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What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches.

– Rev. 1:11

For we write none other things unto you than what you have read and acknowledged, and I trust you shall acknowledge even unto the end.

– 2 Co. 1:13

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An Epistle By Way Of Preface

To all truth's friends and all friendly readers, greetings, in the dear and tender love of my heavenly Father, which by his dear son and blessed spirit, he hath plentifully shed abroad in many hearts in this glorious gospel day: glory to his worthy name and excellent power for ever.

DEAR Friends,—I am concerned to recommend the serious reading and perusal of the ensuing collection, unto all who sincerely desire the promotion of Christ's kingdom, and prosperity of his church and Sion, in true love, union, and order, in and by Christ Jesus himself, the head and foundation thereof.

And that none of you would think the perusal of these Epistles wearisome or tedious, because the same words and things in many of them may seem frequently repeated, there being numerous evangelical truths, and variety of good and wholesome matter, as well as diversities of epistles, containing much christian counsel to many various states and conditions of enlightened and enlivened souls travelling and breathing to God; so that the frequent intermixed repetitions of the same necessary truths may be the better allowed and borne with in the reading. However, the moderate and ingenuous reader will not be offended thereat, it being a thing frequent in the holy scriptures, to have the same gospel truths often repeated; for many dull and forgetful persons have need to be often told of such matters, of so great importance. The author's epistles and matters of most general concern are here collected, so as to avoid prolixity, and unnecessary repetitions, as much as could be.

The simplicity and plainness of the author's style is not to be despised, he being more in life and substance than in the wisdom of words, or eloquence of speech. And the Lord being pleased in his day to make great use of him, and to do great things by him,

for his name and seed's sake; of which there yet remain clouds of witnesses; even to that divine power and hidden wisdom of God, (in the mystery of Christ,) which was with him, and supported him, and lifted up his head through many great fights of afflictions and trials.

I confess, I have not read or heard all the epistles in the ensuing collection; but many of them, which I know to be very seasonable, weighty and necessary; and therefore have cause to believe so of the rest, which I have not read. But, by our long and frequent conversation, knowledge, and intimacy, (together with his living and revived testimonies, his godly care and zeal for truth's honour and prosperity,) I have deeply read and known the author, his unfeigned love, innocency, and integrity in the blessed living truth, whose christian care, (among many other things, relating to the churches of Christ, the union, good order and discipline thereof,) greatly was, that no offence in any thing might be given; that the ministry might not be blamed; well knowing what trials and proofs attended Christ's ministers and ministry in these latter days, (in some degree,) as in the primitive christians' times; namely, that he, with many others in his day, **approved himself and themselves, as the ministers of Christ**, in much patience, in deep afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, and some in stripes and cruel beatings,) in prisons, in tumults, in labours, by watchings and by fastings, by purity, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the holy ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness, on the right hand, and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true, etc. In which proofs of God's ministers, this his ancient servant had a deep share, and the true root of the matter was in him, far beyond his expressions.

2 Co. 6:4-8

And though many false predictions, prophecies, and cruel threats were early breathed out by persecutors and envious spirits against him, and us his friends and brethren, whom he unfeignedly loved, and against his and our holy profession, way, and testimony, as if in a very short time all would come to nought, and be laid waste; yet they have all been disappointed, and proved false, and his christian living testimony and work further manifested to be of God, and not of men, nor of the will of man. For truth, that is strongest of all, hath still prevailed, and must prevail. And though the memory of this our deceased brother and faithful servant of Jesus Christ, be still greatly envied, and he most grossly defamed by some implacable adversaries, and hardened apostates, who could not obtain

their evil ends and destructive designs against him in his life time; yet his memory is truly precious to many thousands, who truly fear God and love his truth, who have a true inward sense, that such a divine power and providence attended him in his innocent christian testimony, ministry, labours, and sufferings, that the devil and all persecuting agents, could never stop nor frustrate his testimony or service, in turning many to righteousness, even from darkness unto light, and from the power of satan unto God.

In many of the ensuing epistles, he often mentions the seed, the life, the power of God, and the like; whereby he intends no other than what the holy scriptures testify of Christ; which, we know, he truly loved and esteemed and was often conversant in reading of them, and had an excellent memory and spiritual sense thereof given him of the Lord. By the pure holy seed, he meant and declared Christ, the promised seed; wherein all the promises of God are yea and amen. And as Christ is the word of God, the word of life, the word of faith, he is that immortal and incorruptible seed, of which all true and spiritual believers, and children of the light are begotten to God, and born again; and which seed, or word of eternal life, **abideth in him that is born of God, and sinneth not because thereof.** 1 Jn. 3:6
 And as the generation of God, and children of his kingdom, and of the promise, they are called the good seed, and counted for the seed, **being born of that incorruptible seed,** or word of life, which endureth for ever; and being that blessed seed and holy generation, which was foretold 1 Pe. 1:23
 Christ should see, and for which the travail of his soul was. Isa. 53

This our deceased friend and servant of Jesus Christ truly testified of him in all respects, both as come in the flesh and in the spirit, both as Christ was and is our only mediator and advocate, and as he was and is God over all, blessed for ever; whom he so dearly loved and honoured, that he often offered up his life, and deeply suffered for him; and that in dear and constant love to his seed, that a holy generation might be raised, strengthened, and increased in the earth among the children of men. And his knowledge and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, being after the spirit, in life and power, did no ways imply any lessening of the dignity or glory of Christ, nor any defect of faith or love to Christ, as he came and suffered in the flesh for mankind, as some adversaries have injuriously misrepresented and aspersed him; for he highly esteemed Christ's sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory; and powerfully testified of the virtue, power, blessed and spiritual design, fruit, and effects thereof; as revealed and witnessed by his holy spirit.

Phm. 1:21 And as we have no cause to question, but that with this innocent and good man "*to live was Christ; so, to die was gain;*" in both which he glorified God.

Christ Jesus being our spiritual rock, foundation, and head, he is truly precious to us and all true believers, in all states and conditions, both of his humiliation, glory, and dominion; his great grace and goodness appearing in those precious ministerial gifts, given by him; (when he ascended up on high,) for his ministry and church.

Isa. 9:6 And it is very observable, that though to express Christ's lowly condition and appearance in the world, he is sometimes in holy scripture termed the seed, his name also is called "*wonderful counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of peace; upon whose shoulders the government is laid: and of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.*" And it is most suitable to Christ's low, humble, and suffering condition, to make use of such instruments as are most like himself in humility and lowliness of mind; although they be but low and mean in the world's eye and esteem. God is pleased to make choice of low, mean, and weak things, and of instruments contemptible in the eyes of the high and lofty ones of this world, **to confound the wisdom of the world.** He chose poor shepherds to divulge that great evangelical truth of Christ's birth; Luke 2 and certain women to preach that gospel truth of his resurrection. Luke 24 And both from angelical testimony, and from their sight of Christ himself. Truth must not be rejected because of such instruments which God in his wisdom is pleased to employ in his work; nor the day of small things despised. From small beginnings of good matters, great things, glorious attainments and perfections spring. Glory, honour, and dominion to our most gracious God, and to the Lamb on his throne, for ever and ever.

Now, dear and well beloved friends, all live in love and peace, following the true faith, peaceable and good example of the faithful in Christ, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Your true friend and brother in Christ Jesus,

GEORGE WHITEHEAD

London, 1698.

A Testimony, how the Lord sent G. F. forth.

WHEN the Lord first sent me forth in the year 1643, I was - sent as an innocent lamb (and young in years) amongst wolves, dogs, bears, lions, and tigers into the world, which the devil had made like a wilderness, no right way then found out of it. And I was sent *“To turn people from darkness to the light”*, which Christ, the second Adam, did enlighten them withal; that so they might see Christ, their way to God, with the spirit of God, which he doth pour upon all flesh, that with it they might have an understanding to know the things of God, and to know him, and his son Jesus Christ, which is eternal life; and so might worship and serve the living God, their maker and creator, who takes care for all, who is Lord of all; and with the light and spirit of God they might know the scriptures, which were given forth from the spirit of God in the saints, and holy men and women of God.

Luke 10:3
Acts 26:18
1 Co. 15:45
John 1:9
John 14:6
Joel 2:28
1 Co. 2:10
John 17:3
2 Ti. 3:16

And when many began to be turned to the light (which is the life in Christ) and the spirit of God, which gave them an understanding, and, had found the path of the just, the shining light, then did the wolves, dogs, dragons, bears, lions, tigers, wild beasts, and birds of prey make a roaring and a screeching noise against the lambs, sheep, doves, and children of Christ, and were ready to devour them and me, and to tear us to pieces. But the Lord's arm and power did preserve me; though many times I was in danger of my life, and very often cast into dungeons and prisons, and haled before magistrates. But all things did work together for good: and the more I was cast into outward prisons, the more people came out of their spiritual and inward prison, (through the preaching of the gospel.) But the priests and professors were in such a great rage, and made the rude and profane people in such a fury, that I

Pro. 4:18
Rom. 8:28

Mat. 28:18 could hardly walk in the streets, or go in the highways, but they were ready oft-times to do me a mischief But **Christ, who hath all power in heaven and in the earth**, did so restrain and limit them with his power, that my life was preserved; though many time I was near killed.

Mat. 26:47-50 Oh! the burdens and travails, that I went under! Often my life pressed down under the spirits of professors and teachers without life, and the profane! And besides, the troubles afterwards with backsliders, apostates, and false brethren, which were like so many Judas's in betraying the truth, and God's **faithful and chosen seed**, and **causing the way of truth to be evil spoken of!**
 Rev. 17:14 But the Lord blasted, wasted, and confounded them, so that none stood long; for the Lord did either destroy them, or bring them to nought, and his truth flourished, and his people in it, to the praise of God, who is the revenger of his chosen.
 2 Pe. 2:2

G. F.

Concerning the first spreading of the truth, and how that many were imprisoned, etc.

AND the truth sprang up first (to us, as to be a people to the Lord,) in Leicestershire in 1644, and in Warwickshire in 1645, and in Nottinghamshire in 1646, and in Darbyshire in 1647, and in the adjacent countries in 1648, 1649, and 1650, and in Yorkshire in 1651, and in Lancashire and Westmoreland in 1652, and in Cumberland, and Bishoprick, and Northumberland in 1653, and in London, and most parts of the nation of England, and Scotland, and Ireland in 1654, etc.

And in 1655, many went beyond seas, where truth also sprang up.

And in 1656, truth brake forth in America, and many other places.

And the truth stood all the cruelties and sufferings that were inflicted upon Friends by the long-parliament, (to the spoiling of goods, imprisonment, and death, and over all the reproaches, lies, and slanders,) and then by O. Cromwell, protector, and all the acts that Oliver made and his parliaments, and his son Richard after him; and the committee of safety. And after, it withstood and lasted out all the acts and proclamation since 1660, that the king came in. And still the Lord's truth is over all, and his seed reigns, and his truth exceedingly spreads unto this year, 1676.

And Friends never feared their acts, nor prisons, nor jails, nor houses of correction, nor banishments, nor spoiling of goods; nay, nor life itself. And there was never any persecution, that came,

but we saw it was for good; and we looked upon it to be good, as from God. And there was never any prisons, that I was in, or sufferings, but still it was for the bringing multitudes more out of prison. For they that imprisoned the truth, and quenched the spirit in themselves, would prison it, and quench it without them. So that there was a time, when there were so many in prison, that it became as a by-word, truth was scarcely any where to be found but in jails.

And after that the king came in, divers Friends suffered much, because they would not drink the king's health, and say, "God bless the king;" so that many times Friends were in danger of their lives by rude persons, who were ready to run them through with their swords for refusing it; until the king gave forth a proclamation against drinking healths. For we were and are against all drinking healths and excess, both before his coming in, and after; and we desire the king's good, and that the blessings of God might come upon him, and all his subjects, and all people upon the face of the earth. "And we did desire people not to drink the king's health, but let him have his health, and all people else; and so to drink for their own health and necessity only. For that way of drinking healths, and to excess, was not for the king's health, nor their own, nor any others. Which excess often brought forth quarrelling and destroying one another; for they destroyed the creation, and one another. And this was not for the king's wealth, nor health, nor honour; but might grieve him to have the creatures destroyed, and his subjects." And so the Lord's power gave us dominion over that also, and all our other sufferings.

But Oh! the number of sufferers in the commonwealth's days, and in the protector's days, and since! But especially they, that were haled before their courts, for not paying tithes, and not swearing in their juries, and for not putting off their hats, and for going to meetings on the First-days, (under pretence of breaking the sabbath,) and other meetings in the week-days; who were abused both in the meetings, and on the highways! Oh, how great were the sufferings we then sustained upon these accounts! For sometimes they would drive Friends by droves into the prison-houses, (like penfolds,) and there keep them on the First-days; and then take their horses from them, and keep them for pretended breach of their sabbath. Though they would ride in their coaches, and upon their fat horses to the steeple-houses themselves, and yet punish others. And many Friends were turned out of their copyholds and customary tenements, because they could not swear; and as they

went to meetings, they have been stoned through the streets, and cruelly abused otherwise. And many were fined with great fines, and lay long in prison for not putting off their hats; but Friends could never pay them, though they kept them in prison, till they had satisfied their own wills upon them; and at last turned them out, after they had kept them a year, or more, in prisons.

And many Friends were exceedingly spoiled in their estates and goods in the petty courts for tithes, till we got a prohibition and demur out of the king's bench, that then threw the trial of such things out of their petty courts, that they might sue for them in the courts at London. And my desire is, that the Lord may open their understandings also, (if it be his will,) to throw them out of those courts also.

Heb. 7:1-12 And many books I gave forth against **tithes, and how the**
 Mat. 10:5 **priesthood was changed that took them.** And that **Christ**
 Luke 10:1 **sent forth his twelve** (and after, **seventy**) disciples, and said
 Mat. 10:8 unto them, "**Freely they had received, and freely they were to give.**" And so all that are transgressors, and do not obey the doctrine and command of Christ therein, we cannot receive them.

Mat. 5:34 And many suffered for not swearing, both before and since the king came in; because they could not swear, in obedience to the command of Christ and the apostles, **who forbade all swearing.** And tenths were offered up in the time of the law; but all must be offered up in the time of the gospel for Christ's sake. For there were no tithes nor swearing before the fall; and so there are none again to be in the restoration by Christ. And though swearing was in the time of the law; yet our yea is to be yea, and our nay to be nay in the time of the gospel.

Mat. 5:34 And several books I was moved to give forth against swearing, and that our yea and nay might be taken instead of an oath; and if we broke that, let us suffer the same punishment that they did that broke their oaths. And in Jamaica the governor granted the thing, and the assembly; and it is also granted in some other places. And several of the parliament-men in England have acknowledged the reasonableness of the thing. For the true oath of God was but to tie people to swear by the Lord, and to say and to do truth, since man and woman fell, in the time of the law, and not before the fall. And this was the oath that Christ came to fulfil and end; and he
 Mat. 5:34 saith, "**Swear not at all.**" And I say, **Christ fulfils and ends**
 Mat. 5:33 **this oath, which men were to perform to the Lord,** who
 Heb. 6:13 performs **God's oath, which he swore by himself,** and fulfils
 Mat. 5:37 that; and **he sets up yea, yea, and nay, instead thereof.**

Concerning which I and my Friends have written at large in our books touching this subject. And the magistrates, after some time, when they saw our faithfulness in yea and nay, that were they moderate, (both before and since the king came in,) would put Friends into offices without an oath. But they that were cruel and envious, would fine Friends to get money of them; though Friends could not pay them any. And thus the Lord's power hath carried us through all, and over all, to his everlasting glory and praise! For God's power, which was before the devil's was, **hath been our hedge**, our wall, and our keeper, and the preserver of his plants and vineyard, who have not had magistrates sword and staff to help them, nor ever trusted in the arm of flesh. And have gone, without **Judas's bag** or the magistrates' sword and staff, to preach the **word of life, which was in the beginning**, before they were; which word reconciles to God. And thousands have **received the word of reconciliation**, and are **born again of the immortal seed by the word of God**, and are feeding upon the **milk** of the word, which lives, and abides, and endures for ever. And many have suffered to death for their testimony, both in England and beyond the seas, both before and since the king came in; which ye may see, as followeth:

Job 1:10

John 12:6

1 Jn. 1:1

2 Co. 5:19

1 Pe. 1:23

1 Pe. 2:2

This was given to the king and both houses of parliament, being "A brief; and plain, and true relation of the late and sad sufferings of the people of God in scorn called Quakers, for worshipping, and exercising a good conscience towards God and man.

