# To all That would Know the Way to the Kingdom

An edition of

George Fox's 1653 tract

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#### Introduction

What was the message that early Friends of Truth proclaimed?

Simply put, my interest in putting together this booklet is to make available a more accurate version of the tract entitled, "To all that would know the Way to the Kingdom" and to provide some notes towards understanding the document.

While many Friends/Quakers look to the gathering of people in 1652 in Northumberland and Cumbria as the start of the Society of Friends, Friends' Meetings started some years before this. In 1650 Justice Bennet in Derby called them Quakers. Much of what is known of that time was not printed till much later. (Some, like much of the account in George Fox's journal was not written down till twenty years later and then edited by others before printing).

As Friends started to reach out to the wider community and to London, George Fox produced a tract entitled:-

"To all that would know the Way to the Kingdom". This tract produced in 1653 stands out as George Fox's authentic message of that time. Two copies of the original are known to have survived - one in the British Library and the other Friends Reference Library. The one in the Friends House library is dated 1655 was "Given forth by those whom the world calls Quakers" so this tract was no longer from a loan voice.

In 1706, - just over 50 years later and 13 years after George Fox's death, "Gospel Truth Demonstrated"(GTD) was published. This was a collection of Fox's' doctrinal works. (The opening chapter of Gospel Truth Demonstrated is a slightly revised version of, "To all that would know the Way to the Kingdom.") This 1706 version was read to and approved by the ministers and elders who attended "morning meeting" in London, (the meeting charged in those days with approving all documents that were being published by Quaker writers).

In 2001, on behalf of the George Fox Project Trust, Joseph Pickvance edited an edition of the original 1653 version of "To all that would know the Way to the Kingdom." The following edition's layout is based on the Joseph Pickvance edition.

In Pickvances' forward he said:

"...George Fox normally dictated to amanuenses who edited the MSS. They standardized his idiosyncratic spelling, and applied the heavy seventeenth century punctuation. For this new edition, besides modernizing the spelling and lightening the punctuation, I have opened up the text with crossheadings, and paragraphs which are numbered for ease of reference. Some readers have assured me that a commentary will be needed to explain the importance of this document..."

In what I am now aiming to do, Joseph Pickvances' 2001 punctuation and layout is appreciated, and largely followed, but as the 1706 text from "Gospel Truth Demonstrated" is, in my opinion, easier to comprehend than the original 1653 text, this version follows the 1706 version. The additions from the 1706 version are **in blue** and the deletions made by 1706 editors are relegated to "Strike-Through" foot notes. *The 1655 version starts like the 1653 one and ends more like the 1706 version. Observations about the 1655 version are in red.* 

Words in brown [] (brackets) are added by editor for clarity e.g. [this Light].

The [] (bracketed) additions, which it is presumed were made by Joseph Pickvance have, as deemed appropriate, been left out, or sent to footnotes.

The significant error found in the 2001 edition, is also recorded in the foot notes.

In some places, Cross Headings have been revised.

Headings by Joseph Pickvance have been left with shaded yellow background; his italics and his footnotes remain in black.

**Brown footnotes** aimed at increasing understanding have also been added by present editor. Green footnotes are scripture references that editor feels were referred to in the text.

A scripture was placed near the start of the text in the 2001 version instead of the opening paragraph found in the 1653 versions.

The 1706 version substituted a new paragraph compared to the 1653 one.

In this edition, all introductions are left to the appendix at the end.

I thank my wife Marjorie for her help in improving document.

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#### Context

This was written just 120 years after Henry VIII broke with the Pope and started the Church of England transition toward Protestantism. This process solidified in 1565 during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I when parliament in London. accepted the 39 articles, of the Church of England. Thus the Church of England became the form of religion of the state. The swing towards protestant belief continued and just seven years before George Fox wrote "To all that would know the way to the Kingdom" the parliament in London accepted the Westminster Confession, a statement of belief which continues to this day as the statement of faith for the Royal Church of Scotland and some other churches.

## To all that would know the Way to the Kingdom

Whether they be in Forms<sup>1</sup>, without Forms, or got above all Forms

### A direction to turn your minds within<sup>i</sup>, where the Voice of the true<sup>2</sup> God is to be heard, whom you ignorantly Worship as afar off; and to wait upon him for the true Wisdom.

That you may know Truth from Error, the Word from the Letter<sup>3</sup>, the Power from the Form, and the true prophets from the false.

Given Forth by one of those whom the World in scorn calls Quakers 1653

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2 Timothy 3:5 "having the form of godliness but denying the power thereof"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> True left out in 1655 version

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Scripture was referred to in King James New testament as letter

#### The Light of Christ

I. "I am the Light of the world"<sup>4</sup>, saith Christ. who "enlightens every one that comes into the world"<sup>5</sup>: Christ<sup>6</sup> has enlightened every one that comes into the world.

2. Thou that loves that Light, which Christ has enlightened thee withal, thou brings thy works to the Light, that thy deeds may be proved that they are wrought<sup>7</sup> in God; and he that walks in the Light, there is no occasion of stumbling<sup>8</sup> in him: it teaches righteousness and holiness. It will keep thee from lying<sup>9</sup>, and not let thee lie; and keep thee in tenderness of conscience<sup>10</sup> towards God and man; and never let thee swear<sup>11</sup>, it will check thee if thou dost. The Light will not let thee take God's name in vain. It will let thee see if thou dost, thou must not go unpunished, and will never let thee follow drunkenness<sup>12</sup>, nor vain company. For who lives in that nature, are without God, and shall never inherit the Kingdom of God. Therefore, beware!

<sup>4</sup> John 8:12

<sup>5</sup> John 1:9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> If one stops and considers the impact of the light George Fox lists, can one find any that are not aspects of the teaching of Jesus Christ included in the Gospels?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Wrought:worked

<sup>8</sup> John 8:9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Matthew 5:37

<sup>10</sup> John 8:9 Acts 24:16 Romans 2:15 11 Matthew 5:35

<sup>11</sup> Matthew 5: 12 L 1 21 24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Luke 21:34

3. This Light will keep thee from **adultery**<sup>13</sup> and **whoredom**<sup>14</sup>, for such will God judge. And the Light will keep thee from **theft**, **quarrelling**, and **fighting**<sup>15</sup>, and **abusing thyself**<sup>16</sup> with mankind; and **envy**<sup>17</sup>.

