

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WORLD'S RELATIONSHIP,

*Which stands in Strife, Malice,
and Wickedness, and the Saints'
Relationship, which stands in
Love, Life, Peace and Joy in the
Holy Ghost.*

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The relationship, which stands in destroying,
is denied by the children of the light.

All such who live out of light, and out of it walk,
who wear the old garment, whose mind is corrupt,
and have a wisdom, but with it know not God,
and have a knowledge, and with it corrupt themselves,
and have a humility, but it is false,
and have a worship, but in the will of the carnal mind,
and have a righteousness, but in the self,
and speak the high words, but it is in hypocrisy,
and have a liberty, but in the flesh,
where the spirit is in prison.

All such in Cain's way have gone, and have not a habitation in God,
whose affections are below in the earth, and serve the lusts and the pleasures,
whose conduct is among the wicked,
and there is the world's relationship where strife lodges,
and the debate and deceit, and disdain,
and setting up that which God will throw down.

Now while this is standing, which is contrary to the light,
those who walk in the light and are in it, deny those,
and see that which leads nature out of its course,
and what sets the whole course of nature on fire;
and there the whole world is in confusion,
and all the tongues are unbridled, where the power is not over them,

while that reigns which leads nature out of its course.
Of such, his religion is vain, and that relationship stands out of truth;
but all those who are turned to the light, see with the light,
(which reveals what leads nature out of its course),
the marriage that is honorable,
and what sets the whole course of nature on fire,
and what leads nature into course,
where the pure relationship and the entrance of it is received,
where the self and its righteousness is denied,
and the righteousness of Christ received;
where the worship of the will is denied,
and the worship of God in spirit and truth received;
where self-righteousness is denied,
and Christ the righteousness of God received,
and the former conduct put off,
and the conduct in heaven witnessed,
the affections below changed,
and the affections from above are come to.

Here is the pure religion known without guile, who are out of Cain's way,
where the habitation in God is witnessed and seen,
where the just live by his faith, and honor in the Lord known,
and the true humility learned of Christ,
who is not of the world, though it was made by him,
who lights every man that comes into the world,
who is man's way out of it;
which light is man's condemnation, if he does not believe in it;
and the relationship which is in the world (who hate the light) is in the lust,
where the perverseness is in the love of the world,
where the envy is, where the invention is,
selfishness, crossness, perverseness, backbiting, maliciousness, filled with
unrighteousness,
yet they have a love, yet they have a relationship.
Now the light which comes from the beloved Son of God,
where the love of God is received, the world's relationship is denied,
for the relationship of the world destroys and devours,
but the children of the light, which are in the relationship out of the world,
live in peace, unity, and fellowship, and comfort enjoyed in the Holy Ghost;
so all you that profess relationship in words, when envy lodges in your hearts
against one another,
and yet flatter one another to your faces, and backbite one another behind the
back,
such relationships we deny, and have a witness in your consciences against it.

And all that profess a relationship one to another,
and love and friendship with the tongue, and in heart deceive one another,
and cozen and cheat one another, and lie, and dissemble one with another,
all such relationships we deny, and have a witness in your conscience against it.
Those who profess religion, or worship, or humility, righteousness,
and the scripture, Christ and the prophets' words,
and live out of their life, and live in envy and malice,
and yet profess you have a relationship to Christ, and God, whom you have not
seen,

and profess you love him, but do not love those whom you have seen,
such relationships we do deny.

All who cry up your experiences, high notions, manifestations,
as you call them, dispensations as you call them,
and live in pride, strife, and envy, debates, derision, scorns, loftiness, and high-
mindedness,

you are out of the light, and out of the way,
in corners, and out of the pure relationship.

We have a witness in your conscience against those things,
which lets you see what you possess,
and will let you profess no more if you listen to those things ,
which light turns from the world and the relationships therein,
for all who do not believe in the light, have not come to it.

They have a love, but it is in the world,
and a relationship, but it is in the world, which is enmity [enemy] to God.

So that relationship which is enmity, is denied with the light,
that love which is enmity, is denied with the light,
which leads to the pure relationship, which envies not,
where the destroyer and devourer is rebuked.

George Fox

The faith of such is no better than the faith of the Pharisees,
who only believe of a Christ, because the scriptures declare of him,
but the faith of them who dwell in the life and power of God,
and follow the Lamb wherever he goes,
is that faith which overcomes the world.

To believe only of a Christ because the scriptures declare of him, is to believe as
the Pharisees believed, who were the persecutors and murderers of the just, but
to believe in the light, the life that gave forth the scriptures is seen, and Christ is
believed in, and here he has the witness in himself, and comes to be a child of
light, and born of God, which birth overcomes the world. Now, said Christ, they
hate the light, because their deeds are evil, and will not bring their deeds to it,
because the light will reprove them, and this is the condemnation, the light, said

Christ. Now it appears who hate the light: priests, teachers, people, young and old hate the light, and will not bring their deeds to the light, because the light will reprove them. Neither will they allow others that walk in the light, and love the light, and bring their deeds to the light, to show them their deeds with the light, and reprove them with the light, because they hate the light, and those who walk in it, and cast them into prison, and so are stumbling at the light all sorts of people, [mark,] it is the light that they hate, said Christ, they hate the light which reproves their evil deeds.

This light is that which the world and its teachers cannot endure to hear talk of, but hate it, and those who walk in the light. It is the light that is so much stumbled at, because their deeds are evil, and they walk in darkness, there is a proof; for those who walk in the light stumble not, but come to receive the light of life. Here Christ's words are fulfilled among them that hate the light, and will not bring their deeds to the light, because the light will reprove them. For that which makes manifest is light; so that which makes manifest they cannot endure, but would be in the dark, and keep their deeds in the dark as it is manifest. Christ said the devil shall cast some of you into prison; he is out of the light, out of the truth, and a liar, and a murderer from the beginning, which now is seen with the light, and trampled upon. All who do not own the light, which comes from the word [within you heart and mouth], are the wicked seeds-men, sowing abroad for tares; there lies, the evil reports. Those who are gone from the light, that comes from the word of truth, are given up to believe lies and reports, and may cry up darkness. If you hate the light, what do you have to preach, other than darkness; if you turn from the light, pitiful preaching results, which hates the light, which manifests all the works of darkness.

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