By reason whereof eighty-nine have suffered till death, (thirty-two of whom died before the king came into England, and fifty-seven since, by hard imprisonment and cruel usage,) forty-three have died in the city of London and Southwark, since the act was made against meetings," etc. (about 1661.) They have thus suffered; of which a more particular account was given (with their names who did suffer) to the king and parliament, about 1663.

And though divers laws were designed against us, yet never could any of them justly touch us, neither did they truly concern us, though they did execute them unjustly upon us; and they knew we were not the people justly chargeable; and some have been made to confess it. And all those laws, that were already made, and the oath which they imprisoned us for, (because in obedience to the command of Christ Jesus, we could not swear at all,) were never originally intended against us. And yet we suffered by the severe! powers and their laws, (though they did not concern us,) both spoiling of goods and imprisonments, even to death itself.

And the governor of Dover Castle, when the king asked him, “if he had dispersed all the sectaries’ meetings?” said, “he had; but the Quakers, the devil himself could not. For if he imprisoned them, and broke them up, they would meet again; and if he should beat them, and knock them down, or kill some of them, all was one: they would meet, and not resist again.” And thus the Lord’s power did support them, and keep them over their persecutors; and made them to justify our patience and lamb-like nature. This was about 1671.

And since the king come in, three acts have been made against us by the king and parliament, (besides the proclamations,) by which many have suffered imprisonment, and banishment, and many to death. And yet for all these acts and proclamations, and banishment, and persecutions, and sufferings, faithful Friends are as fresh as ever in the Lord’s power, and valiant for his name and truth. And some weak ones there were, when the king came in, that did swear, and take the oaths; but after, when they had so done, they were so sore troubled for disobeying the command of Christ, and the apostle, that they went to the magistrates, and condemned themselves, and offered themselves to go to prison. And thus the Lord, in his everlasting power, hath been the support and stay of his people.

And when the glorious gospel and truth was spread over the nation, and they had received the word of life, then first the Quarterly, and some Monthly Meetings, were settled throughout the nation; and then after, as truth more and more spread, the monthly Men’s Meetings, in 1667 and 1668.

And then also some Women’s Meetings were set up; and afterwards the Women’s Meetings throughout the nation, and other nations were exhorted unto, and set up and established throughout the nations. For I was sent for to many sick people; and at one time I was sent for to White-Chapel, about the third hour in the morning, to a woman that was dying, and her child; and the people were weeping about her. And after a while I was moved, (in the name and power of Christ Jesus,) to speak to the woman; and she and her child were raised up. And she got up, to the astonishment of the people, when they came in, in the morning; and her child also was healed. And when I came to G. Roberts’s house, about eight in the morning, there came in Sarah Blackberry to complain to me of the poor, and how many poor Friends were in want; and the Lord had showed me, what I should do, in his eternal power and wisdom. So, I spake to her, to bid about sixty women to meet

me about the first hour in the afternoon, at the sign of the Helmet, at a Friend's house. And they did so accordingly, such as were sensible women of the Lord's truth, and fearing God. And what the Lord had opened unto me, I declared unto them, concerning their having a meeting once a week, every Second-day, that they might see and inquire into the necessity of all poor Friends, who were sick and weak, and were in want, or widows and fatherless in the city and suburbs. And so, they blest the Lord for the wisdom of God, that had settled such a meeting in his power amongst them. For they saw, that all were heirs of the power of God, were to take their possession of the power of God, the gospel and its order, which was, before the devil was. And this brought them into the practice of the pure religion, and to visit the sick, and for the relief of the fatherless and the widow, and to see, that nothing was lacking amongst them; and that they, in visiting the sick in the Lord's power and word, through it they would have the wisdom of the Lord, and of his creation, and how to administer his creatures, and by the same power to heal and strengthen with the outward things, and without them. Which they have felt prosperous to this day: and great things have been done in their meetings by the Lord's power, and very honourable it hath been in the eyes of all the faithful, yea, and commendable in the world also.

And afterwards the same Women's Meetings were settled up and down the nation, and beyond the seas, in the power of the Lord, which was before the devil was; into which power of the Lord no sect nor apostacy can come, but peace and unity. And the power of the Lord, the gospel, is the authority of all the Men's and Woman's Meetings, and all the heirs of the power, the gospel, both men and women are to take their possessions of the inheritance of the power of God, which is over the devil. So, in it nothing can get betwixt them and the Lord God.

And at the settling of the Men's Meetings in the gospel, the power of God, I let them see, how they had a men's meeting in the first conversion amongst the primitive christians, of such as were faithful men, and full of the holy ghost; and these were to see, in the Lord's power and wisdom, that nothing was lacking.

For since the Christians denied the **Jews' temple, storehouse, and priests, where the widows, strangers, and fatherless were relieved**; they set up a men's meeting in the power of God, and in the holy ghost, (and they had Deaconesses also,) to see that widows, fatherless, and strangers were relieved, and **that nothing was wanting among them**. Now, though this prac- Deu. 14:29
1 Th. 4:12

tice hath been lost since the apostles' days, since men have gone from the power of God, and the holy ghost, that the apostles were in, (and therefore are the streets and country so full of widows, strangers, and beggars, and so full of wants, who want the sense of the good spirit and power to open their hearts, that the apostles and primitive christians were in.) But the **everlasting gospel being preached** again by the same holy ghost that the apostles were in; and received from heaven as they received it; and many thousands having received this gospel now again, men's meetings are set up, (as were in the days of the apostles,) in the power of God, and in the holy ghost. And women's meetings as mothers, and that they may be **teachers of good things**, and so to see, that nothing be lacking amongst them; and so **to do good unto all, but especially to the household of faith.**

And now, the power of God is the authority of both our men's and women's meetings, and all our other meetings; which power of God was before the apostacy was from the apostles, and before the fall and the devil were, and is over all; and all are to take their possessions of it, and in it to do God's service and business. So these meetings are for the converted and elect, "**before the world began,**" and such as are heirs of the power, and do possess it; and what they do and act in the spirit and power of God, they do it in that which shall never have an end, to the glory of God for ever. Amen!

G. F.

Upon the Fourth-day of the First month, 1650, I felt the power of the Lord to spread over all the world in praise.

Praise, honour, and glory be to the Lord of heaven and earth! Lord of peace, Lord of joy! thy countenance maketh my heart glad. Lord of glory, Lord of mercy, Lord of strength, Lord of life, and of power over death, and Lord of lords, and King of kings! In the world there are lords many, but to us there is but one God the Father, of whom are all things; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things: to whom be all glory, who is worthy! In the world are many lords, and many gods, and the earth maketh lords, coveting after riches, and oppressing the creatures; and so, the covetous mind getting to itself, lords it above others. This nature of lordly pride is head, until subdued by the power of God: for every one, in that state, doth strive to be above another; few will strive to be the lowest. Oh! that every one would strive to put down, in themselves, mastery and honour, that the Lord of heaven and earth might be exalted!

Chapter 1

Epistles 1-4 (1650)

Epistle 1

Friends,—Forsake the company of wild people, and choose the company of sober men, and that will be creditable in the end. And choosing the company of wild and light people, who delight in vain fashions and ill courses, is dangerous, and of a bad report among sober people; for the eyes of such will be upon you: and if they see, ye are wild, ye will come under their censure. Therefore love gravity, and soberness, and wisdom, that doth preserve.

G. F.

Epistle 2

Friends,—The children of the devil, how expert are they in evil, in all deceit in his kingdom; and yet they may speak of the things of God: but no vulturous eye or venomous beast ever trod in the steps of the just, though they may talk of the way. For who have their conversation in this world, and only mind the things of this world, in vain do they profess godliness. But the children of God, who are conceived and begotten of him, are not of this world, neither do they mind eternal things mind only the things of this world, but the things which are eternal. But the children of this world do mostly mind the external things, and their love is in them, and the other **live by faith**; the one is **sanctified by the word**, the other painted with the words. The children of God are **pure in heart**, not looking only at the outside. The favour of the world

Rom. 1:17
John 17:17
Mat. 5:8

Jam. 4:4 and **friendship thereof is enmity to God**, man may soon be
 Deu. 10:19 stained with it. Oh! **love the stranger**, and be as **strangers**
 Heb. 11:13 **in the world**, and to the world! For they that followed Christ
 in his cross, they were strangers in the world, and wonders to the
 1 Jn. 3:1 world, and condemned by the world; and **the world knew him**
 1 Jn. 3:13 **not**, neither doth it them that follow him now. So, **marvel not**
 1 Jn. 5:19 **if the world hate you; for the world lieth in hatred and**
 Jam. 4:4 **wickedness. Who love this world, are enemies to Christ;**
 and who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and have him for their Lord
 over them, they are redeemed out of the world. The world would
 have a Christ, but not to rule over them; the nature of the world
 is above Christ in man, until Christ hath subdued that nature in
 man. While the nature of the world doth rule in man, Oh! the
 deaf ears and blind eyes, and the understandings, that are all shut
 up amongst them, with which they judge! But who love the Lord
 Jesus Christ, do not mind the world's judgment, nor are troubled
 at it; but consider all our brethren, who have gone before us.

When ye think ye are past all crosses, when the trial doth come,
 ye will find a cross to that will which doth meddle with the things
 of God presumptuously; that man may live in joy, but the spirit
 is in bondage. Rejoice not in the flesh, but in the spirit, which
 crucifieth all fleshly boastings: if the fleshly will be fed, then care-
 lessness cometh up, and they fall into flatness, (from the spirit,)
 and are mindless of the Lord God; such are soon up and down.

Gen. 3:1-6 **The serpent tempted Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit,**
and she took and gave to her husband, and so they fell under
 the serpent's power, and the creatures, out of the power of God,
 which would have kept them in dominion. And so, Adam and Eve,
 and the serpent, all went out of truth. And Eve eating of the tree
 of knowledge, she had knowledge and wisdom after the fall, but
 Gal. 3:16 not in the ' dominion, in the power of God. But the **seed Christ**,
 John 1:1 which was **in the beginning, bruise the serpent's head**, and
 Gen. 3:15 **he is the wisdom of God.**
 1 Co. 1:24

G. F.

Epistle 3 - A little note to Friends at first.

Friends,—There is an eye, that hath looked to see the good seed,
 Mat. 13:24-30 that was sown, and queried, **from whence came these tares?**
The answer was and is; 'The wicked one hath sown them.'
Now read the tares, and what is the effect of them, and

their work? And what they do, and have done? How they hang amongst the wheat? But now is the time of harvest, that both wheat and tares are seen, and each distinguished, the one from the other.

G. F.

Epistle 4

All Friends, mind that which is pure in you to guide you to God, out of Babylon, out of confusion: there all the world is; **there is the seat of the beast**; there are the false prophets and deceivers, as well within as without. One voice of deceit knows not another, nor any of them **the voice of the living God**. But, dear friends, mind the light of God in your consciences, which will show you all deceit; dwelling in it, guides out of the many things into one spirit, which cannot lie, nor deceive. They that are guided by it, are one, who have **been made to drink into one spirit; and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. God is not the author of confusion, but of peace**. All jarrings, all schisms, all rents are out of the spirit, for God hath tempered the body together, that there should be no schism in the body, but all **worship him with one consent**. And as the power and life of truth are made manifest, watch in the discerning one over another. Rev. 13:2
Deu. 5:26
1 Co. 12:13
1 Co. 14:32-33
Zep. 3:9

And beware of discouraging any in the work of God: the labourers are few, that are faithful for God. Take heed of hurting the gift, **which God hath given to profit withal**, whereby ye have received life through death, and a measure of peace by the destruction of evil. Pray, that **peace may be multiplied**, and the ministration of life, to the raising of the dead, that **“the seed of the woman may bruise the serpent’s head,”** discover all deceit, and rend all veils and coverings, that the pure may come to life, which deceit hath trampled upon. 1 Co. 12:7
Dan. 4:1
Gen. 3:15

And all take heed to your spirits; that which is hasty, discerns not the good seed. Take heed of being corrupted by flatteries; - **they that know their God, shall be strong**. But take heed of labouring to **turn the just aside for a thing of nought**, but know the precious from the vile, the clean from the unclean; **“These shall be as my mouth,”** saith the Lord, for his work is great, and his gifts diverse. And therefore all mind your gift, mind your measure; mind your calling and your work. Some speak to the conscience; some plough and break the clods; some weed out, and Dan. 11:32
Isa. 29:21
Jer. 15:19

Mat. 13 some sow; some wait, that fowls devour not the seed. But wait all
Dan. 12:3 for the gathering of the simple-hearted ones; for "***they that turn
many to righteousness, shall shine for ever.***"

Mind the light, that all may be refreshed one in another, and all in one. And the God of power and love keep all Friends in power, in love, that there be no surmisings, but pure refreshings in the unlimited love of God which makes one another known in the conscience, to read one another's hearts: being comprehended into this love, it is inseparable, and all are here one. And keep in the oneness, and note them that cause dissention, contrary to the gospel ye have received; that one pure faith may be held in all, to

Eph. 4:3 guide and preserve all in the **unity of the spirit and bond of**
Mal. 2:10 **peace**; all one family of love, **children of one father**, and of the
Eph. 2:19 **household of God**.

G. F.

Chapter 2

Epistles 5-21 (1652)

Epistle 5 - To his Parents.

Dear father and mother in the flesh, but not of that birth which speaks to you: for like to that which doth beget is that which is begotten. Praises, praises be given to my heavenly Father, who hath begotten me again by the immortal word.

To that of God in you both I speak, and do beseech you both for the Lord's sake, to return within, and wait to hear the voice of the Lord there; and waiting there, and keeping close to the Lord, a discerning will grow, that ye may distinguish the voice of the stranger, when ye hear it. Oh! be faithful, be faithful to the Lord in that ye know; for in the backslider the Lord hath no pleasure, neither shall their damnation slumber. Oh! be faithful! Look not back, nor be too forward, further than ye have attained; for ye have no time, but this present time: therefore prize your time for your souls' sake. And so, grow up in that which is pure, and keep to the oneness; then shall my joy be full. So fare ye well! And the Lord God of power keep you in his power! To him be praises for evermore.

G. F.

Epistle 6 - To Friends.

Friends,—No one is justified, breaking the commands of Christ; no one is justified, living in iniquity; and no one is justified in professing only Christ's words, and the prophets', and the apostles'

words, and living out of their lives: and no one is justified living in the first birth and nature, and false faith and hope, which doth not purify, as God is pure. No man is justified not believing in the light, as Christ commands, but with the light is condemned; for the light is the condemnation of all them that walk contrary to it: therefore the power of God mind. No man is justified, acting contrary to that spirit which doth convince them.

G. F.

Epistle 7 - To Friends at Swarthmore.

Friends—Love that which judgeth the carnal mind, and crosseth it, which maketh an entrance to God, and keepeth you open; and then refreshment will come into your souls from the Lord. Dwell in the power, and know the power of words in one another; and take heed of deceit. Farewell: and the God of love and power keep you to himself!

G. F.

Epistle 8

Dear Friends,—Those that will live godly in Christ Jesus, must suffer persecution. God is righteous, God is pure, holy, and just; God is clean. He that is godly and holy, suffereth by the ungodly, and unrighteous, and unclean, and unjust, and filthy. And so the just suffereth by the unjust; and *“he that is born of the flesh, persecutes him that is born of the spirit.”*

Gal. 4:29

G. F.

Epistle 9

Friends,—That which is setup by the sword, is held up by the sword; and that which is set up by spiritual weapons, is held up by spiritual weapons, and not by **carnal weapons**. **The peacemaker hath the kingdom**, and is in it; and hath the dominion over the peace-breaker, to calm him in the power of God.

2 Co. 10:4

Mat. 5:9

And friends, let the waves break over your heads. There is rising **a new and living way out of the north, which makes the nations like waters. Hurt not the vines, nor the oil**, nor such as know that **the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.**

Heb. 10:20

Jer. 47:2

Rev. 6:6

Ps. 47:1

The days of virtue, love, and peace, are come and coming, and **the Lamb had and hath the kings of the earth to war withal, and to fight withal, who will overcome with the sword of the spirit, the word of his mouth;** for the Lamb shall have the victory. Rev. 19:11-21

And are not some like **Ephraim, with a miscarrying womb? which have not brought forth the substance, the birth from above; but have brought forth children to murder?** Hos. 9:13-14

G. F.

Epistle 10 - To Friends, to stand still in trouble, and see the strength of the Lord.