4. And it [this Light] will keep thee in *the fear of God*<sup>18</sup>, -this Light which is *of* God, let thee see all the works of the world, and draws thee out of the worships of the world; and keeps thee in the fear of God where the true pure-wisdom<sup>19</sup> is made manifest.

5. The pure pure-Wisdom is made manifest to the pure, and put into the pure heart. And then thy *own* wisdom<sup>20</sup> thou wilt see with the Light arising out of the earthly part in thee; -which *earthly*-wisdom is 'sensual' and 'devilish' and 'earthly'. For while there is enviousness in thee, there lodges the man-slayer. And all the *earthly*-wisdom is from below while that nature stands. There are sects, and there are opinions, and there are conceiving arising out of this earthly part, where lodges this *earthly*-wisdom and self-conceit, and pride. And by *this earthly*-wisdom the living God is not known, and so all who dwell in this *earthly*-wisdom put the Letter<sup>21</sup> for the Word<sup>22</sup>, and give

18 2 Corinthians 7:1

<sup>21</sup> Scripture see next note.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 1Corrinthians6:9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Hebrews 13:4 KJV

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> James 4:1-4

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 1 Corinthians 6:9-19 KJV Fornication, sexual relationship without lifelong faithfulness, exposes one to sexually transmitted diseases, and so is abusive to one's own body. 1 Corinthians 10:8 Acts 15;20 Mark 7:20-22 Matthew 15:18-20
 <sup>17</sup> 1 Timothy 6:4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "wisdom" in this document is used both for "true and pure wisdom" and "earthly wisdom" so for clarity, as I understand the meaning of the words, pure-wisdom is used for true and pure wisdom and e- wisdom for earthly wisdom. James 3:17 <sup>20</sup> "wisdom" in this document is both for "true and pure wisdom" and "earthly wisdom" so for clarity as I understand the meaning the words have been made pure-wisdom for true and pure wisdom and earthly-wisdom for earthly wisdom. James 3:15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>. From John 1 George Fox saw Christ Jesus (who came full of grace and truth) as the Word of God and felt it was disrespectful to Christ to call the letter (scriptures) (the Bible) the Word of God

meanings and expositions upon it, and so gather together with the outward letter, *not having the Power and Life*<sup>23</sup> that gave it forth.

6. So there are castles builded, and strongholds, and fenced cities, and high walls, as [like] the Jews, who had the outward form of that which was given forth from the Power, -the form<sup>24</sup> of the Prophets, and Moses, and David, and Abraham, who saw Christ, who *lived* in the Power.

7. But the Pharisees and the priests getting [only] their words, knew not Christ. So is it now with this generation of the world: for you say, you know Christ: the Jews said they were of Abraham -<sup>25</sup>, -so they had got the letter, and other's words<sup>26</sup> which had the power. And all these are but imitations and likenesses which are above, *lifted up above*, the pure *Spirit*. And here lodges the Serpent in this earthly part.

#### Living in the Light

8. But as the eternal light which Christ has enlightened you withal is loved, minded, and taken heed unto, this earthly part is wrought out;<sup>27</sup> the daily cross<sup>28</sup> is taken up. The fear of the Lord grows. The true pure-Wisdom increases; the errors of the wicked are discovered <sup>29</sup> and made manifest<sup>30</sup>. The unjust <sup>31</sup> comes to <sup>32</sup> be slain. The just comes to reign. The earthly-wisdom of the world comes to be confounded. Then the heathen begin to rage. Then tumults arise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Are you living in the life and power and spirit of the early church? This was a favourite question of George Fox. Based in part on Acts 1:8 John 1:12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The outward form of old in contrast with the power demonstrated by Christ? Matthew 11:5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> the same

 $<sup>^{26}</sup>$  words of others who had the power John 8:38 -

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Wrought out : worked out

<sup>28</sup> Luke 9:23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Discovered: uncovered, exposed 1Corrinthians 14:25

<sup>30 2</sup> Corinthians 4:5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Referring to attitudes within and their outward expression?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Suffer Suffer also 1655

9. <sup>33</sup> *But dwelling in the Light,* all sects and all opinions and religions are discovered, -and stand naked before the Lord, (and before all who are of God, and *are* seen with the eternal Eye<sup>34</sup>)-that arise out of the earthly <del>part</del><sup>35</sup>. And the earth is but one, -and all <sup>36</sup>such do raise their ground from the letter, which is given forth from the power of God<sup>37</sup>. Now <sup>38</sup> dwelling in <sup>39</sup> *the power* in the eternal Light, all sects and opinions come to be judged and overturned, and seen to be chaff, that is<sup>40</sup> to be burned with that which cannot be quenched. For the Light is but one, which is Christ, who enlightens every one. And all are enlightened with one Light. Every one taking heed to that Light which Christ has enlightened you withal, it leads you out of sects, out of forms<sup>41</sup>, out of the beauty of the world, to live in Life and Power.

10. And *waiting in the Light*<sup>42</sup> which Christ has enlightened you withal, *you come to be disciples of Jesus Christ, and servants to the Truth*, and not to serve the lusts, nor the desires, nor pleasures, but the Light it judges them. For serving the desires and the lusts, thou turns into the beastly nature, into the world, and into the flesh, and come to be darkened and veiled<sup>43</sup>; Then thy throat is an open sepulchre, [so] that thou drinks up iniquity as [ if] it were water. But dwelling in the Light it judges all that, And all thy works, and actions come to be judged by that Light.

11. And all *walking in this Light* which Christ has enlightened you with, you all walking in unity and oneness of mind, and lay[ing] away all guile, sin and uncleanness, -all are taught to fear the Lord God. And it will lead you to the Church-of-God from the church-<sup>44</sup>–*of*-the-world, -and from your

<sup>39</sup> it

<sup>43</sup> Vailed: veiled

44 in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> And And also in 1655

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Eye, the eternal: the Light in the conscience

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> part-I think it reads better when left in text and have done so
 <sup>36</sup> they

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Of God not in 1655

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> the Power

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> for the fire,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Forms - religion of performing set procedures and ceremonies

<sup>42</sup> John 1:9

teachers, to cease from men, to be taught alone of God, who teaches eternal things eternally; and leads the mind up out of external things.

12. And *dwelling in the Light*, there's no occasion at all of stumbling, for all things are discovered with the Light. Thou that loves it, here's thy Teacher. When thou art walking abroad, it's present with thee in thy bosom, thou need not say, "Lo here", or "Lo there". And as thou liest in bed it's present to teach thee, and judge thy wandering mind, which would wander abroad, and thy high thoughts and imaginations <sup>45</sup>. and makes them subject. For following thy thoughts, thou art quickly lost. *But* Dwelling in this Light, it will discover to thee 'the body of sin', and thy corruptions, and fallen estate where thou art, and 'multitude of thoughts'.

