

Suggested Reading on Meeting for Worship:

Pendle Hill Pamphlets:

#306 *Four Doors to Meeting for Worship*
(William Taber)

#366 *Invitation to a Deeper Communion*
(Marcelle Martin)

#444 *The Gathered Meeting* (Steven Davison)

#460 *On Vocal Ministry: Nurturing the Community through Listening and Faithfulness* (Barry Crossno and J. Brent Bill)

#463 *Mind the Oneness: The Mystic Way of the Quakers* (Rex Ambler)

Pendle Hill Pamphlets can be ordered through the Pendlehill.org website, or by calling 610-566-4507, ext. 124.

Books and Pamphlets from Friends General Conference's Quakerbooks.org:

Dynamics of an Unprogrammed Meeting for Worship (Mary R. Hopkins)

Reflections on Quaker Worship (Esther Greenleaf Murer)

The Amazing Fact of Quaker Worship, (George H. Gorman)

Questions about this pamphlet or concerning worship can be addressed to the clerk of Worship and Ministry through the Meeting office.

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Questions to Consider Before Speaking in Meeting for Worship

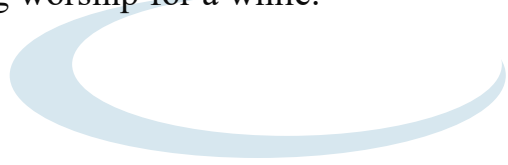
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In the most mystical experience of Quaker Worship we find ourselves standing and speaking without forethought, clearly delivering a message from the Holy Spirit. Some Friends report a shaking sensation before they rise, or an inner voice directing them.


Other times, we consider speaking and have doubts. We think about it a lot - should I, shouldn't I? What follows is a set of queries to consider, based on the work of Stan Thornburg.

If your answer to any of the following queries is No, perhaps it would be best to settle back into centering worship for a while.



Queries to consider:

1. Do you sense your message arises from the Light within you?
2. Will your message be easy to distinguish from political rhetoric, pontification or announcements?
3. Are you certain this message isn't meant for you alone?
4. Are you certain this message is not primarily in response to the last speaker?
5. Will your message enhance the work the Light has already done in the meeting?
6. Are you compelled to speak?



If you answer No to any of the preceding queries, please settle back into centering worship where clearness may come.

If your answer to the queries is Yes, stand and SPEAK.