Friends,—Whatever ye are addicted to, the tempter will come in that thing; and when he can trouble you, then he gets advantage over you, and then ye are gone. Stand still in that which is pure, after ye see yourselves; and then mercy comes in. After thou seest thy thoughts, and the temptations, do not think, but submit; and then power comes. Stand still in that which shows and discovers; and there doth strength immediately come. And stand still in the light, and submit to it, and the other will be hushed and gone; and then content comes. And when temptations and troubles appear, sink down in that which is pure, and all will be hushed, and fly away. Your strength is to stand still, after ye see yourselves; whatsoever ye see yourselves addicted to, temptations, corruption, uncleanness, etc., then ye think ye shall never overcome. And earthly reason will tell you, what ye shall lose; hearken not to that, but stand still in the light that shows them to you, and then strength comes from the Lord, and help contrary to your expectation. Then ye grow up in peace, and no trouble shall move you. **David fretted himself, when he looked out; but when he was still, no trouble could move him.** Acts 2:25

When your thoughts are out, abroad, then troubles move you. But come to **stay your minds upon that spirit** which was before the letter; here ye learn to read the scriptures aright. If ye do any thing in your own wills, then ye tempt God; but **stand still in that power** which brings peace. Isa. 26:3
1 Co. 2:5

G. F.

Epistle 11

1 Co. 3:1 Dear hearts, brethren, and **babes of Christ**, wait to feed on the immortal food, and walk in the truth, and God Almighty be among you! And in it ye will see him; stand all naked, bare, and uncovered before the Lord. And take heed of your wills, for that
 Mat. 2:16 **(as Herod) slayeth the just, and shipwrecks the faith,** and
 Mat. 14:8-11 runs you into the flesh. Return back, and stay yourselves upon
 1 Ti. 1:19 the Lord every particular, to have your minds guided by his spirit; growing up in that which is precious and immortal, there is no feigned love. So, the eternal God keep you in his eternal love pure
 Col. 2:2 unto himself; and naked, and **knit your hearts together!** God Almighty bless you, and water you with the showers of his mercy, and with the dew of heaven!

G. F.

Epistle 12

Friends,—If ye love the light, and walk in it, ye love Christ, and will all walk in unity together. And if ye hate the light, ye hate Christ. Here is your teacher, who love it; here is your condemnation, who hate the light. And the conscience being seared, there is a returning to teachers without. For the carnal will have its vain invented form; but the spirit's form stands in the power. Prove yourselves where ye are.

G. F.

Epistle 13 - To the flock of God about Sedburgh.

Ps. 23:1-2 Every one in your measure wait upon God, who is the true shepherd, and leads his flock into the green pastures, and fresh springs he opens daily; this ye will see and experience. And mind that which is pure in one another, which joins you together; for nothing will join, or make fit, but what is pure; nor unite, nor build, but what is pure. Therefore every particular, fear God; for
 Dan. 2:35 **whatsoever ye build of yourselves will not stand, but will tumble down again; although it be as gold, or silver, or brass, or iron,** the strength of all these things, which is above the pure in you, will come to nothing, and this will not unite with

the pure. Therefore wait every one in the measure which God hath given you; and none of you be sayers only, but doers of the word. And so, walk in the truth, and be ye all servants to it, and it will lead you out of the world. The world would have the truth to serve them to talk of, to trade withal, and to contend withal; these are the wells without water, these are the trees without fruit. But they who dwell in the spirit of the Lord, (which is pure, which joins together, and unites and builds up all in one spirit,) see all these things, and are separated from them. So if ye live in the spirit, and **walk in it, ye will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh**, which will lead into uncleanness, and into adultery, and into **that which despiseth dignity, which defiles the flesh**, and goes from the pure. **Therefore the pure faith is to be contended for**; and those who were sanctified by God the Father, did contend for it, and were preserved by it in Christ Jesus. Therefore wait upon God for the living bread, that never fades away; which **he that eats of, lives for ever**. So God Almighty bless you, and keep you in the measure of his gift, faithful to himself!

Dear hearts! to that which is pure in you I speak, (which the presumptuous mind would veil,) that **God alone may be exalted**, and all flesh shattered down. And all are to take warning, and not one to exalt himself above another: but that God alone may be exalted among you all, and in you all, who alone is blessed for ever. And ye may see, from whence your heavenly food comes alone, and grow up by it; for **God hath done great things** in these northern parts, and the Lord is doing great things to the exaltation of his great name, and astonishing the heathen; notwithstanding the raging of the beast, and **the opening of his mouth, to the blaspheming of God and his temple**. Therefore all be valiant in the Lord God; and so fare ye well! And the Lord God of power keep you.

G. F.

Epistle 14 - A word from the Lord to Friends.

All Friends, that are grown up in the life and power of the truth, see that when ye appoint your meetings in any open place, in the fields, on the moors, or on the mountains, that none appoint meetings in your own wills; for that lets in the wills of the world upon the life of Friends, and so ye come to suffer by the world. But at such

meetings let the wisdom of God guide you, that some may be there to preserve the truth from suffering by the world; that all burdens may be kept off; and taken away. So will ye grow pure and strong. And when there are any meetings in unbroken places, ye that go to minister to the world, take not the whole meeting of Friends with you thither, to suffer with and by the world's spirit; but let Friends keep together, and wait in their own meeting place. So will the life, (in the truth,) be preserved and grow. And let three, or four, or six, that are grown up strong, and are in the truth, go to such unbroken places, and thresh the heathenish nature; and there is true service for the Lord. And to you all this is the counsel of the Lord. The grace of God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with your spirits! Amen.

G. F.

Epistle 15 - To the Church of God in Lancashire.

Jer. 10:3 Friends,—Every one in particular, who are of God, and not of the world, walk out of the world's **vain customs**, ordinances, and commands; and stand a witness against them all, in the testimony of Jesus, and witness him the substance of all, waiting in the light

1 Jn. 1:7 of God, and **walking in it, then will ye have unity one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse you from all sin**; for through it and by it we do overcome; which blood

John 1:29 of the new covenant is but one. There shall ye witness **the lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world**. Oh! wait all in that which is pure, to be fed alone of God with the eternal, living

Luke 15:16 food! Go not out among the swine, **who feed upon the outside, the husk**, among the merchants of Babylon, and so forsake the

John 6:51 **living bread**; but **as ye have received Christ Jesus, in him**

Col. 2:6 **walk**, that ye may all honour the Lord Jesus Christ, and adorn his gospel. And be famous in his light, and hold in his strength, which will carry you above the world, and above all the deceits of

Jer. 44:27 it. Oh! in love **watch over one another for good, and for the better, and not for the worse!** And dwell in that which is pure of God in you, lest your thoughts get forth; and then evil thoughts get up, and surmising one against another, which ariseth out of the veiled mind, which darkens the pure discerning. But as ye dwell in that which is of God, it guides you up out of the elementary life, and out of the mortal into the immortal, (which is

hid from all the fleshly ones,) where is peace and joy eternal to all that can witness the new birth. **Babes in Christ, born again of the immortal seed**, in it wait, my life is with you in perfect unity; bow down to nothing but the Lord God. **Satan would have had Christ to have bowed down, but he would not**; the same seed now, the same birth born in you now, which is the **same to-day, yesterday, and for ever**. The tempter will come to you; and if ye look forth, and hearken to his words, and let them in, then ye bow down under him, and worship him. But I say unto you, and charge you in the presence of the Lord, mind the pure seed of God in you, and the mighty power of God will cherish you up to the Lord God above all temptations, not to bow down to any thing; but feeding upon the immortal food, ye will feel yourselves supported and carried over him by your Father and your God, who is over all, blessed for ever! Who is the virtue of all creatures, the wisdom of all things; all holy praises be unto the holy, glorious Lord God for ever!

1 Co. 3:1

1 Pe. 1:23

Mat. 4:9

Heb. 13:8

G. F.

Epistle 16

To all you, my dear friends, who have tasted of the immediate, working power of the Lord, and do find an alteration in your minds, and do see from whence virtue doth come, and strength, that doth **renew the inward man**, and doth refresh you; which draws you in love to forsake the world, and that which hath form and beauty in it to the eye of the world; and hath turned your minds within, who see your houses foul, and corruptions strong, and **the way narrow and straight, which leads to life eternal**; to you all I say, wait upon God in that which is pure. Though you see little, and know little, and have little, and see your emptiness, and see your nakedness, and barrenness, and unfruitfulness, and see the hardness of your hearts, and your own unworthiness; it is the light, that discovers all this, and the love of God to you, and it is that which is immediate, but **the dark understanding cannot comprehend it**. So, wait upon God in that which is pure, in your measure, and stand still in it every one, to see your saviour, to make you free from that which the light doth discover to you to be evil. For the **voice of the bridegroom is heard** in our land; and Christ is come amongst the prisoners, to visit them in the prison houses; they have all hopes of releasement and free pardon, and to come out freely, for the debt is paid; wait for the manifestation of it, and

2 Co. 4:16

Mat. 7:14

John 1:5

John 3:29

Ecc. 4:14 **he that comes out of prison shall reign.**

So, meet together all ye that fear the Lord God, and think upon

Ps. 136 his name, **his mercies endure for ever**; his mercies are in temptation: and troubles, his mercies are in afflictions, in reproaches,

Pro. 1:22 and in scorns. Therefore rejoice, **ye simple ones, who love simplicity**, and meet and wait together to receive strength and wisdom from the Lord God; and in departing from sin and evil, ye will be able to speak to the praise of the Lord. And meeting and waiting

Mat. 25:14-30 in his power, which ye have received, in it all to **improve your measure that God hath given you**; for ye never improve your measure, so long as ye rely upon any visible thing without you; but when ye come alone to wait upon God, ye shall every one have a

Mat. 20:1-10 reward according to your deserts, and **every one your penny, who are called into the vineyard to labour**. Therefore be

Mat. 25:14-30 faithful to God, and **mind that which is committed to you, as faithful servants**, labouring in love; some threshing, and some ploughing and some to keep the sheep. He that can receive this let him. And all to watch over one another in the spirit of God. So God Almighty bless, guide, and prosper you unto his kingdom, where there is no tribulation. When your minds run into anything outwardly, without the power, it covers and veils the pure in you.

G. F.

Epistle 17

Dear Friends,—Prize your time, and the love of the Lord to your souls above all things; and mind that light in you, that shows you sin and evil. Which checks you, when you speak an evil word, and tells you, that ye should not be proud, nor wanton, nor fashion yourselves like unto the world; for the fashion of this world passeth away. And if ye hearken to that, it will keep you in humbleness of mind, and lowliness of heart, and turn your minds within, to wait upon the Lord, to be guided by it; and bring you to lay aside all sin and evil, and keep you faithful to the Lord; and bring you to wait on him for teaching, till an entrance thereof he made to your souls, and refreshment come to them from the presence of the Lord. There is your teacher, the light, obeying it; there is your condemnation, disobeying it. If ye hearken to the light in you, it will not suffer you to conform to the evil ways, customs, fashions, delights, and vanities of the world; but lead you to purity, to holiness, to uprightness, even up to the Lord. Dear hearts,

hearken to it, to be guided by it. For if ye love the light, ye love Christ; if ye hate that, ye hate Christ. Therefore in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ consider of it; and the Lord open your understandings to know him.

G. F.

Epistle 18

All dear Friends every where, who have tasted of the everlasting power, and are made **partakers of his divine nature**, be faithful, and dwell in that which is pure. And take heed of the world's evil ways, words, worships, customs, and fashions; neither let fair speeches draw you out, nor hard speeches trouble you and make you afraid: but fear the Lord God of heaven and earth, **who by his mighty power upholds all things**. And be bold in the power of truth, and **valiant for it upon the earth**; treading, triumphing over, and trampling all deceit under foot, inward and outward; having done it in yourselves in particular, ye have power over the world in general. And meet together every where, and **keep the unity of the spirit, which is the bond of peace**; which **circumciseth inwardly**, and puts off the **body of sin**, and **baptizeth all into one body with one spirit**. And **being written all in one another's hearts**, have all one voice, and the pure language of truth, where in all **plainness of speech**, things may be spoken in nakedness of heart one unto another, in the eternal unity in the one spirit, which draws off and weans you from all things, that are created and external, (which fade and pass away,) up to God, the **fountain of life**, and head of all things; to whom be glory, wisdom, riches, and honour, God blessed for ever! Who hath blessed us, and **given us to eternal life**, and this life is in his son; and **he that hath the son, hath the Father also**. And that which the world doth profess and make a trade withal, the saints do enjoy and possess; which the world doth not know, but in the letter.

And all Friends and brethren, in what ye know, be faithful, rejoicing and praising the Lord with all thankfulness, that the wise God should call you, and elect you. Oh! dwell in love in your hearts to God, and one to another! And the God of love and life keep you all in his power, and love, and spirit to himself, that ye may all be kept pure, and stand pure and clean before him. The work and harvest of the Lord is great. My prayers to God are for

2 Pe. 1:4

Rom. 16:18

Heb. 1:3

Jer. 9:3

Eph. 4:3

Rom. 2:29

Rom. 6:6

1 Co. 12:13

2 Co. 3:2

2 Co. 3:12

Ps. 36:9

1 Jn. 5:11

1 Jn. 2:23

you, that ye may be faithful, and be kept faithful in the work.

G. F.

Epistle 19

Dear and tender Friends,—My love is to you all in the truth of God; and my prayers and soul's desire are to God, that ye may be kept in the **simplicity of the truth in Christ Jesus**, growing up in the **power of his resurrection, and be made conformable to his death, and have fellowship with him in his sufferings**; and that all your **hearts may be knit together in love**, and in one spirit to God, and be kept out of all the **world's evil customs, fashions, words, works, manners, ordinances, and commandments**, which will all perish, which the world holdeth up in the **carnal mind**, and the carnal man doth act them. For whatsoever is seen with a carnal eye, is carnal. See, if ye do find something in your understandings made manifest, which is eternal, to guide your minds out of all external things, which wither away, and face. For the cross is to the carnal mind; your carnal minds going into the carnal and earthly things, or your eyes and lusts into the earth, where lightness, rashness, crossness, bitterness, and presumption are, then the tongue will run at random, and is at liberty; and **he that hath not power over his own tongue, his religion is in vain**, and the light mind ruleth. But the convince light within, which doth convince thee, will show thee, when the mind goeth forth; and show thee the daily cross, which is to crucify that carnal mind; for the carnal mind minds carnal things; and the cross is to the will of man, for it shall never enter.

Therefore give not way to your wills, nor busy yourselves nor minds with needless and careless words, or such things, for they will veil you, and draw your minds from God. But keep within. And when **they shall say, 'lo here,' or 'lo there is Christ,'** go not forth; for Christ is within you. And they are seducers and antichrists, which draw your minds out from the teaching within you. For the measure is within, and the light of God is within, and the **pearl is within you**, which is hid; and the word of God is within you, and **ye are the temples of God**; and **God hath said, he will dwell in you, and walk in you. And then what need ye go to the idols' temples without you?** The true church (the saints) is in God; but the imitation of the church is in the world, without God. The seducers are in the world; -

antichrists and deceivers are in the world, and false prophets are in the world; and covetousness is in the world; and all hypocrisy, and all heresy, and dissimulation, and all pride, and looking for honour is in the world; and he that seeketh for it, is of the devil. And all idle, **foolish jesting, and all light, vain talking, which are not seemly nor convenient**, are in the world. 2 Jn. 1:7
Eph. 5:4

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and fear God, and give glory to him, and worship not the beast; for the beast and the false prophet must be cast into the lake of fire. The true figures and types were outward, and visible to the outward eye and mind; but the **carneal mind** is to be taken away, and destroyed. For the figures did type forth the substance; when the substance was come, the figures were taken away, and types were ended. And the (false) imitations of Christ and of God are in the world; and the vain worships of the world are the worships of the beast, and are not of God. For "**God is a spirit; and he that worships him, must worship him in spirit and truth.**" The beastly nature in man and woman holdeth up the beast, and his customs and worships; and the **plagues of God are to be poured upon the beast, and all them that worship the beast and false prophet.** And they that abide in the truth, worship not the beast inwardly, nor outwardly, but deny all the beast's worships and false prophets', and worship God in spirit and truth. And they which do not abide in the truth, hold up the beast's worship, and the false prophets'; and they that do so, shall have their portion together. Plagues will be poured upon such. Jam. 1:21
Rev. 14:7
Rev. 19:20
Rom. 8:7
John 4:24
Rev. 16

And ye that know God, dwell in the truth, and tread upon the deceit; for God will be glorified alone. **To whom be glory and honour for ever! Amen.** 1 Ti. 1:17

G. F.

Epistle 20

To all my dear brethren, whom the God of power hath enlightened with his eternal light, and discovered unto you his way of truth, and brought you out of the dark ways, wherein ye have walked; which dark ways all the world walk in. But where the pure light of God is witnessed, it guides to himself. The light is but one, which leads out of darkness and the dark world, into the **world which is without end.** Therefore all Friends and brethren in the Eph. 3:21

- Jam. 1:22 eternal truth of God, walk in it up to God, and **be not sayers only**, nor backsliders; for the backslider is a sayer, and not a doer, and there ariseth ambition, pride and presumption out of that nature. But dwell in the pure light, which God hath made manifest to you in your understanding, and turn your minds to him, and walk
- 1 Th. 5:5 as **children of the light, and of the day**, and be not drunken in any thing, nor run to extremes in any thing; but be moderate and patient. Wait for the presence of the great God, and our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ; and be not so childish as to be tossed with men's words without life. And run not out after others' liberties, which they have got in their notions; for thou that dost so, wilt not abide in the truth; and so thou mayst come to be shaken, and shake others, who look at words. But wait every one in particular, (in the measure that God hath given you,) upon God, in the fear of God, then your hearts will be kept clean; and this is the sure way.
- 2 Co. 4:10 And wait all to have the **son made manifest in you**, and the son alone to set you free in yourselves in particular; and all that
- John 8:36 are **made free by the son**, are one. But the first nature, that would have liberty, must go into captivity; which they that live in their carnal reasoning, seek freedom for. But here is man deceived in his first birth.