#### The Saving Light -The First Step to Peace

13. In that Light which shows thee all this, stand; go neither to the right hand, nor to the left. Here's patience exercised; here's thy will subjected; here thou wilt *see the mercies of God made manifest in death;* here thou wilt see the drinkings of the 'Waters of Shiloh which run softly', and *the promises*<sup>46</sup> of *God fulfilled*, which are to the *Seed*<sup>47</sup>, *which* Seed is Christ. Here thou wilt find a Savior; and the *Election* thou wilt come to know, and the *Reprobation*, and what is cast out from God, and what enters.

He that can own me<sup>48</sup> here, and receive<sup>49</sup> *my Testimony* into his heart, the immortal Seed is born up, and his own will thrust forth, for it is not 'him that wills, nor him that runs', but the *Election* obtains it, and God that shows mercy.

14. For the first step of peace is to stand still in the Light, (which discovers things contrary to it,) for Power and Strength to stand against that nature which the Light discovers<sup>50</sup>. Here grace grows, here's God alone glorified and exalted, and the unknown Truth, -unknown to the world- made manifest,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Imaginations: mental images, see Jeremiah 8:21 See Section 24
46 2 Peter 1:4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Seed: Christ. Genesis 8:15, Galatians 3:16 (King James Version)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Appears George Fox was talking about himself in this sentence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Me me also in 1655

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Discovers: reveals

which draws up that which lies in the prison<sup>51</sup>, and refreshes it in time, up to God, out of time, through time.

15. Whom God loves he loves to the end: where the eternal unity is, -<sup>52</sup> *there* is all Peace, all clean, no jar, *-who are all of one mind, hid from the world's earthly-wisdom, knowledge, and comprehension*. And thoughts can never enter, as it is written, 'the world by earthly-wisdom knows not God', and he is coming to confound the earthly-wisdom of the wise.

#### The True Church

16. And the real-<sup>53</sup>Church in God are not in imitation gathered from the letter nor is it a high- flown people in their imaginations, but are those who are born again of the immortal Seed, by the Word of God, which lives and endures for ever<sup>54</sup>; which the world knows not. For the Word cuts asunder<sup>55</sup>, hews down all wickedness, corruption, pride, and the honour of man, that all the honour and glory may be given alone to God. He hews down the first birth that he may establish the second, and raise up the second. And the Word of the Lord is a fire, burns up all the corruptions, burns up all that it has hewn down, and as an hammer to beat down, that nothing can stand it. And this is the Word<sup>56</sup> by which the Saints are born again. You are born again by the immortal Word, which lives and endures forever; and feeding upon the milk of the Word,<sup>57</sup> which Word is God, which Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. So he (Christ) is the Head of the real-Church and they are lively <sup>58</sup>stones.

#### The False Church Has the Letter for the Word

<sup>51 1</sup> Peter 3:19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> where

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> The word Church is used in the same paragraph for the real church and what GF considered invalid "Church" so r- prefix used to help distinguish

<sup>54 1</sup> Peter 1:23 55 Hebrews 4:12

<sup>55</sup> Hebrews 4:12 56 John 1:14

<sup>56</sup> John 1:14 57 1 Peter 2:2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Lively: living

17. But all you now, who put the letter<sup>59</sup> for the Word,<sup>60</sup> and have got it in your minds, and gather assemblies by it; this you cannot witness, and it is

<sup>60</sup> In the Great Journal of George Fox at the end of 1652 it it is recorded that a 'priest came to another meeting atop of the hill and fell a jangling: first he said the Scriptures was the word of God: and I told him they was the words of God but not Christ the word: and bid him prove it by Scripture what he said..... after he sent me a challenge to meet him at Kendal : and I sent him word I would meet him in his own parish: and he need not go as far as Kendal, so we set the hour and met and abundance of rude people was gathered to it; and some of his members baptised people and they intended to have done mischief that day but God prevented them.

And when we met I declared the day of Lord to them; and turned them to Christ Jesus: and he out with his Bible and said it was the word of God: and I told him it was the words of God but not God the word: his answer was he would prove the Scriptures to be the word of God before all people: so I had a man that could write to take down both what he said and what I said as may be seen in my book of letters.

But when he had spoken a great while and could not prove it for I kept him to the Scripture for chapter and verse for it: and keeping him to prove that one thing he had asserted: and in going to prove that one error he run into twenty: and the people gnashed their teeth and said he would have me anon.

But when he could not prove it: then he said he would prove it a god: and thus the Baptist priest teared himself till himself till he sweet and boiled himself and his company: all being full of wrath and I hept {heaped} his assertions on the head of him and them all so that at last they went away confounded and could prove nothing that they asserted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Greek word "letter"  $\gamma \rho \alpha \mu \mu \alpha \tau \alpha$  — A relatively long written publication e.g. book as used referring to the books of the law in John 5:47; is translated 'scriptures' in 2 Timothy 3:15; refers to the literally correct form of the law Romans 2:29; 2Corinthians 3:6 speaks of ministers of a new covenant, not of 'letter' but of spirit; for the letter kills but the spirit makes alive. Romans 7:6 says we are not to serve under the old 'letter' (translated written code) but in the new life in the Spirit. (See also 2 Peter 1:21)

*ignorance*<sup>61</sup> for you to say, the letter is <sup>62</sup> the Word. *When* the letter says, **God is the Word**<sup>63</sup>; and it is a lie to speak and say, the steeple-house is the 'Church': or to say, those that are gathered by the form of the letter are the 'Church' of God. *For the Church is the 'pillar and ground of Truth*"<sup>64</sup> gathered by the eternal Power, that was before letter was. <sup>65</sup>

18. And all who are in this 'church', as it is called of the world, and live in the comprehension of the letter, and the earthly part yet standing, there is "devilishness in your minds and earthliness, and pride and filth". Do but hearken to that *light* in thy conscience, and it will let thee see so. And while, <sup>66</sup> *these are* standing, such sacrifice God accepts not, -and praises, (while <del>the first</del> nature is standing), God accepts not; -which is Cain's, to which God has no respect, but [only] to Abel's.

