husbandmen, or buyers or sellers of cattle, keep to yes and no in all your communication; whatever more words than that is from the evil one. Is it not as well to say yes and no, as to use so many words? Is it not good to keep to yes and no, to keep you out of the evil? **This is the word of the Lord God to you all** whosoever.

Again you tradesmen, merchantmen of all sorts whatsoever, buyers and sellers, do not publish a price upon the thing you sell in exchange, more than what you are willing to take. Is it not better and more ease to complete your business at a word, than to ask double or more? Does not this bring you into many vain words, and compliments, and talk, that fills the vain mind? This is deceitful before God and man. Is it not more savory to ask no more than you are willing to accept for your commodity, to keep yes and no in your communication, when you converse in your calling, than to ask more than you will are willing to take? So is not there the many words in which is the multiplying of sins? **This is the word of the Lord to you:** ask no more than you will have for your commodity, and keep to yes and no in your communication, and here will be an equal balancing of things, and a consideration before you utter words, and a using of this world, as though you used it not; and a possessing as though you possessed not. So you will come to show a life like christians, and the spirit like christians, and that you are a people in Christ's doctrine, that love his doctrine, which keep to yes and no in your communication; and you will not be a people that are high, and proud, and lofty. So a child shall trade with you as a man, because of the equity, and yes and no, and righteousness, and true weighing of things, and true

consideration of things; and people shall not be afraid of one cheating the other, or destroying one the other, where truth and equity is among them, and mercy and righteousness, and no more is set upon the thing than what they will take, who are in their yes and no in their communication. Here is the consideration before words are uttered, and where the power is over the tongue, the life of a christian is seen.

You porters and other laborers, and light and loose people, repent, and all you laboring people whatever, and judges of the earth, repent, repent, and turn to the Lord God, for fear that against you the Lord's hand be turned speedily, and you be found those that are convinced, and do not repent, to give glory to the Lord God, for fear that you are cast into the bed of sickness, and sudden judgments and plagues come upon you. For God is able to abase the pride and vanity of them who have looked to the hills for salvation, who cannot save themselves. Therefore all you that have lived without repentance, whose lives are not changed, you are those who have cumbered the ground; fruitless trees that have not brought forth fruit to God. Therefore the streams of ungodliness, streams of unrighteousness, rivers of wickedness, floods of many waters have been running so up and down the nations of the world, which the woman sat upon, which sits upon the beast. So have christians been an ill savor, their conduct, their communication, who have been out of the yes and no, the righteousness and judgment, and are not at a word in their calling and trading, and commerce with people, for which the heathen which are no christians judge them, as the Gentiles the Jews. Oh you christians, let your ways judge the heathen; let your lives, communication, conduct, judge the heathen; let it not be in the earth, but in heaven; ask no more for the commodity you exchange, than you would have. You tradesmen, buyers and sellers of all sorts, or hirers of laborers, at a word speak, and see before you speak; keep to yes and no in all your communications, this will keep you out of the evil, whatsoever is more comes of evil. With this you will come to answer that of God in the heathen, whom in righteousness God will judge. Alas for you! All your profession of the scriptures, of the apostles', Christ's and prophets' words are futile, if you are found out of the life of the prophets, Christ and the apostles. You are only like the Jews were, of whom Christ said the devil was their father; and as the Pharisees, scribes and priests which Christ cried woe against, called whitened walls and graves, vipers and serpents, venoming and poisoning others, being not in the life the scripture was given forth from, are found such as the apostles spoke of, vain janglers about words, and vain disputers, and bringing the scriptures to oppose one another, and disputing of Christ and the saints' words, bringing scripture as the devil did, and are out of the life that gave it forth, and disputing about the body of Moses, such are in the unrepented state, which eat and drink damnation to themselves, not discerning the Lord's body; therefore you are warned.

This is the word of the Lord God to you all, you rulers of the earth, that righteousness and mercy, judgment and equity may run down, streaming in the nation, that the oppressed may see relief, and the peaceable eased, and the poor and needy may not be turned away, that this may run down all that which is called Christendom, that profess Christ, who is come to reign, and has set up his kingdom in power and authority, and majesty, who raises up jealousy as a man of war against all unrepented ones, that the thoughts of men are full of, and their imaginations and conceivings are at work; but the Lord is risen and rising, who will make waste him that has made desolate, who will judge righteously, according to the secrets of every man's heart, who will enter into the house, bind the strong man, and spoil his goods. The heart of all will I search, said the Lord, the reins of all will I try, the ways of all will I bring to light, the spirits of all will I make manifest, and according to them will I judge, who will make every one to confess that his ways and judgments are righteous, and render to every one a reward according to his works, whether they be good, or whether they be evil; I come quickly, and my reward is with me, said the Lord God Almighty, and there shall nothing escape in the heart, but its secrets shall be revealed, and the things that you have done in the body shall you give account for; I will exalt my kingdom and set it upon the highest throne, to tread dominions and principalities under my feet, who put down the authority, who bear my government upon my shoulders; the Lord our righteousness is his name, who judges according to the secrets of every man's heart, who does enlighten every man that comes into the world, with which he shall see when he does evil, and when he does wrong, which is his condemnation that hates it; but he that loves the light, which he is enlightened withal, and believes in it, shall receive the light of life.

And all you makers of images, and makers of baubles and toys to please the lusts and vanity of people, repent, repent, for fear that God consume you with the vanity. Repent, for fear that God lay you in the dust with them, and make you like unto them. All you that delight in fine houses, and apparel, and the eyes are fixed in those things, repent, for fear that God destroy you with them. All you star-gazers and tellers of fortunes, and drawing people to gaze after your fancy more than after the Lord, repent, and be silent, and cover your lips, and give over your witchcraft, for fear that God cut you off, and destroy you, and make a sudden end of you for your heap of confusion, that has long reigned and ruled against the Lord. God's arm is turned, with which he will gather his people to himself; the furnace is prepared, the oven is provided, and the high buildings shall be laid low, and the cities waste, and without inhabitants. The Lord God is bringing his people to his city, and many are in their way wandering to it; and many are entered into their rest. Therefore to you repenting ones is this, and to you unrepentant ones that you may come to see the way here, out of the earth, into the righteous way and path of life, which leads to God the father of life. And to you this is the word of the Lord God, from him that dwells in that which

comprehends the world, and answering this, shall be with that of God in every one of you.

George Fox

Have not ribbons, jewels, images and baubles carried away the eyes and hearts of people, which brings them to lose sincerity? O repent you whose hearts and eyes are given to vanity, for fear that the Lord comes upon you like mortar and clay, and treads you to pieces like potsherds.