- But ye all in whom the immortal seed is brought to light, who
- Eph. 2:6 are **raised up to sit in heavenly places with Christ Jesus**,
- 1 Th. 5:5 and are become **children of the day, walk as children of the day, and as children of the light**, and "*let your light so shine before men, that they may glorify your father, which is in heaven.*" All loving the light, ye love the one thing, which gathers
- Ps. 36:9 your hearts together to the **fountain of light and life**; and walking in it, ye have unity one with another, and the "*blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth you from all sin.*" The knowledge of the letter, which you formerly put into your notions and comprehensions, the dark mind gave dark meanings to it, and so kept you in the broad way; but not wait all to have the same spirit manifested in
- 2 Pe. 1:21 your understandings, **which was in them who gave forth the scriptures**, who were come out of the **broad way**, holy men of
- Mat. 7:13 God, who had **escaped the pollutions of the world**. And if every particular of you know not a principle within, which is of God,
- 2 Pe. 2:20 to guide you to wait upon God, ye are still in **your own knowledge, which is brutish and sensual**. But waiting all upon God in that which is of God, ye are kept open to receive the teachings of
- Jer. 10:14 God. And the pure wisdom and knowledge is that, **which comes from above**, which is to know God, and **Jesus Christ, the way**,
- Jam. 3:17
- John 14:6

which is hidden from the world; and to walk out of your own ways, and out of your own thought:. And dwelling in that which is pure, up to God, it commands your own reason to keep silent, and to cast your own thoughts out: and dwelling in that which is pure, it discovereth all this. So dwelling in the spirit, it keepeth all your hearts to God. **To whom be all praise, honour, and glory for ever!** Rev. 7:12

G. F.

From Judge Fell's in Lancashire, the 31st of 11th month, 1652.

Epistle 21 - To Friends at Kendal.

To that of God in you I speak, that ye may watch over the weak, and see how the plants of the Lord grow. And walk in the joy and love of the truth, serving God with joyfulness of heart; and to you this is the word of the Lord. And keep all that is bad, down and out with the light, which condemns all ungodliness; so keep all that out, which is for condemnation; that ye may be preserved clean and pure, that out of condemnation ye may be kept, and walk in the living light. So God Almighty be with you all! And I charge you to read this among the brethren, and these words mind with the light, that no looseness be amongst you; but own and be obedient to the commands of the Lord, that ye may stand out of, and above all the contrary commands of man. And so farewell.

G. F.

Chapter 3

Epistles 22-55 (1653)

Epistle 22

O Friends! keep close to the light in you, and do not look forth at words that proceed from a vain and light mind; but at the power of words. For the words of God, that proceed from him, are powerful and mighty in operation, **to the throwing down of all the strong holds of the man of sin. The Lord is coming in power**, to gather his chosen ones to himself; and to judge and condemn the wicked one for evermore. He will **plague the beast**, and **burn the whore**, and plague and torment the disobedient, and rebellious, and backsliders very sore. Therefore, ye that **know the voice of the Lord, hearken to it**, and see how ye stand in his fear, and how ye are brought into the obedience of the truth. And take heed of looking forth at man; but keep close to the light in you, and see that your minds be kept close to that, and guided by that; and being guided by that, it will keep you clear and pure to receive the teaching of the Lord. **Have salt in yourselves**, and **let your words be few** and seasoned, that they may be - **savoury**. And watch over one another in love, and walk in wisdom, and sobriety, and gravity, and sincerity, in purity, and cleanness. And keep free from deceit, **and have no fellowship with the unfruitful words of darkness, but rather reprove them**. And be faithful to the Lord; walk so that the world may be confounded and **ashamed, when they speak evil of you, as evil doers**; walking in humbleness, lowliness, and uprightness before them, it will take away all just occasion of speaking evil against the truth. And be bold and **valiant for the truth**, and **press forward**,

Mic. 5:11
2 Th. 2:3
Luke 21:27
Rev. 16
Rev. 17:16
John 10:4
Mark 9:50
Ecc. 5:2
Col. 4:6
Eph. 5:11
1 Pe. 3:16
Jer. 9:3
Php. 3:14

towards the mark of the prize of the high calling of God
 Rev. 3:11 **in Christ Jesus, and let no man take your crown.**

Dear Friends, watch over one another in love, and stir up that
 Heb. 3:13 which is pure in one another, and **exhort one another daily.**
 And the Lord keep you all in his fear, and in his obedience now
 and evermore!

G. F.

Epistle 23

Friends,—Fear not the powers of darkness, but keep your meet-
 ings, and meet in that which keeps you over them; and in the power
 of God ye will have unity.

1 Jn. 4:16 And **dwelt in love** and unity one with another, and know one
 Heb. 7:16 another in the **power of an endless life**, which doth not change.
 1 Co. 15:47 And know the **second Adam, the Lord from heaven, which**
is above the first Adam, the earthly, where all strife and
 transgression is. And all Friends every where, be faithful in the
 life and power of God, and keep your meetings (above all in the
 world) in that which changes not, that nothing but Christ may
 1 Co. 1:24 reign among you, the **power of God, and wisdom of God**, the
 sanctification and redemption; that the just over all may reign, and
 the seed of God may have the dominion in you all; that with that
 Eph. 4:3 ye may all be ordered to the glory of God, and kept in the **bond of**
 1 Co. 13:5-6 **peace**, and reign in the love of God, (which is out of the **iniquity,**
and rejoiceth not in it,) which thinks no evil. And have
 Rom. 5:5 this **love shed abroad in all your hearts**, and feel it abiding in
 Eph. 4:16 your; which **love of God edifies the body**. And know the word
 John 1:1 of God abiding in you, **which was in the beginning**, and brings
 to the beginning; which word being ingrafted, it saves the soul, and
 hammers down, and throws down, and burns up that which wars
 against it.

G. F.

Epistle 24

To all Friends every where, dwell in the truth, and walk in
 the love of the truth, in patience, and every one in your mea-
 Jude 1:6 sure **keep your habitations, and learn that good lesson of**
 Mat. 11:29 **Jesus Christ, to be low and meek in heart, giving no oc-**
 1 Ti. 5:14

1 Th. 4:12 **casation to the adversary** by evil doing. But **walk all honestly** and uprightly; for the upright and meek in heart know God, and God delights in the upright and righteous. And walking in **uprightness, ye will be bold as lions**, resisting the wicked with your spiritual weapons, not by bloody hands, as the wicked are tearing and rending the just that dwell in the truth. For **the lions want, and hunger, and rage; but ye that fear the Lord, shall want no good thing**; and they that wait upon the Lord, he will **give them their hearts desire**. I witness the words of the Lord to be true, praised be his name! Oh! Friends, dwell in the fear of the Lord, and take heed of presumption, that your **minds run not out into vanity** and lightness, that the world may not take occasion, and the truth suffer. But every one keep your habitation where God hath called you; and take heed of deceit, and form nothing in your own wills or minds, but grow up in the inner-man, (**putting off the old man with his deeds**,) as **trees of righteousness, which the Lord hath planted**, growing in wisdom and understanding to do the will of God, and not your own wills. He **that doth the will of God, abideth in that which endureth for ever**, and seeth **all flesh to be as grass, and the glory of the world to pass away**. **Wo unto you proud men, who compass the earth, to set your nests on high!** all your gods of gold and silver must perish, and that mind that holds them up must perish. But all Friends, mind that which is eternal, which gathers your hearts together up to the Lord, and lets you see that **ye are written in one another's hearts**; meet together every where, growing up in the spirit to the Lord, the fountain of life, the head of all things, God blessed for ever! Let not hard words trouble you, nor **fair speeches** win you; but dwell in the power of truth, in the mighty God, and have **salt in yourselves** to savour all words, and to **stand against all the wiles of the devil**, in the mighty power of God.

Pro. 28:1

Ps. 34:10

Ps. 21:2

Eph. 4:17

Col. 3:9

Isa. 61:3

1 Jn. 2:17

1 Pe. 1:24

Mat. 23:15

Jer. 49:16

2 Co. 3:2

Rom. 16:18

Mark 9:50

Eph. 6:11

2 Ti. 2:8

For **God hath raised up his own seed in his saints, which seed, Christ**, is but one in all, and spreads over all, and throughout all; and we now are through him come to have dominion and power over the evil one, and to tread upon that which hath been too strong for us, the enemy of our peace, and the enemy of our unity with God and one with another. So in that, which is raised up in us, which trampleth upon the earthly, dark power, have we **unity with God, and fellowship with his son, and unity one with another**; so are known to one another in that, **which none, who are of the world, knoweth**. So our **life is hid**, and our

1 Jn. 1:3

1 Jn. 1:7

1 Co. 2:8

Col. 3:3

happiness, joy, and delight hid from all, who are ruled and governed

- Eph. 2:2 by the **prince of the air**, from under whose dominion and government we are redeemed by the only redeemer Christ Jesus, **not with corruptible things**, neither is our redemption of man, nor by man, nor according to the will of man, but contrary to man's will. And so, our unity and fellowship with vain man are lost, and all his evil ways are now turned into enmity; and all his profession is now found to be deceit, and in all his fairest pretences lodgeth cruelty; and the **bottom and ground of all his knowledge of God and Christ is found sandy, and cannot endure the tempest**. For being brought off from that foundation, and having suffered the loss of all, which seemed beautiful upon the sand, (which was there builded according to that wisdom which was not eternal, but was **earthly, upon which the curse of God was**, and yet doth remain, where it is standing,) we declare against that bottom and foundation, by the power of God, in that light of Christ, which discovers all false foundations, and makes manifest all sandy bottoms, which man hath builded upon. For where the only true seed takes root, there all man's plants and plantations are plucked up; for there the earth, in which the earthly plants grow, is broken up, ploughed up, and ripped up, and all things made manifest, which have lain hid in it. **For in the earth dwell all the noisome creatures, and the evil beasts, which are hurtful to the creation**: for in the earth the devil dwells and walks; but the earth being ploughed up, he is made manifest, and the seat of his dwelling is broken up. That mind, which doth speak of God, but lives not, dwells not, nor abides in the fear of God, that mind must suffer, and pass under the judgement of God, for the curse of God is upon that mind: for that mind is earthly, and of the earth, upon which the curse of God is. And that mind may talk of God, and speak of God, but not in union with God, nor from enjoyment of God in the spirit, nor from having purchased the knowledge of him through death and sufferings; but from hear-say of him, and from custom and tradition. But the true fear of God doth destroy that mind, which speaks of him, but doth not live in his fear: and that mind is raised up, which doth abide in his fear; and this is **acceptable sacrifice, which is pure, clean, holy** and without spot. Then that which knows God, speaks of him, which hath purchased the true knowledge of him through suffering; and to such there is no condemnation, but joy and peace. And this mind sings true praises to God, the other in hypocrisy; and therefore the wo is unto it. And this mind is stayed upon God, the other is gadding
- 1 Pe. 1:18
- Mat. 7:26-27
- Gen. 3:17
- Eze. 14:15
- Rom. 12:1

after the creatures, committing fornication with other lovers; and speaks of God, but is not subject to God, and must pass through condemnation.

G. F.

Epistle 25 - To Friends in the Truth.

Friends, the love of God is to you, the springs are opening, and the plants are refreshing with the **living waters**. Now friends, walk in the truth, as ye have received it; and wait in that which keeps you in the **yea and nay, in the pure communication**, in the **good manners**. In the pure conversation over all the world ye will reign, **whose conversation is in heaven**; and here the world ye will judge, walking in the life. And ye which turn from the light, which Jesus Christ hath enlightened you withal, here are the corrupt manners, the evil communication, the filthy conversation, which with the light are all to be condemned. Ye which turn from the light, are in Esau's nature, and choosing the earth, there is profaneness: therefore take heed to the light, and wait to receive power from God, to stand against that which the light discovers to be evil. And ye who are turned from the **light, which Jesus Christ hath enlightened you withal**, and do turn to the hireling priests who are changeable, from the **priest who never changes**, ye walk in Judas' steps, and wo will be your end; ye had better never have been born, ye are betrayers of the just. Ye that turn from the light, ye turn from Christ, as Judas did; and ye that walk in the light, ye walk after Christ, and **he is your way**; but ye that turn from it to the hireling priests, Judas is your way, which is destruction. And ye that turn from the light, turn from the command of God; **Cain is your way. And ye that turn from the spirit, Balaam is your way. And ye that get up into presumption, Core is your way, which leads into self-separation. And this fruit will wither**, which is natural knowledge, which is seen with the light, and is to be condemned with the light, which light!never withersnever withers, which is the condemnation of the world; which all the children of the light walk in. Walking in which light, it will bring you to receive Christ, from whence it comes. Here is the way to salvation; **and as many as receive him, to them he gives power to become the sons of God**. And the **son of God is but one in all, male and female**; and the light of God is but one. So all walk in it, to receive the

John 4:10
 Mat. 5:37
 1 Co. 15:33
 Php. 3:20
 John 1:9
 Heb. 13:8
 John 14:6
 Jude 1:11-12
 John 1:12
 Gal. 3:28

1 Jn. 1:3 son; in which light is the unity, which brings to **fellowship with the Father and the son**. And the oneness is in the light, as the
 John 10:30 **Father and the son are one**, and brings you to where he is,
 John 15:19 **out of the world**, from the world, and not to be of the world. Therefore walk in the light, which is all the world's condemnation, even them of the highest religion, who act contrary to the light. And to you this is given forth from the word of the living God. And thou that lovest thy soul, love the light, to wait for Christ, the saviour of thy soul: and ye that hear the word, wait in the light, which comes from the word, which leads up to the word which was
 Jer. 23:29 in the beginning, which **breaks the world to pieces that lies in wickedness, and burns it as with a fire**; and **divides asunder the precious from the vile**. This is the word, which makes all
 Jer. 15:19 **clean, which is received into the heart; and this is the word of faith which we preach**: and the world preaches the words without, being out of the life, and in the brutish knowledge, which is condemned of God, and by all who are of God, that have (and are in) the life of the holy scriptures. Therefore I charge you all in the presence of the living God, to wait in the light which comes from Christ, that with it ye may receive the life; that with the light and life, which are one, ye may come to have the scriptures opened to you, which were given forth from the light. And so all the world, who have not the light guiding their understandings, nor the life, but are strangers to it, there are the sects, there are the many opinions, there is the heresy, which makes a profession of the
 2 Co. 3:6 **letter declared from the light**, but are out of the life; with the light all this is condemned: and the children of light are in unity, in that which gave forth the holy scriptures. And so to you all this testimony is from the word of God. This is to be read among all Friends every where; for this was I moved to send among you.

G. F.

Epistle 26 - Concerning Marriages.

Friends,—All they who act contrary to the light which comes from
 John 3:19-20 Christ Jesus, and **hate it, whose deeds are evil**, and live in strife
 Php. 3:19 about words, and their **minds are in earthly things**, defrauding and wronging one another, they know when they do so, with the light which comes from Christ Jesus. So this light, which lets them see and know, when they act contrary to it, with this light are they condemned. And all that do act contrary to the light, and do join together in marriage contrary to the light, and are joined

with that which is contrary to the light, this is their condemnation, the light, which leads to God. But who are joined together with the light, are **joined together in God; and let no man put them asunder.** Here is the true joining; and there will be a clear testimony unto them, that God did move and command, and join them with his light, among all the children of light; and this **marriage is honourable, and the bed not defiled.** And whom God doth move, and command, and join together, it was and is by his power.