63 John 1:1 64 1 Timothy 3:15 <sup>65</sup> See also sections 32,33, 57 <sup>66</sup> that is

For I told them what the Scriptures said of themselves: they were the words of God but Christ was the word. (The above taken from Penguin Classics George Fox The Journal ISBN 0-14-043399-6 with 2 corrections from Norman Penny 1911)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> In recognizing that, Christ Jesus is the Word of God, who became flesh and dwelt among us, bringing grace and truth; who faithfully taught the new and living way God planned, (the way of the Kingdom of God,) and that the law and the prophets had been until John, George Fox saw that the new testament and new covenant supersede the old testament and old covenant. ....He felt strongly that it was belittling of Christ to say that letters –(scriptures), words spoken in times past by the prophets) are the Word of God, Ignorance was the word the 1705 editors used to replace the original. Please read on to following note

read on to following note <sup>62</sup> The 2001 version read "it is blasphemy to say the letter is not the word" replacing the word Ignorance with the original and added a not, compared to the to the GTD 1705 version which says "it is ignorance to say that the letter is the Word". Aware of the section in George Fox's journal of 1652 where, in response to a priest saying "The scriptures were the word of God" George Fox told him, they were the words of God, but not Christ, the Word; One has to appreciate how much George Fox understood that Jesus Christ is the Word of God to understand how disrespectful he felt it was to call anything else by that name. In April 2010 I asked that the original copy at Friends House London be checked and the assistant librarian replied that original read "it is blasphemy for you to say the letter is the word, when the letter saith, "God is the word". The best I can construe is that the 2001 editors either assumed that "not" had been left out in the original printing? Maybe they did not appreciate Fox's logic behind what he had written? In May 2013 I got to see and photograph page 4 of the original 1655 and it confirms what the librarian told me.

#### "He is come to sweep the land of evil doers."

19. And God is coming to judge 'the great. Whore ': -all manner of opinions, and all manner of sects, and fellowships, (as you call them), <sup>67</sup> all manner of forms<sup>68</sup>, -<sup>69</sup>, as every one lives in -God is coming to overturn and overthrow, for they all lodge in her. All the foundation of them is in the earth, and earthly wisdom, gathered in the earthly nature. He will overturn them, that he may establish his own truth: his own truth in righteousness, his own Kingdom.

20. Now the Stone cut out of the Mountain without hands <sup>70</sup> begins to strike at the feet of the image, (that the head of gold begins to fall, and the breast of silver, and thighs of brass, and feet part iron, and part clay). And his dominion is a dominion for ever, over all.

21. And all who dwell not in this Light, which Christ has enlightened you withal, you will be found too light-weight<sup>71</sup>. For he is coming to weigh all

<sup>71</sup> light weight. As the following sentence is about weighing, it appears that use of light here is in the sense of light- weight in contrast with earlier in the sentence when Light is used in the sense of illumination. Compare with Daniel 5-27 "being weighed in the balance and found wanting" and KJV of James 1:4 "George Fox saw that the new testament and new covenant supersede the old testament and old covenant. ....He saw that it was belittling of Christ to say that letters -(scriptures), words of God, spoken in times past by the prophets) are the Word of God, Ignorance was the word spoken in times past by the prophets) are the word of God, Ignorance was the word the 1705 editors used to replace the original. Please read on to following note <sup>71</sup> The 2001 version added the word "not" at this point, and read "it is blasphemy to say the letter is not the word" in contrast to the GTD 1705 version which says "it is ignorance to say that the letter is the Word". As there is a section in George Fox's journal of 1652 where, in response to a priest saying "The scriptures were the word of God" George Fox told him, they were the words of God, but not Christ, the Word; In April 2010 I asked that the original copy at Friends House London be checked and the assistant librarian replied that original read "it is blasphemy for you to say the letter is the word, when the letter saith, "God is the word". The best I can construe is that the 2001 editors either assumed that "not" had been left out in the original printing? Maybe they did not appreciate Fox's logic behind what he had written?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Forms: used in worship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> several[ly]separately

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> [see Dan.2:31-45, Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream about the coming time]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> See also sections 32.33, 57

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> that is

<sup>71</sup> and

things in his<sup>72</sup> balance; and before him the hills shall move, and the mountains shall melt, and the rocks shall cleave; [he] who measures the water in the hollow of his hand. And his thunders begin to utter their voices, that the mysteries of God may be opened, and the carnal hearts rent. Great earthquakes shall be, the terrible *day of the Lord* draws near; the beast shall be taken, and the false prophet; into the fire they must go, for the beast and false prophet have gone together, the one has<sup>73</sup> holden up the other.

#### "The Lord is coming to sit as Judge and reign as King. "

22. Now is the Lord coming to sit as *Judge*, and reign as *King*, who is "the Law-giver who shall go forth of Zion. Now shall Zion arise and thresh to beat the hills, and thresh the mountains. Now is the sword drawn, which glitters, and is furbished -the sword of the Almighty -to hew down *Baal's* priests, corrupt judges, corrupt justices, corrupt lawyers -fruitless trees which cumber the ground. Drunkard, thou canst not hide thyself; cursed speaker, thou canst not hide thyself; whoremonger, thou canst not hide thyself.

23. Awake, awake all people everywhere who live in forms. See what you possess. Not having that eternal Spirit that gave forth the Scriptures, all your formal prayers, formal preaching, formal singing, will be found as the chaff which is for the unquenchable fire. For Christ is risen, the true Light shines, the glory of the Lord appears, and you are discovered to him to be empty of that eternal Spirit, <sup>74</sup> in your understandings, which [eternal Spirit] gave forth the Scriptures<sup>75</sup>.

#### Wait in Light to Receive Christ and power

73 <u>held</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Forms: used in worship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> several[ly]separately

perfect and entire wanting nothing". It is nearly like writer was making puzzle of alternative meanings of light in English.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> GTD 'this' balance but I think original 'his' is clearer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> to be borne up

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> 2 Peter 1-20-21 indicates need of Spirit that gave forth Scriptures as they (scriptures) are not for one's own interpretation. John 14:26

24. "I am the Light saith Christ which enlightens every one". That Light you hate, and all who hate this Light, set up teachers without<sup>76</sup> them. But <sup>77</sup>all who love this Light <sup>78</sup>-are of God and lead to God- which is a cross to all the world -and *this Light<sup>79</sup> is in every one; wait in it to receive Christ. And, as many as receive Christ<sup>80</sup>, to them he gives power to become 'the sons [and daughters] of God', " who are not born of the will of man, nor by the will of man, but by the will of God"<sup>81</sup>. But these are <sup>82</sup>they who are out of <i>imitations* and have no *images*, nor 'likeness' of truth, but are *in it*, and *possess it*.