Mat. 19:6

Heb. 13:4

G. F.

Epistle 27

To all my dear Friends and brethren every where. **He that hath the son of God, hath life; all that have not the son of God, have not life.** The son of God is he which **makes free from all sin,** and is come to **destroy the works of the devil,** and to make us **conformable to his image,** and the image of the devil to deface and destroy, and the **image of God to renew us up in;** and so to bring us to walk in righteousness. Praises be unto the glorious God for ever, who has sent his son into the world, **to take away the sins of the world. The lamb of God,** the son of God, is but one in all **his males and females, sons and daughters, and they all are one in Christ** and Christ one in them all. And all Friends, **walk worthy of your calling** in all holiness, for holiness becomes the saints; **without holiness no man shall see the Lord.** And every one **improve your talents, labouring in the vineyard,** dressing the Lord's vineyard, that ye may be found the faithful servants, who are as good servants, and walking all in love to God, and one to another. And know one another in the spirit which is immortal; for all other knowledge in the flesh veils the pure, and hinders your discerning. **There will arise tares out of that ground, whence that love springs.** Therefore dwell all in the pure spirit of God, and walking therein, it will teach you every one in particular, to know God the Father of spirits, and all to stand naked and bare, and uncovered before the living Lord God. **For wo is to every one, that is covered, but not with the spirit of the Lord; and who are covered, and not with his spirit, will not stand in his counsel.** But all ye who are uncovered, walking in the spirit of the Lord God, it will keep you all in his counsel to stand uncovered before the Lord, bare and naked, to receive instruction and counsel from him. So God

1 Jn. 5:11-12

Rom. 6:18

1 Jn. 3:8

Rom. 8:29

Col. 3:10

John 1:29

Gal. 3:28

Eph. 4:1

Heb. 12:14

Mat. 25:14-30

Mat. 20:1-16

Mat. 13:24-30

Isa. 30:1

Almighty be with you all! The dew of heaven is falling upon you to water the tender plants; and the **blessing of God be amongst you, which showers down amongst you!** The heavenly joy fill your hearts, and comfort you in the inward man in all tribulations. The glorious light is shining, the immortal is bringing forth out of death, the prisoners have hope of their pardon, the debt being paid, and they freely **purchased by Christ's blood**, and he into the prison houses is come, that the prisoners begin to sing in hope of their eternal freedom, **for joy of heart leaping, and the dumb tongue shall sing praises.** And the **arrows of the Almighty** are shooting against the wicked. Therefore be bold and **valiant for the truth**, triumph over all the deceivers, and trample upon their deceits.

G. F.

Epistle 28

To all you, that are enlightened with the light that comes from Jesus, to it take heed, which leads into the right course of nature, which who act contrary to it, go out of the right course of nature into drunkenness, rashness, lying, blaspheming, deceit, and uncleanness. All this is out of the right course of nature, and leads out of the right course of nature, and destroys it, and is to be condemned with that which leads to the glory of the first body, and leads nature into its right course and right being, which man was in before he fell.

G. F.

Epistle 29 - Concerning Tithes.

Friends,-The counsel of the living God to you all is, that ye may come to discern the ministers of God and Christ from the ministers of the world, that have gotten the scriptures for their cloak, and with them make a colour to deceive, and tell you, 'that they are the ministers of Jesus Christ, and Christ hath sent them;' who sue you at the law, and hale you before magistrates for tithes and maintenance, when they do you no work, nor have ye hired them. Yet they come and tell you, '**the workman is worthy of his meat**, and the **labourer is worthy of his hire.**' Here the custom of sin hath taken away the sense; they are so accustomed to it. But

Mat. 10:10

Luke 10:7

praised be the Lord God, who hath given us his light, and with it all such are seen, comprehended, and judged; and to such we cannot give tithes, nor hire, who do us no work, whom we have not hired; for it is contrary to scripture and Christ's doctrine, and to that of God in our consciences. It is not for the saving of the **earth (for it is the Lord's, and the fulness of it)** that we do not pay the priests' tithes; for if we should, we should uphold the first priesthood, and its office, **who had their storehouses, to put the tithes into that were given them; and then all the widows, fatherless, and strangers came, and were to be filled in the priest's gate, and the priests were to minister it out of the storehouse;** as ye may read in Malachi and the book of Moses, who received a law from God, and gave it forth to the priests to receive tithes. So with the light, which Christ Jesus hath given us, with it we come to witness him, the unchangeable priest, and see **the change of the first priesthood, and the change of the law also,** by which the priest received the tithes; as ye may read Heb. vii. So we do witness the new testament, and the new covenant, and the everlasting priest, (praised be God!) and do **confess Christ Jesus come in the flesh.** And all ye that would have us to give priests' tithes, and would compel us so to do, ye are they that do oppose Christ's doctrine and commands to his disciples, "**Freely ye have received, freely give**"; and do not own the unchangeable priest's being come to teach his people: ye are against the unchangeable priest's office; ye are against the new covenant, and new testament. And so we cannot uphold tithes, and such as take tithes, who act against Christ Jesus' commands, and deny him to be come in the flesh, in life, doctrine, and power. So, we that suffer our goods to be spoiled joyfully, it is for Christ's sake, the unchangeable priest, and for the new covenant's sake, and the new testament's sake. As the Hebrews did, who **suffered their goods to be spoiled joyfully, and were a gazing-stock;** and so we suffer now by the changeable priesthood, which takes tithes, as the people of God did then. But if we hire any man, and set him at work, we will give him his wages and his meat; but such dissemblers, as say, the scripture is their rule for it, and we neither hired nor set them at work, all such deceivers are denied, who take the scripture words, and make a cloak of them for their **covetous practices.** Nevertheless, if any minister of Jesus Christ, or son, or daughter, or servant, which Jesus Christ sends forth,

Ps. 24:1

Mal. 3:10

Deu. 14:28

Heb. 7:12

1 Jn. 4:2

Mat. 10:8

Heb. 10:33-34

2 Pe. 2:14

(who said, "*Freely ye have received, freely give,*") comes to our houses, and **ministers unto us spiritual things, we will set before him our carnal things; and he that soweth unto us spiritual things, it is the least, that we minister unto him of our carnal things.** But he that sueth us at the law for means, and calleth me before courts and sessions, and telleth me, he is a minister of Christ, and Christ sent him, all such **evil beasts** (as the apostle speaks of) we deny, **who mind earthly things, whose god is their belly, who serve not the Lord Jesus Christ, but their own bellies.** But if any one come into our houses, (as aforesaid,) to preach the gospel to us, we shall set before them, and they shall eat freely, as Christ saith, "*Whatsoever they set before you, that eat.*" But to give tithes to such as do not preach to us spiritual things, but **deny Christ come in the flesh,** and hold up things in the figure, all such we deny; and for the truth's sake do we suffer by such. And ye that have bought tithes to get gain thereby, to you we cannot pay tithes; ye are as bad as the priests to hold up such things, as were acted in the figure, and deny Christ come in the flesh. And though ye may say, give Caesar his due, for a cloak, that cloak we deny. Nevertheless, if we be owing any thing to Caesar, or to any ruler, or magistrate, or minister, he shall have his due. So, **Caesar shall have his due in his place;** and the figure we own in its place, and Christ in his place.

G. F.

Epistle 30 - To a suffering Friend.

Nah. 1:13 Dear John, the everlasting arm of the Lord hold thee up, and **break all thy bonds asunder, and set thee upon the rock on thy feet,** in which thou mayst know his presence, and his everlasting, supreme power. And so the God of life be with thee! **And pray for thy enemies,** for the Lord to open them and their hearts, and see themselves and thee.

G. F.

Epistle 31

Dear Friends,-Mind the steadfast guide to the Lord, where we do all meet in the eternal spirit, in oneness, all **being baptized by it into one body,** having one food, **the eternal bread of life,** which the immortal feed upon, and **all made to drink into**

one spirit, which is the **cup of the communion of the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ**, which makes perfect, and redeems from all that is vain, fleshly, and earthly, up to God, who is holy, pure, spiritual, and eternal. And let not any of you in your desires wander from that which is pure in you; then your conditions will be kept clear and pure to see all things as they are, and a clear separation will be made from that which is of man, and of your own, and that which is of God; and there will be a growing up in that which is pure. And so, be low in your minds, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in you all, who is Lord over all, to be Lord over all in you. And so the Lord God of power keep you all! Farewell;

G. F.

Epistle 32 - To Friends, that their minds go not out from the spirit of God.

Friends,-When your minds go forth from the pure spirit of God, and are drawn out from it, there the image of God comes to be lost, is those whose minds go out from the pure, to lust after that which is in the fall, which may appear like truth in the notion; in that nature, out of the truth, lodgeth the enchanter and sorcerer. To speak of truth, when ye are moved, it is a cross to the will; if ye live in the truth which ye speak, ye live in the cross to your own wills. For that which joins with the earthly will, goes out from God, and that which is pure; and so makes a place for the **enchanter and sorcerer**, and the **airy spirit**, to lodge in; whereby a grave is made for the just and the **partition wall** between God and man standing. **Death comes to reign**, and the **grave hath the victory** over such; and in the airy spirit lodgeth the enchanter, which the Lord will rebuke. Dwell in the pure and immortal, and wait upon the living God, to have your hope renewed, and **to be renewed again into the image of God**, and the image of the devil defaced, and the **prince of the air** cast out; for he lodgeth in the mind that doth despair, and in that mind that doth presume.

So, dwell in the light, and wait upon God to have the **image of God renewed**; and all come to witness yourselves to be restored by Christ Jesus into the image of God, and to be made by him like to God, pure, holy, perfect, and righteous., This was witnessed, this is witnessed, and this will be witnessed measurably with thousands, who are growing up out of the fall, and coming up out of the grave.

Let not the lust go out to any thing which is mortal, to be servant thereto; but mind the joining to the life. Here ye are kept in the image of God. Not but that ye may use the creatures lawfully, but

Gen. 1:26-28

being kept in the image of God, ye are kept as kings over all the creatures, and over the creation; here ye will see all

Tit. 1:15

things, and by whom they stand. **To the pure all things are**

Deu. 17:3

pure, being in the image of God above all the creatures below, **not worshipping the host of heaven**, nor being in bondage to the

1 Co. 6:16

creatures, nor minding any thing in comparison of that which is immortal, which joins you unto the Lord; and all that speak here, in that which is immortal, are joining unto the Lord. But that

nature keep out and that judge, which is mortal, which will **join to the harlot**, the fleshy; from all that there is to be a separation.

And here (as ye are brought by the power of God) the gate is seen that stands open; which gate is shut from all mortal eyes. And all the wonderers are here seen, who inquire after new things and novelties; but the "wise man satisfies not the fool." For that part is above the pure, if it be not kept in the cross; which, not being wrought out, will join to the flesh, and so become one with the

Heb. 6:6

harlot. And such join together to **put Christ to death afresh**.

So, therefore, dwell in that which is pure and eternal, which guides the mind to God; here is **perfect peace to those whose minds are stayed upon the Lord:** which, if the mind goeth from, there the peace is lost; and there getteth in the light, airy spirit in that nature. And if the mind go back, to fetch up things

Isa. 26:3

again, and speak them forth, there will lodge the **airy spirit** too, though there may be true experiences; and if the life speak them

Eph. 2:2

forth, by which they were opened, it keeps down the airy spirit.

Therefore mind the substance, that keeps you in your present conditions, and that which doth disobey or rebel against the word of the Lord, in that nature lodgeth the airy spirit; and that which hearkens to things that are spoken out of the life, without, that lets in the devil. And so, ye come to be possessed with evil thoughts,

Rom. 8:7

and doubts, and **carnal reasonings**, and bondage, and troubles; these things in you will rest, until the life be risen again within,

to cast all that forth, which the earthly ear and mind hath let in. Now, if ye hearken diligently, ye will learn your safeguard, and judge forth that which is not pure, which defiles; that the just may have the dominion. And here ye will see, what stains, and what defiles, and the pure eye and ear will be opened to hear God; and

the wizzard, and the enchanter, and the sorcerer, and the soothsayer, all that will be kept out and judged. For none

Deu. 18:10-12

of that must live in Israel, where there is to be no transgression. For where they live, truth doth not; and where truth doth live, that doth not, but is all judged out.

G. F.

Epistle 33 - To Friends, for all to wait and walk in the truth.

All Friends and brethren every where, in the life and power of the Lord wait, and from it none walk; but that to the light of Christ in every one ye may be made manifest, that the **fear and dread of the Lord** may be in all your hearts, that **nothing may reign but life itself** And so, all your meetings!keep in every place meetings in every place keep, waiting in the light, which from Christ doth come, the saviour of your souls; that **his presence in the midst ye may all feel, who are gathered together in his name** and power in his light, (which is his name,) and from the world's gatherings are turned. And if any be moved (who are **turned to the light**) with the power which comes from him, to any service for the Lord, to it be obedient; and ye will see **Christ with you to the end of the world**. But if any go, before they are moved, and so from the light walk, he is a stumbling block, and is to be judged and condemned by the light; and is out of the wisdom, and out of the fear, and **soweth to the flesh, and reaps corruption**, and by the light is condemned. For that light!answeringanswereth not the light in every man's conscience, neither doth it reach to the life, the **spirit in prison**; but it manifesteth weakness, and foolishness, and nakedness, which is from the light, and contrary to it. And such are stumbling blocks, and do not answer the **witness of God in the conscience**.

Therefore wait all in the light, for to receive the power from **him who is not of the world**, that ye may be preserved from nakedness and weakness. For that which goes from the light, and is not guided with it, runs into the lust; and there is **the slothful, which is to be judged**, and **that that will offend, to which the wo is**; for it answereth not that of God in the conscience: neither is it honourable, nor of good report; for that which is honourable, and of good report, **answereth that which is of God**, and answereth **the light of Christ in every man in the world** with wisdom, which from the light doth come, even from him by whom the world was made.

Therefore all Friends, this is a charge to you all, and a command to you all in the presence of the living God: 'In the light, life, and power, and wisdom of God walk,' that to that of God in every one ye may be manifested in the sight of God, and it may be your witness, that ye are of God, in every man's conscience, which witnesseth against the world, and **for him who is not of the world**. And wait all in the light for the wisdom by which all things were made, with it to use all the Lord's creatures to his glory, (**and none to stumble one another about the creatures**, for that is not from the light,) for which end they were created, and with the wisdom by which they were made, ye may be kept out of the misuse of them, in the image of God, that ye may come to see, that the "**earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof**", and the **earth may come to yield her increase, and to enjoy her sabbaths**; and all such that walk contrary to the light, may be **turned to the light**, that with the light they may see and condemn that which is contrary to it. So that in the wisdom of God ye may all be kept, and in the fear of the Lord and **his righteousness established; which is far from oppression**, where all **bonds of iniquity** are broken, and the prince of darkness judged out, and the **Prince of peace** reigns, under whose dominion keep and walk. And all that cause strife, are to be condemned and shut out, which have their eye without, and are condemned by the light, the **god of the world having blinded the eye of the unbeliever**.

Therefore, ye believers in the light, wait in the wisdom, that with it and in it ye may be ordered to the glory of God, that among you nothing may reign, but light, and life, and wisdom, and power, the dread and fear of the Lord be among you, and truth and righteousness reign; which will **answer the light of Christ in every man**. And all that is contrary, let it be condemned with the light which comes from **him by which the world was made**, who was before the world was, who "**lighteth every man, that cometh into the world**". Though they believe not in it, yet ye may answer the light in every man, **though it be their condemnation**.

So being kept in the light, which cometh from him by whom the world was made, who was before it was made, ye come to receive the wisdom by which all things were made, and with it to order and **use them to the glory of God**. For that which is not from the light, nor from the wisdom, is the offender, which is to be condemned with the light which comes from the life; and to it in you all take heed, that your hearts may be joined together to

John 17:14-16

Rom. 14:21

Ps. 24:1

Eze. 34:27

Lev. 26:34

Acts 26:18

Isa. 54:14

Acts 8:23

Isa. 9:6

2 Co. 4:4

Col. 4:6

John 1:2

John 1:9

John 3:10

1 Co. 10:31

God, and all that is contrary condemned. And so, the Lord God Almighty preserve and keep you all in wisdom!

P.S. -Friends, a warning from the Lord to you all, in wisdom to walk, that **ye may adorn every one, what ye profess**, that the measure of God's spirit in every one ye may answer. And know the Lord to guide your understandings, and let his **wisdom be justified by you all**, and ye in the measure of the spirit of God in unity kept; that ye may see righteousness spring and flourish among you, and no deceit stand, nor nothing that is deceitful; but with the eternal judge it down, and keep it down, that nothing may live that is for the sword, which would **defile the land**. Therefore in that which is eternal, dwell, as a **royal priesthood**, in that which comes from him by whom the world was made; who to all your souls is a **Friend**, from whence the refreshing is received. So the Lord God Almighty preserve and keep you all, that in his life, dread, and power ye may be preserved.

G. F.

Epistle 34

Friends, I do warn you in the presence of the living God, not to speak the things of God out of the fear of God, at random, in a presumptuous mind; for **proud boasters are excluded** out of the kingdom of God, and with the light of Christ condemned, and with the life, that gave forth the scriptures, are they judged. Therefore to you this is the word of the Lord, in the light, which Christ hath **enlightened every one of you withal**, wait in it, and love it, and **ye shall have the light of life**; and it will bring you to **stand in the counsel of God**, and keep you from all wicked ways. And with it ye will see all the **enchanters, false prophets, who speak a divination of their own brain**, whose minds are turned from the light of Christ; with this light are they condemned. **All whose minds are turned from it, and hate it, whose deeds are evil, with this light are they condemned**; though they may make a profession of the words which proceeded from the light, from them who lived in it, and walked in it. So they that turn from it, and hate this light, making a profession of their words that dwelt in it, and hate them that walk in the light now, (Oh, high deceit!) all such are to be condemned with the light. And such that hate the light, and deny it, though they may profess the words, that did proceed from the life, and be full of them, they **turn no people from their wicked ways**; for in the counsel of

Tit. 2:10

Mat. 11:19

Num. 35:34

1 Pe. 2:9

John 15:15

Rom. 3:27

John 1:9

John 8:12

Jer. 23:18

Jer. 27:9

John 3:19

2 Ch. 7:14

God they stand not. For they were in the counsel of God, who gave forth the scriptures, who were in the life of them, from which the letter did proceed.

Therefore in the life, (every one in your measures,) wait and walk, which gave forth the scriptures, which will open them to you again; else you all I do deny, and ye are to be turned away from,

2 Ti. 3:5 as **having the form, but not the power**. And know the life of God in one another, and the power of God in one another; but that knowledge in the form without the life we deny, though it be never so finely painted, and the harlot be never so beautiful, who is turned from the light, which Christ hath enlightened withal. This is the harlot, who dresseth herself with the words that proceeded from the light, who persecuteth them who dwell in the light, who

Rev. 17:6 **drinketh the blood of the saints**, who dwell in the life which gave forth the scriptures. And with the words that proceeded from the light, doth she clothe herself; and is harlotted from the life; and all that she brings forth, is contrary to the light. So she is called the

Rev. 17:5 **mother of harlots**. But if ye love this light, and your minds be

2 Co. 4:6 **guided by it to see the face of Jesus**, and him the head, then with this light ye will see all the harlots, and the mother of harlots,

1 Co. 6:16 and where she is, and **what she is joined to**. The light is that,

John 11:9 by which ye come to see ; **he that walketh in it, stumbleth not**. But thou stumblest, who art turned from the light among the harlots. I charge you every one in the presence of the living God, to take heed to the light. It is your teacher, loving it; it is your condemnation, hating it.

G. F.

Epistle 35 - To Friends in the Ministry.

Jer. 9:3 Stand up ye prophets of the Lord, **for the truth upon the earth;**

1 Th. 5:19-20 **quench not your prophecy, neither heed them that despise it;** but in that stand which brings you through to the end. Heed not the eyes of the world, ye prophets of the Lord, but answer that in them all, which **they have closed their eye to;** that ye may

Mat. 13:15 to them tell of things to come, answering that of God in them that

Jude 1:6 shall remain. **Keep ye in your habitations**, ye sons of God, that
 Joel 2:28 over all the contrary ye may reign. And **ye daughters, to whom**
 2 Co. 10:13 **it is given to prophesy, keep within your own measure**,
 Col. 4:6 seeing over that which is without, **answering that of God in**
 1 Th. 5:20 **all**. And **despise not the prophecy**, keep down that nature that
 would, which is the same as that is which acts contrary to that of
 God in them. Neither be lifted up in your openings and prophecies,
 lest ye depart from that which opened, and so come by the son of
 God to be judged, and bidden to **depart as workers of iniquity**; Ps. 6:8
 for a worker of iniquity is gone from that which leads to the son of
 God, who is the end of the prophets.

Quench not the spirit, by which ye may prove all things, 1 Th. 5:19-21
and that which is good hold fast; for if the spirit be quenched,
 then **light is put for darkness, and darkness for light, and** Isa. 5:20
evil is put for good, and good for evil. This is when the spirit
 is quenched, then cannot ye try all things, then cannot ye hold fast
 that which is good. For then ye cannot see good, when the spirit is
 quenched; but when the spirit is not quenched, then with the spirit
 ye may see the good, to take the good, and the evil to shun. And
 this brings to put a **difference between the precious and the** Jer. 15:19
vile, the profane and the holy, the clean and the unclean; Lev. 10:10
 the spirit is it that proves all things.

G. F.

Epistle 36

Friends,-Take your heavenly censers, and offer up your spiritual
 prayers to the Almighty God, and having heavenly fire in your
 censers, it will consume all false offerings and sacrifices, which are
 offered in the evil nature.

G. F.

Epistle 37 - To Friends in Cumberland.

Dear Friends, prize your heavenly calling, by which ye are called
 into **holiness and righteousness, without which no one shall** Heb. 12:14
see the Lord. And let your **conversation be, as becometh the** Php. 1:27
gospel, the holy power of God, which is the gospel of Christ,
 the holy one, who suffered by the unholy ones. And keep inkeep
 in the lowly mind, and the humility of Christ, that the fruits of
 your good conversation, and translation, and regeneration in your

lives may appear, as a people redeemed from the pleasures of the flesh, and the spirit of the world, and the beggarly lusts; and that ye may obtain the promise of the eternal God, and the power of the truth, through the **word in the heart**, the hidden man, that ye may obtain victory over that which wars against your souls; through which ye may be arrayed and adorned, and by that ye may be preserved and kept from that which is not of the Father, (the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life,) in the **simplicity and innocency of Christ Jesus, (over all the subtilty** and ,) through which ye may esteem nothing in comparison of that which is of God, and him above all, through Christ the light, the truth, the power of God manifested in you. And keep out of all false liberties, and that which would lead you out of the fear of God; and in that ye will be preserved in the sense of the power and the truth of God in your own hearts. In that every one watch, through which knowledge and virtue is ministered unto you, and peace from the God of virtue and peace. And keep out of all that which tends to strife, and whisperings, and backbitings, and tattlings, which draws from the witness, watch, and fear of God within, **which leavens into the fleshly lusts and nature**; and then **that judges, and yet is in the same thing for which he judges others; which nature and judgment, are for judgment and condemnation**. So be wise, and keep your first love; break not wedlock with the Lord Jesus Christ; keep your first habitation, keep your garments clean, for such as so do, they are blessed; that ye may **shine as lights to the world**, and be examples in virtue, righteousness, and holiness, walking in the truth in all patience and quietness, looking at the Lord, your strength, and Christ Jesus, the conqueror, and beyond all the hills and mountains; that **ye may be a good savour to the Lord, having salt in your selves**. Let your lamps be burning, and your lights shining, and then ye will see over all the unsavouriness that is in Adam's family in the fall, who live in **Christ, the power of God**, that **never fell**, and keep marriage with him **the Holy One, the Just One**, the light, the truth, and power of God, who makes an end of all unholiness. And so, walk in the righteousness, that **your feet may be kept in the way of peace**. And keep your tongues, and hands, and bodies, and lips, and minds, and words out of all that, which would defile and corrupt you, and bring you under the indignation and wrath of God, and his hand to be turned against you. So, keep in the fear of God, and keep in his truth which ye at first received, scrr Heb 13:8for truth

never changes. **And walk in the spirit, and then the lusts of the flesh will not be fulfilled**, and then strife is kept out, that which would be high and get up, **through which come strife and wars**. So keep your fellowship in the **spirit, in which is the unity and bond of peace**, and **the fruits of the spirit will appear, righteousness, holiness, goodness, peace, soberness and gentleness, chastity and virtue**, through which ye may have fruit to feed the hungry, and to relieve the sick and poor. For the unfruitful walk not in the spirit, and so bear not fruit; and so **the curse comes, and briars**, and misery. So, eye the Lord God in all things in the spirit, who is a spirit; in that ye may distinguish his things, and the things that are of your selves, and what is of men, and what is of God, and what to keep alive, and what must die. So be obedient to the spirit, and to the good power of God, that hath quickened you; and live in it, that ye may die no more, for that gives you life. For they that are made alive, and come to die again, and to be **twice dead, and then come to be plucked up by the roots**; such lie dead upon the earth, and corrupt it. So, let not the world, let not things visible draw your minds away from the Lord. Do not mind the body more than the Lord; do not forsake the Lord; but be of good faith in the truth of God, and live in it, then ye live in Christ Jesus, **who is your way**, who is your teacher, who is your prophet, who is your priest, who is the **bishop of your immortal souls, Christ that never fell, nor never changed, nor never will change**. And here ye come into the seed, the top stone, that is atop of the world set, and before the world was, who will remain when the world is gone; who was **full of grace, and truth**, and virtue, and life, by whom **grace comes, that brings salvation**, who is every one of your teacher in yourselves. So, know Christ the head and salvation, in which there is peace, and no condemnation; for the condemnation is upon them, that are out of the light. And so, live in unity in the light, before darkness and enmity was, in which ye have peace, and love to God, to Christ, and to one another.

Gal. 5:15

Jam. 4:1

Eph. 4:3

Gal. 5:22-23

Heb. 6:8

Jude 1:12

John 14:6

1 Pe. 2:25

1 Pe. 2:22

Heb. 13:8

John 1:14

Tit. 2:11

Epistle 38 - An Epistle to the travellers in the Lord's way, with a Testimony against the false prophets, and those that hold them up.

Friends,– All are to receive your spiritual bread and water from the Father of life, by which ye may be strengthened and watered from the Father of life, in your passing and travelling on in your spiritual journey heartily and comfortably; that ye may come to your heavenly rest, being come and coming out of the **great city of Sodom**, towards the city of **heavenly Jerusalem**, where ye shall abide eternally for ever.

Rev. 11:8
Heb. 12:22

Gal. 1:16

Reason not with flesh and blood, that shall never enter; take not counsel of that which draws thee nearer to carnal things, and draws thee to consult with carnal reason, and so draws thy eye and mind to visible things, and so brings thee to wander from going on thy journey; and if thou followest that, thou goest to death, hell, and destruction, and to the pit and the snare, and that gets dominion over thee, and comes to rule over thee, which ought not. But every one wait in the pure spirit to guide you to God, then ye shall see the promise of God fulfilled in you, and the springs of life opened to you, and refreshment daily coming in from the Lord; and then ye will come to walk with the Lord, **forsaking**

Mat. 19:29

all, father, mother, wife, and children, lands, livings, and

Mat. 10:37

all. Here is joining to the Lord, as one spirit; and **he that doth not forsake all, is not worthy of him**. All who are in the first birth, and all who reason with flesh and blood, stand here, and

Gal. 4:29

are for **persecuting them who are born of the spirit**, that

Heb. 11:10

are passing out of this city, towards the **city whose foundation**

1 Jn. 3:12

and builder is God. For in that city the **righteous ones are slain, by them who are of Cain's generation**. All ye, who

Mat. 23:6-7

are got up into his steps, professing Christ and to be ministers of Christ, who stand in the envy, and have "*the chiefest place in the assemblies, and are called of men master*", which

Jer. 3:25

Christ forbids! **lie down all for shame**, who are in pride and oppression, and in the steps and places of the Pharisees, and have got a form of the words which the apostles said, and which Christ said, and have got it in three or four languages; the Lord hath discovered you now; the Lord God Almighty hath discovered you by his prophets and servants. All honour, and glory, and thanks be to him for ever, who now is come to rule alone in his saints.

Rejoice, O all ye prophets and righteous ones! The beast, **which made war with the lamb and the saints, the lamb hath got the victory over the beast, and the ten horns, which pushed at him.** Powerful Father and eternal God, to thee alone be all glory, honour, and thanks for ever. Rev. 17:12-14

Now all ye teachers, and hearers that hold you up, I witness against you, that **ye may be witnesses against yourselves,** Mat. 23:31 and that ye witness yourselves to be in Cain's generation, and in the generation of the false prophets, and antichrists, and seducers, (**who have the form of godliness, but deny the power,**) and 2 Ti. 3:5 in the **generation of them that ever slew the righteous seed,** Mat. 23:34-35 **as it will appear.**

Now all people, take notice! who are they, that **bear rule by their means?** Jer. 5:31 Who are the **hirelings** now, that the scriptures John 10:12 speak of? Who seek for their **gain from their quarters** now? Isa. 56:11 Who **feed themselves with the fat now? Who seek for the fleece, and clothe themselves with the wool now, and so make a prey of the people?** Eze. 34:3 Where are the hirelings now? - **The priests preach for hire, and the prophets prophesy for money.** Mic. 3:11 Who **sue men at the law now,** which Christ spake Mat. 5:40 against; which the apostle speaks against, who was a minister of the living truth which testifies against all such practices? **Who go in the way of Balaam now for gifts and rewards?** 2 Pe. 2:15 Where are the **covetous teachers** now? **Who are called of men master now? Who love the chiefest places of the assemblies now? Who go in long robes now? Who stand praying in the synagogues now,** and speak a divination of their own brain, which the wo was pronounced against by Christ Jesus, (the substance of all the prophecies,) who cried wo against all such Pharisees and false prophets? Who hale out of the synagogues now? Who stone and stock, prison and beat now, and hale before magistrates? This was the Jews' practice and religion, ye may say; the Jews did so. But the prophets of God testified against these things; and the apostles testified against all these practices. And Jesus Christ testified against all the evil works of the world; and all these practices were held up in Cain's generation. So, be ye witnesses that ye are here in the generation of the false prophets, and in the chair of them that spake a divination of their own brain, that are called of men masters; love the chiefest places in the assemblies; lay heavy burdens upon the people; of them that seek their gain from their quarters, and of them that go in the way of Balaam, and in the generation of Cain. Where any prophet comes to cry against any

of you, ye seek to imprison him, or to destroy him, which Abel
 Gen. 4:5 did not, (as ye may read,) but **Cain, who was the first birth, whose sacrifice God had no respect to;** no more hath God
 Col. 2:23 to your customary **will-worships,** praying and prayers, than to Cain's. For Cain's generation was and is the same that ever it was,
 John 3:3 and is not of the generation of the righteous. And **except ye all be born again, ye cannot inherit the kingdom of God.** So,
 Mat. 23:31-35 here **be ye witnesses against yourselves, that ye are in the generation of Cain, which ever slew the righteous seed;** and in the generation of all the false prophets. Put it not far from you, as they did who put Christ to death. If thou hadst lived at that day, (thou mayst say,) thou wouldst not have put Christ to death. But thou shalt see the same nature in thee now, as was then. For now is the son of God come; and ye are of the same generation that they were, seeking to put him to death where he is manifest.

But the eternal, glorious God of heaven and earth, the same as ever he was, is manifesting himself in his sons and daughters, who are called out of that generation and worship. For he said, "**Come out from among them, be ye separate, touch no unclean thing, and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters**"; and this we witness, and this is fulfilled. The generation of the wicked we know, and the generation of the faithful we know; here is a **separation between the precious and the vile, between the holy and the profane.** So all people, weigh and see, in what generation ye are! The generation of the righteous shall shine; the generation of the wicked are for the
 Jer. 15:19 fire prepared, and to be turned into hell. **Ye are the stubble;**
 Lev. 10:10 **ye that are proud, are for the fire; ye that are wicked, ye are chaff that the wind drives to and fro;** ye that are scorners, are turned from God: ye that are heathenish, know not
 Mal. 4:1 God; and all that are heathen, know not God; **the Lord will render vengeance in flames of fire upon you. The mighty day of the Lord is coming, that shall burn as an oven. The fire is kindling in the earth, which shall burn up all, root and branch, head and tail;** the Lord of hosts hath spoken it. The Lord God of power will reign. O happy day! praises! praises! Praise ye the Lord, ye righteous ones; sing praises to the Lord God Almighty for ever!

All ye liars and dissemblers ye must never inherit the holy city in that state. And all ye, who commit sin, and live in sin, know not God; and who are disobedient, and hold the truth in unrighteousness, the wrath of God abides upon you. All ye, that work iniquity,

(and live and die in that,) are to depart from God, as cursed, to everlasting punishment; where then will ye find him, that ye talk of with your mouths, and call your saviour? Ye that live in your vain, wicked, profane ways, and take him to be your cloak, and say, we redeemed by him, and live in your wickedness, **“Go, ye cursed,”** Luke 13:27 **he will say, “I know you not.”** Plagues, wo, and misery will be poured upon you all. **Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord, depart from iniquity. None can call him Lord, but by the holy ghost;** and where the holy ghost is come, there he is Lord and king. This is witnessed in all his saints, where he is so; but in Cain’s generation it is not, but these persecute it. But he is risen and come in his saints, who is Lord and king, who will reign over all the world, and **bear the government upon his shoulders.** For the Lord is king in his saints, he guards them, and guides them with his mighty power, and doth preserve his seed and children from the seed of evil doers, in his kingdom of glory and eternal rest, where they find joy, and peace, and rest eternal. All glory and praise be to the Lord God Almighty for ever!