25. Glory, glory to the Lord God for ever, who governs his people, and is the Head of the Church; "Christ is the head of the man; God is the Head of Christ". He that can receive this, if he had not known the letter, let him. He is come *who was* before the letter was written- "in the beginning was the Word"<sup>83</sup>

#### The Light and Conscience: Hating the Light

26. Now<sup>84</sup> all you that hate the Light your deeds are evil. Christ says he is "the Light of the world, and enlightens every one that comes into the world!"<sup>85</sup>. The one, he loves the Light, and brings his works to the Light, and walks in it: there is no occasion of stumbling in him. The other, he hates the Light, and will not bring his works to the Light to be made manifest, because his deeds are evil, and the Light will reprove him<sup>86</sup>.

<sup>76</sup> Without: opposite to within

<sup>77</sup> <del>[to]</del>

<sup>78</sup> it is ofGod, and teaches to [know] God

79 **it** 

80 John 1:12 81 John 1:12-13

<sup>82</sup> [those]

83 John 1:1

<sup>84</sup> <del>To</del>

85 John 1:9 86 John 3:19-21 27. Thou that says this Light is natural,<sup>87</sup> And <sup>88</sup> that says that Christ does not enlighten every one that comes into the world, thou art a liar *and blasphemer* and denier of Christ's words<sup>89</sup> and lay waste the Scripture. And thou that says this Light is natural, thou puts the letter for the Light which is natural. Darkness (True it is), cannot comprehend this Light, but *the Light makes manifest darkness*. And this is the condemnation of the world *-the Light that thou hatest*, this Light *thou hast*.

28. Christ says, "Swear not at all"<sup>90</sup>; *this Light will say the same to thee, in* thee. Christ says, "He that lusts after a woman, commits adultery with her in his heart"<sup>91</sup>. This Light will tell thee the same, bringing thy works to it, and loving it. Christ cried woe against the Pharisee, the hypocrite<sup>92</sup>; this Light will let thee see the same. Christ will say, Go you cursed workers of iniquity; this Light will say the same to thee, *in* thee, who art a worker of iniquity. Here shalt thou be condemned with the Light, and judged with the Light, out of thy own mouth.

29. This Light will let thee see all thy hard speeches, thy venomous thoughts, thy evil intentions, and thy covetous desires, which are idolatry, and all dissembling<sup>93</sup> and deceit to be works of darkness, and let thee see that all those things are evil. There thou hast learned thy condemnation; there is thy Teacher that would teach thee to know God. There is thy condemnation, hating that Light; that will condemn thee from him.

30. Thou wilt say, thou knowest in thy conscience that drunkenness is sin. Here thou loves darkness rather than the Light that shows it thee, and lying, and swearing, and cursed speaking is sin, *-and yet thou follows it,* -and pleasures. There thou loves darkness rather than the Light that shows thee them, because thy deeds are evil. And there thou has learned thy condemnation. When God's righteousness shall be revealed in flames of fire, thou shalt witness I speak truth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> thou art a blasphemer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> thou

<sup>89</sup> John 1:4-9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Matthew 5:34

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Matthew 5:27-28

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Matthew 23:13-36 Luke 11:42-52

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Synonym: misrepresentations, falsifications.

31. Thou knowest theft is sin, and all unrighteousness God forbids; thou wilt see something in thy conscience tells thee so; if thou hearkens to that it will exercise thy conscience, *and bring thee to repentance*. Christ says, "I call sinners to repentance". That *light* in thee calls thee to repentance, and if thou hearkens to that thou *hearkens* to Christ. And if thou hate that, thou *hates* Christ and God. Then thou turns into the sorcery *and evil*, into all uncleanness, and then God is not in thy thoughts, and then thou art the disobedient one who disobeys the Light, which God has enlightened thee with. And there the wrath of God abides on thee and the 'prince of the air' rules in thee, as he does in all the 'children of disobedience' who hate this Light.

#### Distinguishing light, life and power from the letter.

32. Now do not think that I hold *free-will* here, -man's free-will, -I speak of that which is *contrary* to man's will *and* Loving the Light it will keep your wills from running, and your will from willing anything, and keep it in *subjection.* But<sup>94</sup> *he* that hates this Light and makes a profession of God and Christ, and says, the letter is the Word<sup>95</sup>, and the four books Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the Gospel, he knowest not Christ which is "glad tidings", "the Lamb of God", who takes away the sin of the world. For the letter takes not away sin. And thou that sayest thou had not come to repentance, if thou had not known letter, thou deniest Christ, *who cames to call sinners to repentance, and* <sup>96</sup> *before* the letter *was*. (*It is he that calls sinners to repentance, and not the letter*).

33. But the letter is a declaration of the Word, the husk; God is the Word<sup>97</sup>. And it[the letter] is a declaration of the Light; Christ is the Light. And it [the letter] a declaration of the Spirit, but the Spirit is not [in] it; a declaration of the Power; but the Power is not in it. The Power and the Life and the Light was in them that spoke it forth, which ever [i.e. always] the world hated.

<sup>94</sup> thou

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> See section 17,33, and 57

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> not

<sup>97</sup> John 1:1-2

#### Growing in the Light

34. Therefore waiting in the Light, which Christ hath enlightened you with, that's Scripture within you -and that [The Power and the Life and the Light that was in them that spoke it forth] will  $open^{98}$  the Scriptures, (according as you grow in the Light), (the saints' conditions), as you are sanctified, and as you are cleansed, and made free<sup>99</sup> by the Son of God. For it is He that makes free. [Those] who are made free -from sin -from the world -are made free by the Son of God<sup>100</sup>. And blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has raised him from the dead, and by him raised us up<sup>101</sup> from the dead.

35. And to you that tempt God, and say, the. Lord give us a sight of our sins, -priests and people, -does not the Light which Christ has enlightened you with, let you see your sin, -that lying and swearing and cursed speaking, theft and murder, and whoredom, and covetousness, and pride, and lust, and pleasures, -all these -to be works of the flesh, and fruits of darkness? This Light within you lets you see it. So you need not tempt God to give you a sight of your sins, for you know enough.