Luke 13:27

2 Ti. 2:19

1 Co. 12:3

Isa. 9:6

G. F.

Epistle 39 - To Friends in the North.

All Friends in Westmoreland, Cumberland, Bishoprick, New Castleside, Northumberland, and Lancashire,— Wait in the measure of the spirit of the living God, that with it all your minds may be guided up to the living God, and to it take heed, that ye may have dominion over these spirits that are in the earth; that in the spirit of the living God ye may all know one another, and with it come to reign over the world in the power of the mighty God, which upholds all things; and wait to receive wisdom from God, who created the creatures to his glory. And the Lord God Almighty keep you all in the spirit, and be with you all.

And all of you, live in the life, that with it ye may come to know the Father of life; and all being led with the spirit of the living God, the Lord’s presence ye will enjoy; and all that is contrary, with it will be judged. So the Lord God Almighty preserve you in that which is pure, up to himself, who is pure, to receive his wisdom, and that with it and in it, ye all may come to be ordered to his glory, who is God over all; to whom be all honour and glory, God blessed for ever; that with it ye may come to see the lamb of God, the saviour of your souls, who was, before the letter was.

G. F.

Epistle 40

Friends,— I warn and charge you all, to be faithful in the measure of the life of God, which he hath given you. And watch over one another, that with that which is pure ye may discern, and have unity with that which is pure. And take heed of any lightness and frowardness, which is contrary to that which is pure, but in that wait and dwell, which doth that judge in particular and general; that the garden of the Lord may be dressed, and ye in his wisdom preserved and kept. The mighty power of the Lord keep you all in his spirit, and with it up to himself, your hearts joined together! And see that ye meet together, and be led together in the spirit and in the power of the Lord; and that ye keep out of all men's evil wills, which are contrary to the power and light. This is the counsel of the Lord to you.

G. F.

Epistle 41

Friends,— To you all this exhortation is from the word of the Lord: Dwell in the life, that with it ye may see the Father of life. And dwell in the light, with which light the world is condemned; which which light comprehends the world's wisdom; which light comprehends the world and their knowledge, and all the deceivers, which are entered into the world, (who are turned from the light,) **with which light they are condemned, that is, the world, who hate the light, because their deeds are evil, and they will not bring their deeds to the light, because the light will reprove them, they hating it, and you that live in it.**

John 3:19-20

2 Jn. 1:7

And **all the deceivers, and all the antichrists**, they are such as are turned from the light, which oppose Christ. To you all, my brethren, who dwell in the light, which is the condemnation of the

Mat. 24:24

world, and of all the deceivers, who are turned from the light; **it is not possible, that those deceivers should deceive you, who are the elect**, who dwell in the light, which comprehends the world. I do charge you all in the presence of the living God,

Jam. 1:22

to "dwell in what ye speak and profess; and none to profess, what he doth not dwell in; and none to profess, what he is not; **a sayer,**

Tit. 1:10

and not a doer; such beget **vain talkers**. So, with the light all such are to be condemned from the life. So, I charge you all in the presence of the living God, to dwell in the light, which is the world's condemnation, who hate it. Though they may profess

all the words declared from them that were in the light of Christ, they hating the light in the particular, with the light, which never changes, are they and all their profession to be condemned, and wo is the end of it and them, from Christ, who is the light. Wherefore, to you I speak, friends, that dwell in the light, and love it, that to the light in all consciences of them that hate it, (which Christ Jesus doth enlighten them withal,) ye may be made manifest, which is the world's condemnation. In the light all Friends dwell, which comprehends the world, which is its condemnation. The highest religion to it must bend and bow; and all that is to be condemned, which is contrary to it. And all Friends, dwell in the light, which is eternal, which comprehends the world, that with it ye may comprehend the world; and rise up, and go on in the mighty power of God, as mighty men of war in the power and strength of the mighty God of life, the Lord of hosts, who is with you, **your shield, buckler, and defence, and armour, who arms you over all the wicked to reign, triumph, and trample.** God Almighty bless you, and prosper his work, that to the light in all consciences ye may be made manifest, to the measure of God, which is pure, which is given to every one; that with it all may see what is contrary to God. And to you this is from the word of God.

Eph. 6:13-17

G. F.

Epistle 42 - To Friends, concerning the light, in which they may see their saviour, and the deceivers.

To all Friends every where, scattered abroad: in the light dwell which comes from Christ, that with it ye may see Christ your saviour; that ye may grow up in him. For they who are in him, are new creatures; and ***“old things are passed away, and all things are become new.”*** And who are in him, are **led by the spirit**, to them there is no condemnation; but they dwell in that which doth condemn the world, and with the light see **the deceivers, and the antichrists**, which are entered into the world. And such teachers as **bear rule by their means**; and such as seek for the fleece, and **make a prey upon the people**, and are **hirelings**, and such as **go in the way of Cain, and run greedily after the error of Balaam**; and such as are **called of men master, and stand praying in the synagogues, and**

2 Co. 5:17

Rom. 8:14

2 Jn. 1:7

Jer. 5:32

Eze. 34:8

John 10:12

Jude 1:11

Mat. 23:6-7

have the chief seats in the assemblies, all which are in the world, who by those that dwelt in the light, were cried against; for it did them condemn, and all such as **speak a divination of their own brain**, and are **filthy dreamers, who use their tongues and steal the words from their neighbours**; with the light, the world and all these aforesaid are comprehended, and all that is in it; and all they that hate it, and all the antichrists that oppose it, and all the **false prophets and deceivers**, that are turned from it, with the light are comprehended, and with the light are condemned, and all that are turned from it and hate it.

Jer. 14:14

Jude 1:8

Jer. 23:30-31

Mat. 24:11

John 8:12

John 1:8

John 3:19-20

Nah. 3:4

“I am the light of the world,” saith Christ, and he doth - **enlighten every one that cometh into the world**; and he that loves the light, and walks in the light, receives the light of life: and the other, **he hates the light, because his deeds are evil, and the light doth reprove him. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world**, in which light, they that love it, walk; which is the condemnation of him that hates it. And all the antichrists, and all the false prophets, and all the deceivers, the beast, and the **well-favoured harlot**, all these are seen with the light to be in that nature, acting contrary to the light; and with the light are they comprehended, and by the light condemned.

For he is not an antichrist, that walks in the light that comes from Christ; he is no deceiver, that walks in the light that comes from Christ. Many deceivers are entered into the world. The world hates the light, and deceivers are turned from the light, and the antichrists they are turned from the light, therefore they oppose it, and some of them call it a natural conscience, a natural light; and such put the letter for the light. But with the light, which never changes, (which was before the world was,) are these deceivers seen, where they enter into the world. For many deceivers are entered into the world, and the false prophets are entered into the world; the world hates the light, and if it were possible, they would deceive the elect. But in the light the elect do dwell, which the antichrists, deceivers, and false prophets are turned from, into the world, that hate the light: that light which they do hate, the children of light dwell in, the elect. So it is not possible, that the antichrists and deceivers, that are entered into the world, that hate the light, should deceive the elect, who dwell in the light which they hate; which light doth them all comprehend, and the world; which light was before the world was, and is the world's condemnation; in which light the elect walk. And here it is not possible, that they that dwell in the light should be deceived, which comprehends the

world, and is the world's condemnation. Which light shall bring **every tongue to confess, and every knee to bow**: when the judgments of God come upon them, it shall make them confess, that the judgments of God are just. Rom. 14:11

G. F.

Epistle 43

To all my dear brethren, the flock of God every where; keep together in the power up to God, and none be discouraged or disheartened at the enemies without, which are without God in the world; but be bold all in the power of truth, triumphing over the world. **Hold your freedom, and keep and stand fast in it**, that ye may be armed with wisdom, and furnished against your enemies, who are **wiser in their generation than the children of light**. But the wisdom of the Most High is spreading, and making itself manifest in your hearts, by which ye may comprehend the world's wisdom, the world's worship and knowledge. And waiting in that which is pure, it will lead you into that which was before the world was, before the false worship was, before the seducers were, before the antichrist was, and before the outward temple was, and false prophet and hirelings: and here ye will comprehend the world, and what is done in the world. Therefore every one **keep your habitation, abide the trial, and abide the day, and stand fast in your freedom, so far as Christ hath made you free**; free from man's will and commandments, which imbondageth; free from the fashions and lusts of the world, the fleshly will, which bondageth and burdens the pure. And to you that cannot witness this, wait, and mind the pure, and then the **burden will be easy**; and **wait for redemption and salvation, to make it so**. And **your strength is, to stand still**, that ye may receive refreshings; that ye may know, how to wait, and how to walk before God, by the spirit of God within you. So God Almighty be with you, and keep you up to himself under his own dominion, from under the dominion of satan, that ye may trample him under your feet. I

And Friends every where, meet together, treading and trampling all the deceit under your feet; and watch over one another in that which is eternal, and see every one, that your words be from the eternal life. Examine and search with that which is eternal, which **speaks to that which is in prison in others**. And ye that are led forth **to exhort, or to reprove, do it with all diligence**, taking all opportunities, reprovng that which devours

1 Pe. 3:19

2 Ti. 4:2

Gal. 5:1

Luke 16:8

Jude 1:6

Mal. 3:2

Gal. 5:1

Mat. 11:30

Lam. 3:26

Isa. 30:7

the creation, and thereby destroys the very human reason. For the truth doth preserve every thing in its place. And all meet together every where, and in your meetings wait upon the Lord; and take heed of forming words, but mind the power, and know that which is eternal, which will keep you all in unity, walking in the spirit, and will let you see the "Lord near you, and amongst you."

- Gen. 27:28 So, God Almighty be with you, and multiply you, and **give you the dew of heaven**, the heavenly dew, the living mercies, (which nourisheth the tender plants, which causeth them to grow, bud, and bring forth,) and **water you with his blessings**. So, the Lord God of power be with you all, my dear hearts! I am with you in the spirit, and in the love of your God, your Father and mine. The Lord God prosper, guide. and protect you. and bring you
- Rev. 17:14 all into his kingdom of glory, you who are elected, **called, chosen and faithful**, who are the lambs. God Almighty bless you, and keep you all, my dear hearts! The love of God is love past knowl-
- 1 Co. 13:5-7 edge, **which bears all things, endures all things, hopes all things, envieth not, thinketh no evil**. And the love of God is
- Jam. 4:4 the ground of all true love in your hearts, which casts out the **love of the world, and the enmity, which was begotten betwixt you and God**. "*He that believes, is born of God; and he that is born of God, overcomes the world.*" So, fare ye all well, and God Almighty bless and prosper you.

G. F.

- And all ye Friends, that wait in that which is pure in itself, -
- Tit. 1:2 **which cannot lie**, which doth not change, wait upon God, for God
- Zec. 2:13 doth not change, and **let all flesh be silent before the Lord**, that the life may sneak in all; then the mouth of the Lord is known, and God is exalted and glorified with his own work, which he brings forth. And meet together therein every where, and mind that which gathers you, and wait on that which is pure, which gathers you out of the world's nature, disposition, conversation, churches, forms, and customs, which will **knit your hearts together up to God**.
- Col. 2:2 That which gathers you out of all these, is the spirit of the Lord,
- Heb. 12:9 which will gather you up to him, who is the **Father of spirits**; that ye may be able to judge, and discern, and confound all the deceit in the world, and grow up to be as kings, and suffer nothing to reign in you but what is in the life eternal. And beware of speaking in the presence of the Lord, except your words be from the eternal life, the eternal word of God, else it doth not profit, nor build up, nor edify. So, God Almighty be with you all in your meetings, that ye may see him to be your head, king, and Lord over all. To you

all, who are enlightened with the light of the spirit, that the light which shows you sin and evil, and your evil deeds and actings, and the deceit and false-heartedness; it will teach you holiness, walking in it, and bring you into unity; and it will draw your minds up to God, and in it ye will see more light. But hating the light, there is your condemnation.

G. F.

Epistle 44

All Friends, wait upon the unlimited power and **spirit of the Lord, which baptizes into one body**: where ye will have all unity in that which **crucifies the flesh**, and **mortifies all evil desires**, and **puts off the body of sin, the old man with his deeds**, and **circumcises without hands**, and **joins together your hearts up to God**, from whence the living mercies come, from the living God alone, who is God over all, blessed for ever. To **that in every one of your consciences** do I appeal and speak, to the measure that God hath given, the light: loving it, and taking heed to it, and waiting in it for power from God, it will guide you to the Father of light, in which ye will have all unity; and **hating the light it will be your condemnation**. Oh! wait, wait upon the living God to nourish the tender plant in you, that ye may bring forth fruits of righteousness unto God, for he accepts such, and none else. Therefore wait upon God, he hath a pure seed among you. Let your waiting be in the light; and mind that he is a **wise man whose eye is in his head**, which is Christ, the end of all priests, the end of the outward temple: and **the fool's eye is abroad**, after many priests, and they are led away with conceivings, and divers temptations. Therefore in the light wait, where ye will see all deceits within and without. For it is a sin to enter into temptations; but it is no sin to be tempted. Christ was tempted, but he entered not into the temptation. Therefore in the fear of the Lord wait and watch. The light is that, which lets thee see sin, and evil, and temptations; which if thou enter into, the light will be thy condemnation; then **thy heart will not be right towards God**. But in the light of God all wait, which will bring you to see where **wisdom's gate is, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of it**. **Pure wisdom** is let out of the treasury into the **pure heart, which sees God**; and fearing the living God, it keeps the heart pure and clean, **to receive the wisdom**

1 Co. 12:13

Gal. 5:24

Col. 3:5

Rom. 6:6

Col. 2:11

Col. 2:2

Rom. 2:15

John 3:19-20

Ecc. 2:14

Pro. 17:24

Acts 8:21

Pro. 1:20-21

Ps. 111:10

Jam. 3:17

Mat. 5:8

Jam. 1:5

from the treasury freely, who doth not upbraid. And as ye depart from evil and iniquity, he breaks the bonds by showing mercy; and then the understanding grows pure and clear. So is the power of the Lord God fare ye well.

And the Lord God of power keep you all in his measure up to himself, from and above all the world's evil ways, baits, customs, and teachings, to trample upon them in his power; that **wisdom may be justified of you all**, and ye may be preserved, and God glorified. To whom be all glory, honour, and thanks over all, God blessed for ever!

Read these among all my brethren and friends, and send it abroad to Friends, that ye may all know the power of the living God in one another, **not in words, but in power.** So farewell.

G. F.

Epistle 45 - Concerning the heirs of the kingdom of God, and how Christ was, and his saints are tempted.

They are the heirs of the kingdom of God, and of the generation of God, that live out of the kingdom of the wicked world. (up to God, **in the seed, which all the promises of God are to,**) following after **Christ who was in Egypt, and passed out of Egypt**, the house of darkness. **And he was in the wilderness, and there he was tempted to lust after the creature true; he was tempted to make himself away; he was tempted to worship the devil, (to bow down and worship him.)** He is the **captain of our salvation**; he is gone before, **he endured the cross, he despised the shame, he suffered the contradiction of sinners**, for the glory that was set before him, he hath won the crown. He hath overcome Egypt, and **he hath fulfilled the law, he hath overcome the world, he hath overcome the temptations; he is able to succour all who are tempted.** It is no sin to be tempted, but to enter into the temptation, that is sin. **He is the head of the body, he is the head of the church, who hath blotted out the ordinances and traditions of men; who is the end of the daily sacrifice; who is the end of the Levitical priesthood; he is the end of all outward temples, who is the substance of the prophets, for they all witnessed of him.** He is ascended above all principalities and powers.