#### The Grace of God shows Sin and Ungodliness

36. And, waiting in the Light, Power and Strength will be given to you, "For they that wait upon the Lord, their strength shall be renewed"<sup>102</sup>. And living in the Light, and walking up to God it will bring you to true "hunger and thirst after righteousness<sup>103</sup>", that you may<sup>104</sup> receive the blessing from God. And give over tempting of God<sup>105</sup> as if he had not given you a sight of your sins. And to all you that say, God give us grace, and we shall refrain from sin, there you have got a tempting customary<sup>106</sup> word. For the free grace of

<sup>98</sup> Open: reveal the meaning
<sup>99</sup> with
100 John 8:32-36
<sup>101</sup> [-others]
102 Isaiah 40:31
103 Matthew 5:
<sup>104</sup> see
<sup>105</sup> to give
<sup>106</sup> Customary: habitual

God has appeared to all men. And this is the grace of God which shows thee ungodliness and worldly lusts.

37. Now thou that *livest* in ungodliness, **lying** and **swearing** and **theft**, and **murder** and **drunkenness**, and **filthy pleasures**, and **lusting** after the world, thou art *he that turns the free grace of God into wantonness*<sup>107</sup>, and casts his Laws behind thy back, and walks despitefully against the Spirit of grace. Here the Scripture is fulfilled upon thee.

38. O vain man, yet thou canst say, God is merciful. He is merciful, and just. And that shalt thou see when destruction comes upon thee. For thou can say God is merciful, yet live in thy wickedness, passing on thy time without fear of God, sporting thyself in thy wickedness.

39. 0 *you covetous proud priests,* who deceive the nation<sup>108</sup>, who mind earthly things, whose God is your belly<sup>109</sup>, who glory in your shame, enemies of the cross of Christ, your destruction is coming, that you shall not make a prey upon the people any longer; the Lord has spoken it.

40. 0 you great men and rich men<sup>110</sup> of the earth, weep and howl for your misery is coming, who heap up treasures for the last day; your gold and silver shall eat you up as the rust and the canker: the fire is kindled. The day of the Lord is appearing. A day of howling will be among your fat 'bulls of Bashan' that all the "tall cedars" and "strong oaks" must be hewn down and all the loftiness of men must be laid low, then shall the Lord alone be exalted.

#### The Grace of God Teaches Right Living

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> Wantonness Jude 4 as in William Tyndale translation and most other versions before the King James Version of 1611 which translates the word as Lasciviousness instead, Synonyms for the word "Wanton" (which George Fox used on many occasions ) cover far more in terms of meaning than 'lasciviousness' does. Lasciviousness seems to deal only with sexual connotations, whereas wanton covers such areas as 'reckless', 'inconsiderate', ' malicious', 'wayward', 'hot headed', 'irresponsible', 'frivolous', and from dictionary 'self-indulgent' etc <sup>108</sup> Nations : people 109 Philippians 3:18-19 110 James 5:1-

41. The free grace of God is the saints' Teacher; who teaches them to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live righteously and godly –(like God)- in this evil present world, denying all the world's lusts, and world's ways and world's teachers, and works of darkness, -which grace is turned into wantonness<sup>111</sup>, by those who follow the course of this world and the works of darkness, drunkenness and uncleanness. And such are they who cannot abide sound doctrine; who 'heap up' teachers, having 'itching ears'<sup>112</sup>. And all who turn this grace of God into wantonness deny it to teach them, and they live in their worldly lusts and ungodliness.

42. O how does the land mourn because of oaths! Oaths are heard in the streets openly belched forth! O how does the pride and haughtiness of men and women abound, that scarce know how to walk in the streets! O how do oppression and tyranny rule, that the cries of the poor are entered into the ear of the Lord of Sabbaths!

43. O how do drunkenness and drunkards walk abroad in the streets, who devour the creatures? The Lord is rising and surely he will be avenged on all his adversaries.

44. He is come to sweep the land of evil doers, that the earth shall yield her increase and the land enjoy her Sabbaths. And he will sit as Judge, and righteousness shall run down our streets, and God alone be magnified, and glorified, to whom it alone belongs for ever:

45. O how doth all the creation groan under this bondage of corruption: The Lord is pouring out his Spirit upon all flesh, that his sons and daughters may prophesy<sup>113</sup> up and down this great city, and none shall make them afraid, crying for justice, crying for righteousness, crying for equity. For the cry of the great Whore', is come up before the Lord, who is adulterated from the truth.

46. They who hate this Light, hate Christ, who is the Husband, and go from him; they who love the Light, have the Husband, who is Christ. But the judgment of 'the great Whore' is come who made all nations to drink of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> Jude 4 as in William Tyndale translation, see footnote on Wantonness in section 37

cup of her fornication, who must [ now] drink of the cup of the indignation of the wrath of God poured out without mixture, who must have it filled double.

47. Rejoice, rejoice all you prophets and holy men of God, triumph in glory; sing aloud praises to the Lord God Almighty and omnipotent, who is come to reign. Rejoice over the world, over the false prophets, over the Beast, over 'the Whore', which is adulterated from the Light, and tells all her lovers that the Light is natural<sup>114</sup> -and so denies the Husband Christ Jesus, and lives in fornication. But all who love the Light, and walk in the Light, witness Jesus Christ to be the Husband and this Light to be spiritual.

#### The False Church Condemned

48. Now she is convinced<sup>115</sup> of her adultery, and of her witchcraft, of her sorcery, and that which doth convince<sup>116</sup> her is the Light which Christ has enlightened her with, and this is her condemnation. And now the judgment of "the great Whore" is come God will be avenged on her who has drunk the blood of all his saints who dwelt in the Light, and loved the Light.

49. All who hate this Light [of Christ], they set up to be their [own] light such as are called of men 'Masters', <sup>117</sup>have the chiefest places in the assemblies, stand making long prayers<sup>118</sup>, lay heavy burdens upon the people, who devour widows' houses; -(the widow has not a husband) -all are widows who are devoured of[by] such.

50. But who loves the Light that Christ has enlightened them with, it joins them to Christ; and then they witness him to be their Husband. And such are not devoured of them[Masters]. And [they] who hate this Light hold up them who "bear rule by their means<sup>119</sup>" which Jeremiah who dwelt in the light, was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>114</sup> just human rather than spiritual from Christ

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Convince(d): accuse(d), condemn(ed), convict(ed)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> Convince: accuse, condemn, convict

<sup>117</sup> Matthew 23:6-11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup>, Mark 12:38- 40 Luke 20:45-47

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> Means: wealth

sent to cry out against. And they that hate<sup>120</sup> *this* Light, hold up them that cry for "their gain from their quarters"<sup>121</sup>and never have enough -which Isaiah, who dwelt in the Light, was sent to cry out against. And they that hate the Light go after the error of Balaam and hold up such who love the wages of unrighteousness. And all who hate this Light have the spirit of error, and they that dwell in the Light [of Christ], know the spirit of error <sup>122</sup>and what the spirit of error follows. And all who hate this Light [of Christ], hold up the hirelings that Micah cried against; and such as call for the fleece, and clothe themselves with the wool, that Ezekiel cried against, who was in the Light and full of the Spirit.

#### The Light that is One in All

51. Now where the same Light is made manifest, as was in the Prophets that saw Christ the Light, and the apostles in the same Light, who gave forth the Scripture, all the Scripture<sup>123</sup> is witnessed. And here we are grounded upon the Prophets, upon the Apostles, and Christ the Cornerstone<sup>124</sup>, in the eternal light -by which we see the priests bear rule by their means now, and seek for their gain from their quarter now and are greedy dumb dogs now, -nay, worse than Balaam, who loved the wages of unrighteousness<sup>125</sup>, but dared not take them, but these sue men at the law for it; worse than Simon Magus<sup>126</sup>, who would have bought the Spirit, but these sell the letter. This corrupt doctrine has long reigned, but now is made manifest.

52. And in this Light [of Christ], we see the hirelings that preach peace. But He that puts not in their mouths, they prepare war against him! And by this Light [of Christ], we see teachers who profess they are sent of Christ to be in the seat of the Scribes and Pharisees, and are called of men 'Masters', and have the chiefest places, going in their long robes, love salutation in the markets, have the uppermost seats at feasts, and under pretence making long prayers, devouring widows' houses<sup>127</sup>, which Christ cried woe against.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> Quarter: probably office or church living

<sup>122 1</sup> John 4:6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> <del>S</del> are

<sup>124</sup> Ephesians 2:20 'chief corner stone'

<sup>125</sup> Numbers 22:18

<sup>126</sup> Acts 8:18-23

<sup>127</sup> Matthew 23:14 Mark 12:40 Luke 20:48

53. And such we cannot own as sent of Christ, nor hold up<sup>128</sup> for if we should, we should deny the Scriptures, and hold up that which Christ forbids. And if we should hold up them who rule by their means, we should deny Jeremiah to be a true prophet, who cried against such. And if we should hold up such as cry for gain from their quarter, we should deny Isaiah, who was sent to cry against such. And if we should hold up such as go for gifts and rewards, who love the wages of unrighteousness, we should deny the apostle who cried against such. For the same Light is manifest, (praised be the Lord God), by which they are seen and cannot be owned, but must be denied as they were by the prophets, by Christ, by the apostles. And if we should hold up such that say, revelations are ceased, we should deny the Son, as they do, for "None knows the Father but the Son and he to whom the Son reveals him." 129

#### The Revelation of Christ

54. And so we deny those to know <sup>130</sup> Christ or to be sent of Christ, who deny the Son and deny revelations. For the apostle<sup>131</sup>, who was a minister of God (he was not a minister of Christ till the Son was revealed in him) and then he preached him, and preached the Kingdom of God. So all who deny revelations, deny the Son and the Father both, and live in their imaginations of the letter. And the apostle exhorts the saints<sup>132</sup> to have the loins of their minds girded up<sup>133</sup>, and hope to the end, for the grace that was to be brought to them at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

55. Now he was a minister, and did exhort to wait for the revelation of Jesus Christ. But, now, thou that denies revelations, do declare thyself openly to be no minister and razeth thy self out from among the ministers of Christ, and thou goest in the way of Cain; thou art razed out from Abel, for in thy heart lodges persecution, and thy mouth utters it, and thy hand acts it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup> Hold Up: support129 Matthew 11:27 Luke 10:22

<sup>130</sup> anything of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> referring to Paul? Galatians 1:11-24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> Saints: members of New Testament churches

<sup>133 1</sup> Peter 1:13

And you that speak a divination of your own heart, are razed out from among them who speak from the mouth of the Lord. For the prophets of the Lord cried out ever against such, and so they do now. And you that seek for gain from your quarter, are they that are<sup>134</sup> *shut* out from the true prophets of God. They cried out against you. And the same Light cries out against you now, otherwise the prophets should be made of none effect, for they spoke forth freely. And so do they [cry out against you now,] now that speak forth from *the same Light*.

#### The Saints' Teacher

56. *The Light [of Christ] is free* that has enlightened every one that comes into the world; Thou that hates it, has learned thy condemnation; it lets thee see all the evil deeds of thy heart. *And the Gospel is free*<sup>135</sup> to every creature, not to be bought and sold for money.

57. O shameless men, that tell people the letter is the Word<sup>136</sup>, and buy and sell it *for* money, which is <del>but</del> a declaration of the Word. And *the grace is free*<sup>137</sup>, which has appeared to all men, which is the saints' Teacher. And you need not have any other teacher if you own the grace, which shows your ungodliness and worldly lusts. This grace will teach you to deny<sup>138</sup> *them*, [ungodliness and worldly lusts] and the Light which has enlightened every one that comes into the world. There's every one of your condemnations in particular<sup>139</sup>that hates it and there's every one of your Teachers that loves it - which [Light] is but one, and will open all the figures and the parables and types to you. And waiting in it, it will guide you to God. *There is your Teacher;* there is your condemnation *who hate it.* 

<sup>134</sup> razed

<sup>135</sup> Matthew 10:8 Acts 8:18-24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> See section 17 and 32, 33

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> Ephesians 2:8-9

<sup>138 &</sup>lt;u>i</u>ŧ

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> In particular: individually

58. Every one of you shall eternally witness *this*<sup>140</sup>. To that which exercises your consciences do I *appeal*<sup>141</sup>. For now the mighty day of the Lord is coming. Meet him, by putting off your works of darkness<sup>142</sup>.

59. God that made the world, and all things in it, dwells not in temples made with hands<sup>143</sup>. Neither will [he]-be worshipped with men's inventions. But Israel, when he had forgotten his Maker, builded temples; and Judah builded fenced cities. But the Lord will send a fire to devour them, and all your songs shall be turned into mourning; the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

60. O then all you that profess, see that you possess! And profess no more than you are!  $!^{144}$ 

61. All that stumble at the light are without, and are not come to Repentance, and so all who stumble at the light stumble<sup>145</sup> at the Door, the Door is known by the Light which comes from Christ: And all who stumble at the light stumble at the way; for Christ has enlightened everyone, that with the light he might see the way (which is Christ) to the Father. So all who stumble at the light, stumble at the Scriptures, and know not the meaning of them; for that Eye that is turned from the light is blind, and leads into the Ditch, and is to be condemned with the light from Christ; And all that stumble at the light never knew Hope which purifies, nor faith which purifies, nor belief which overcomes the world; but he who walks in Darkness, and does not know whither he goes, and the Children of light, which dwell in Light, to him their Condition is unknown, for he hates that which they walk in; so with that he is condemned; and to you all this is the word of God. And all who stumble at the prophets words, and cannot understand the words of them, spoken from the Light which was in them; And all who stumble at the Light, stumble at the Apostles words, which were declared from the Light which was made manifest in all Consciences, which ministered to the Spirits in Prison: So all who stumble at the light

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> me

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> speak
<sup>142</sup> Ephesians 5:11
143 Acts 7:48; 17:24
<sup>144</sup> Titus 1:15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>145</sup> Stumbles at repentance

they are condemned with the Light from the Life of the Prophets and Apostles (which dwelt in the Light) with the rude wicked World. And here everyone shall witness his Condemnation just, and see it just, with the Light which shows him his evil deeds, and Christ's words are true, and to own his Condemnation<sup>146</sup> that hateth it; and they are the Children of the Light that love it, and believe in it, and with the Light they see their Deeds are wrought in God, to the Praise of God, and Joy, and comfort of themselves.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> The 1655 version contains all this section with the exception of the words that follow this number

Appendix Alternative starting paragraphs

#### Starting paragraphs from different editions

#### 1653 and 1655 Edition

The Following was originally inserted at the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> page in 1653 and 1655 versions

" A warning to all sorts of People who live in sin and uncleanness<sup>147</sup>; For the wicked must be turned into Hell<sup>148</sup> and all that forget God: And all who are workers of iniquity are accursed from Christ; for saith he, Go ye cursed, ye workers of iniquity into utter darkness."<sup>149</sup>

1706 Edition from Gospel Truth Demonstrated (GTD) copy on next page

The opening paragraphs (on the next page) "Christ ....Kingdom" are to the start of letter George Fox wrote from Gooses in 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1687. And to the start article he had written 1684 "Concerning such as shall enter into the Kingdom of God, ....." in Gospel Truth Demonstrated. Both start out with the need to be born again. In this tract the subject comes up in section 16, but is not as emphasized as above.

(Note last paragraph on n page starting 'I am the light of the World ' is similar to opening paragraph Section 1 on page 6)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup> Greek lexicon gives alternative translation as impurity of motive

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>148</sup> Matthew 5: 22, 29,30 KJV

 $<sup>^{149}</sup>$  Matthew 25 v 41 from the end of the section that started v31 where the sheep are separated from the goats on the basis of whether they have cared for those least able to care for themselves. (see also Matthew 25:30)

#### 2001 Edition

This was inserted at the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> page in 2001 version

In the beginning was the Word the Word and was with God, the and Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. John 1.1-6

To all that would know the Way to the A be about the Whether they be in Forms, without Forms, or got above Is where the true Witdom is made manifelt, the manifelt of the pure, and put into the pure H all Forms. A Direction to turn your minds within, where the Voice of God is to be beard, whom you ignorantly Worship as a-far off; and to wait upon him for the true Wisdom. That you may know Truth from Error, the Word from the Letter, the Power from the Form, and the true Prophets from the falle. Given forth by one of those whom the World in scorn calls QUAKERS, 1653. G. F.



HRIST faith, Except a Man be born again of Water and HRIST faith, Except a Man be born again of Water and of the Spirit, he cannot fee the Kingdom of God, nor enter into it, John 3. 3. 5, 8. So no Man in his first natural Birth can fee the Kingdom of God, nor enter into it, nor know the things of God: For they that fee the Kingdom of God, they must come to the Spirit of God, and the Spi-ritual Birth by which the things of God are known, and the Kingdom of God: And John the Divine faid, he was in the King-dom, Rev. 1. 9. then he faw it: And the Apostle faid, God hath trans-lated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son: So then these faw the King-dom, and were in it. Col. 1, 12.

dom, and were in it, Col. 1. 12. And as many as receive Chrift, he gives them Power to become the Sons

of God, even to them that believe on his Name, which were born not of Blood, nor of the Will of the Fleth, nor of the Will of Man, but of God, *John* 1. 12, 13. This is the Birth that fees, and enters God's Kingdom.

Kingdom. I am the Light of the world, faith Chrift, who enlightens every one that cometh into the World : Chrift hath enlightned every one that's come into the world. Thou that loveft that Light, which Chrift hath en-lightned thee withal, thou bringeft thy Works to the Light, that thy deeds may be proved that they are wrought in God; and he that walks in the Light, there is no occafion of flumbling in him; it teacheth Righteoufnefs and Holinefs; it will keep thee from lying, and not let thee lye, and B keep



Is worth considering:

"the Lord saith to Jeremiah, Behold, the day shall come, that I will make a new Covenant with the house of Israel; not according to the Covenant that I made with their Fathers, when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt: But this is the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after these days, saith the Lord, **I will put my Laws in their inward parts, and write them in their Hearts;** and I will be their God, and they shall be my People: And they shall not need to teach everyman his Brother, and everyman his Neighbour, saying, Know the Lord; **for they shall all know me**, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: For I will forgive their Iniquity, and I will remember their Sin no more.

So this is the New Covenant, in which all shall know the Lord, that was Promised and Prophesied of before it came to pass, which is not according to the old Jeremiah 31:31-34 <sub>Hebrews 8:10-11</sub>

And in Hebrews 8 the Apostle sheweth the fulfilling of Isaiah's and Jeremiah's and Ezekiel's Prophesy; and how the New Covenant was come, and he preached up the New Covenant and preached down the Old; and how that all should be taught of God in the New covenant: So in that he saith, the New Covenant, he made the Old Covenant as a thing decayed, and ready to vanish away Hebrews 8:13.....

And so it is clear, that the New Covenant is not according to the old; For <u>in the Old Covenant, the</u> <u>Priests Lips Malach12:7</u> were to preserve the Peoples Knowledge. And Ezra had pulpit of Wood to read the Law to the people upon; And the Law was written in Tables of Stone. But in the New Covenant and Testament Christ ends this Priesthood, whose lips were to preserve the Peoples Knowledge; and <u>they are to look unto Christ Jesus, who is the Treasure of Wisdom and Knowledge in the</u> <u>New Covenant</u>.