Gal. 3:29
Mat. 2:15-21
Exo. 10:21
Mat. 4:1-10
Heb. 2:10
Heb. 12:2-3
Mat. 5:17
John 16:33
Heb. 2:18
Col. 1:18
Col. 2:14
Heb. 7:24-27
Rev. 21:22
Acts 10:43

Now, to all dear ones, the same seed, which is Christ, the same spirit is now manifest, as ever was; the same world is now, as ever was; the same temptations, and the same devil, and the same vain worship of the world, twining into another form and colour. And Jesus Christ is **the way, the truth, and the life, the door, that all must pass through, and he it is, that opens it;** the same door that ever was, **the same Christ yesterday, to day, and for ever.** And all who follow Christ, the seed, and are of his generation, and are brought out of Egypt, the house of darkness, and from under the law, **the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in them; who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit,** (as the apostle saith,) which we do witness. And the seed's generation hath passed through the wilderness, where they have been tempted to lust after the creature. Ye that have been in the wilderness, can witness this with me, and the some temptations, even to despair, and to make themselves away. The devil, before he would go out of his kingdom, he would destroy all. But look at the captain Jesus Christ, who hath passed before, who was tempted (the captain of our salvation) with the same temptations to worship the devil; and that if thou wouldst worship the devil, thou shouldst have the glory of the world; if not, **be called a devil, as Christ was, and he called a mad man, as he was;** and that none followed him, but **a cursed people, (as they said.)** And they that worship the devil, gave those titles to him. And thou shalt lose thy good name, and be a laughing stock to them that worship the devil, and as a derision among them, and a mark for every one of them to shoot at, and the drunkards to make songs of. This is the portion of them, who deny the worship of the world, and the glory, and the favour, and the evil fashions thereof; and cannot fashion themselves to it; who are tempted to all these things. But it is no sin to be tempted; but standing **in the power of the Almighty God, ye will be enabled to stand against, and above all the wiles of satan.** So dwell in the power of Almighty God, which carries through the wilderness, and through temptations to the end, and gets the victory over all the **carnal ordinances, and commands, and traditions of men;** and he that overcomes, ascends above them all. **And he that overcomes, shall sit down with Christ in his throne.** So, every one must witness Christ born in them passing through death to him, through the world, through the law, through temptations, through the wilderness, and out of the world; and the son of God ye will witness to arise, who doth overcome, who was born of God.

John 14:6
John 10:9
Rev. 3:7
Heb. 13:8

Rom. 8:4

John 10:20

John 7:49

Eph. 6:11

Heb. 9:10
Col. 2:22
Rev. 3:21

Rom. 8:9-11 **And the same spirit, that raised up Jesus Christ, the same spirit raiseth you up, and quickeneth your mortal bodies; and he that hath not the same, is none of his.**

Php. 3:10 So, examine yourselves, and see if ye have **fellowship with Christ in his sufferings, and be brought to be conformable to him in his death**, and to have fellowship with him in his temptations and reproaches, and buffetings, and scornings, and

Mat. 26:67 the contradiction of sinners, and to be **spit upon, as he was**; and he that hath fellowship with him in his sufferings, shall have

Mat. 10:32-33 fellowship with him in his glory. **And he that doth confess him in this dark world, him will he confess before his Father, and his angels; and he that doth deny him in this world, him he will deny before his Father and his angels in the world to come.**

Now to all you who are convinced, and have your understandings enlightened, and the worship of the world doth appear to you to be contrary to the worship of God and Christ in spirit, and

Rom. 6:4 all the prophets and apostles, who worshipped the living God **in newness of life**, in the second birth, beware ye enter not into

Luke 22:46 the temptation, to lust after the creature, and **give not way to the lazy, dreaming mind, for it enters into the temptations.**

2 Pe. 2:20 So there thou wilt be polluted with the **pollutions of the world**; then thou wilt be tempted to despair, and the devil there gets power upon thee, if thou enter into temptations, and follow thy imaginations in going from the light of Christ within thee. And then thou judgest with evil thoughts; and he will come with his instruments, his evil angels, **to tempt thee from God's worship to the false worship**, or else thou wilt lose thy credit or good

Mat. 4:9 name, or thy place, or thy authority, where thou art, **except thou wilt bow to him.** And every one will stare at thee, and thou wilt

Mat. 4:9 be gazed at, and wondered at. So if thy mind go from the light, and out of the fear of the Lord. then thou wilt **consult with flesh and blood**, which must never enter into the kingdom of God, and that carnal reason must enter. And then thou wilt take counsel of the harlot, and so the eye of thy mind will be turned out from God,

Gal. 1:16 and so thou goest under **the power of the prince of the air, which rules and reigns in the children of disobedience**, and so under the dominion of satan. And then, though thou hast the praise of the world, and the glory of the world; yet disobeying that,

Eph. 2:2 which should have led thee into the kingdom of God, and from under the dominion of satan, **thy latter end will be worse than thy beginning.** And in the world there thou mayst have thy hon-

2 Pe. 2:20

our, and the fleshly man is nourished, and thy glory and renown may grow again among the fleshly ones, who are gone out from God, and have disobeyed the light in them, which should have led them from under the dominion of satan, (under whose dominion they are now,) up to God, where there is joy eternal, where there are riches and glory eternal, and where there is comfort eternal; **whose kingdom is for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion.** But thou, who forsakest the right way, goest into eternal destruction. Wo, wo is to thee! For the **love of the world is an enemy to God;** and **he that loveth the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** And thou, who settest thy hand to the plough, and lookest back, art not fit for the kingdom of God.

Dan. 4:3

Jam. 4:4

1 Jn. 2:15

Luke 9:62

And all who can witness the second birth, and are born again, know **the promises of God in and to the seed are yea and amen;** and ye coming out of that which was in time, ye come up to God, who was before time was. This is a mystery, **he that can receive it let him;** and **he that hath an ear to hear it, let him hear what the spirit saith.** Abel was the second birth, he was no murderer, nor no sinner; for God called him. And **God saw no iniquity in Jacob, but Esau the first, is hated,** and not perfect. And **except ye be born again, ye cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Flesh and blood shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** And *“he that is born of God, sins not, because the seed of God remains in him, neither can he sin, because he is born of God.”* And **he that is born of God overcomes the world;** he that is born of God, is not of this world. And he that is born of God testifies against all the works of the world, and the wickedness of it; and he that is **born of God, doth not commit sin. He that committeth sin is of the devil, and hath not seen God at any time. Hereby are the children of God made manifest from the children of the devil;** for he that sins is of the devil, and knows not God. **For this purpose was the son of God made manifest, to destroy the works of the devil ; and he that doth righteousness, is righteous, even as he is righteous.** And they that were of the second birth, were taught of God, and **needed no man to teach them;** and were come into the everlasting covenant And those are the second birth, who are **born again of the immortal seed** by the will of God, and not by the will of man. **And as many as received Christ, he gave power to them to become the sons of God, which are not born by the will of man, but**

2 Co. 1:20

Mat. 19:12

Rev. 2:7

Num. 23:21

Mal. 1:3

John 3:3

1 Co. 15:50

1 Jn. 3:9

1 Jn. 5:4

1 Jn. 3:8-9

3 Jn. 1:11

1 Jn. 3:10

1 Jn. 3:7-8

1 Jn. 2:27

1 Pe. 1:23

John 1:12-13

John 3:6 **by the will of God; not by water only, but by water and the spirit.**

G. F.

Epistle 46

To all Friends who are in the unity, which is in the light; walk in the light. It is one light that doth convince you all; and one Christ, that doth call all to repentance, up to himself **the one head, which is Christ. The wise man's eye is in his head,** who changeth the mind, and calleth from above to that which lies below; it is he alone that gives faith, and all who are in this faith are one. It is one power that raiseth up the seed; and your faith being out of words, in the power, ye are all one, and that seed is one; and ye are all one, if ye be ten thousand; which seed is one, which is Christ, and he is the master, which is one: and all the brethren who are in the spirit, are one. Ye have all **one eye, which is the light;** one fire, which consumes all which the light discovers to be evil; and **one spirit, which baptizes all into the one body,** where there is no confusion, but pureness and oneness. Therefore all Friends, mind the oneness, and that which keeps you in the oneness and unity, it is that which keeps you out of the world; and this one light leads you out of darkness into the everlasting day, where ye see the church of God. But living in the darkness, and following that mind, it leads into the world's assemblies, who have the letter of the saints' words, but live out of the life, smiting at one another, fighting for the husks. But minding the light within, it leads you into the assemblies of the righteous, who are in the life. **The kernel is to be found within, the husk is without, which the swine feed upon,** but the pearl is hid from them; **and the swine and the dogs would devour them in whom the pearl is found.** They are outsides, who feed upon outsides. God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing he is the Lord of heaven and earth, **dwells not in temples made with hands,** and **hath made all nations of men, that dwell upon the face of the earth, of one blood, and hath appointed the times and seasons, and hath given to every one a measure according to their ability. God hath given ability to every one according to their measure, (that are faithful to it,)** and here is the righteousness of God received, and the **wrath of God revealed upon the children of disobedience. The grace of God hath appeared upon all, which taught the saints**

Eph. 4:15
Ecc. 2:14
Mat. 6:22
1 Co. 12:13
Luke 15:16
Mat. 7:6
Acts 7:48
Acts 17:26
Mat. 25:15-30
Eph. 5:6
Tit. 2:11-12

to deny ungodliness, and teacheth us; which the world turns into wantonness, and walks despitefully against the spirit of grace; and yet tempts God and calls for grace. These are they that set up teachers without. And Christ saith, **he is the light of the world**, and **hath enlightened every one that cometh into the world**; and **he that loves the light, brings his deeds to the light**, to him there is **no occasion of stumbling**; and this teaching guides to God, the Father of light. And the other, **he hates the light, because the light will reprove him; here he knows his deeds are evil, by the light. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men love darkness rather than light.** And here **thou must become silent, O flesh**, that temptest God to give thee a sight of thy sins; for Christ hath enlightened thee, and given thee a sight of thy sins, which shall be thy condemnation, hating it. For thou that hatest it, hast it. And it is thou, that putttest the letter for the light, which was given from the light, from them that walked in the light; but thou hating the light given thee, thou knowest not the conditions of them that had the light, but **putttest darkness for light, and light for darkness; and so wo rests upon thee! It is thou that putttest evil for good, and the wo rests upon thee!** And it is thou that art **covered, and not with the spirit of the Lord.** And it is thou that standest not in the counsel of the Lord, but followest thy own imaginations, that art turned out from God; and so the wo rests upon thee! And thy kingdom and crown is pride; and wo is to the king of pride! And thou art the wicked, that forgettest God, who must be turned into hell; and livest in perverseness, and art a child of disobedience, who disobeyest the light; and so the wrath of God rests upon thee. But who love the light, and walk in the light, Jesus Christ is their king, whose **gospel is preached to every creature.** For **death having passed over all men**, all in the first nature are **children of wrath**, and all in the second are children of God. **The seed is sown upon all sorts of ground; upon the highway ground, thorny, and stony ground, and good ground.** And **Christ hath given to every one a measure, and ability according to his measure; he that improves not his measure, he hath the eye, and seeth not, and ear, and heareth not, and heart, and doth not understand.** And he is the thief, that **steals the apostles' words, and Christ's words.** And is the drunkard who abides not in the light; gone from his measure, and so abides not in the doctrine of Christ. And this light shall be

John 8:12

John 1:9

John 3:21

1 Jn. 2:10

John 3:19-20

Zec. 2:13

Isa. 5:20

Isa. 30:1

Col. 1:23

Rom. 5:12

Eph. 2:3

Mat. 13:3-8

Mat. 25:15-30

Jer. 5:21

Jer. 23:30

thy condemnation, when the book of conscience is opened, which should exercise your conscience, which will condemn you. And the wrath of God abides upon the children of disobedience.

G. F.

Epistle 47 - To Friends in Cumberland, Bishoprick, and Northumberland.

Acts 26:18 All Friends every where, who with the light that never changeth, are convinced, and **turned from darkness**, in the light dwell, that ye may come to learn of Christ in the life, and with it know the movings of the spirit of life in you, that moves against all the works of death, and so works freedom. A measure of this living spirit and power being known in every one, and ye kept to it, with it ye are kept diligent, quick, and lively, to walk in the life; for it is the life that redeems, which only overcomes, and gives an entrance into rest. Therefore every one of you know a measure of that spirit, which exerciseth meekness, truth, and faithfulness in you in power, Acts 8:23 which, as it is known, **breaks the bonds of iniquity**, and - Heb. 11:34 **scatters the armies of the aliens**; that ye may all know, what it is to follow the Lamb with joy and peace in your minds, your hearts upright to your guide. Take heed that none of you walk by imitation of others only. For though the way they walk in be good John 12:35 to them who are in the light, yet **thou art in darkness, and knowest not whither thou goest**, nor canst ever receive any strength from God to carry thee on in the way, nor reward for it; and thy fellowship is not with God in that way, but with men, and in this way thou canst not be cleansed, but in the end thy labour will be lost. And of this sort are they that turn back, and speak evil of the way of God, when the way of God they never came into, nor his life, peace, and power; that is a way they never knew. By these the offence comes, and the stumbling block, whereby many Mat. 18:7 are offended: but **wo to such by whom the offence comes!**

And take heed of judging the measures of others, but every one mind your own; and there ye famish the busy minds and high conceits, and so peace springs up among you, and division is judged. 1 Co. 12:4 And this know, **that there are diversities of gifts, but one spirit**, and unity therein to all who with it are guided. And though the way seems to thee diverse; yet judge not the way, lest thou judge the Lord, and knowest not that several ways (seeming to reason) hath God to bring his people out by; yet are all but one in the end.

This is, that he may be looked to from all the “ends of the earth, to be a guide and lawgiver;” and that none should judge before him. **Deep is the mystery of godliness!** Therefore **silence all flesh**, and **see your own ways be clean**; and as ye grow therein, the **way of peace** will be more prized by you, and the perfect bond ye will come to know. And all who are here established, shall stand in strength, when others fall on the right hand and on the left.

1 Ti. 3:16
Zec. 2:13
Ps. 119:9
Isa. 59:8

Dear friends, ye have long been convinced, and owned the Lord in word and form; and look for it, ye must be proved and tried, not only your faith and patience in persecution by the enemy without, (for that many of you have escaped,) but proved ye must all be with that which is nearer, even a falling away amongst yourselves. And it is good that the steadfastness of all should be known herein. For many are **crept in unawares**, who are “self-ended, **slow bellies**, who love this world more than the cross of Christ, who are got high in the form, and have **great swelling words**,” which they can utter for their advantage in earthly things, **deceiving the simple** therewith, who are not yet **got above the pollution of the world**. And this was ordained of old, **for the manifesting of him that is approved**. And with that eye that leads out of the fall, is he seen to be fallen, who hath got the saints’ words to plead for that which is in the fall to uphold it. And here the oppressor would set his seat faster than before, **the devil being now transformed into the likeness of an angel of light**. And thus is the scripture fulfilled, “My little children, this have I written to you, that when ye see this come to pass ye might not be amazed, as though some strange thing had befallen the church of God; but even the same that was of old, to prove you, and to perfect you against the devil: herein is he made manifest, that ye may know his wiles.” And great steadfastness shall it produce to all, who mind their standing upon **Christ the rock**, and have **salt in themselves** to savour withal. But that which will not come to the everlasting foundation, is apt to be **tossed to and fro** with **airy spirits, who are now gone out into the world**, to deceive such whose hearts look back after worldly things. Therefore stand with **your minds girded up to God** above the world, **lest ye run in vain**, and lose your crown; which none receives, hut be that continues to the end.

Jude 1:4
Tit. 1:12
2 Pe. 2:18
Rom. 16:18
2 Pe. 2:20
1 Co. 11:19
2 Co. 11:14
Mat. 7:26-27
Mark 9:50
Eph. 4:14
1 Jn. 4:1
1 Pe. 1:13
Gal. 2:2

G. F.

Let this go to all the churches of the saints.

Epistle 48 - To Friends, concerning judging.

Mat. 7:1-2 Friends, to you all this is the word of the Lord: **take heed of judging one another; judge not one another** (I charge you in the presence of the Lord) with that which must be judged; neither lay open one another's weaknesses behind one another's backs; for

Gen. 9:22-25 thou that dost so, art one of **Ham's family, which is under the curse**. But every one of you in particular with the light of Christ, (which he hath enlightened you withal,) see yourselves, that self

John 3:21 may be judged out with the light in every one. Now, **all loving the light, here no self can stand, but it is judged with the light**; and here all are in unity, and here no self-will can arise, nor no mastery; but all that is judged out. And let there be no backbiting amongst you; but in love, ye that dwell in the light and see clear, speak to the others, whose minds are gone from the light: else, as I said before, if ye do speak behind their backs, there will be the evil eye and filthy mind, which dare not speak to their faces. And so the same mind which doth condemn behind the back, is for condemnation; and so self should be judged first. Here ye will be kept watchful in the pure fear and love of God, and all self will be judged out from amongst you, which would be judging in secret; which is a work of darkness.

And take heed (I charge you all in the presence of the living God) of a feigned humility, and a feigned love, which is out of the light, and then that to use as a customary salutation, or a formal gesture; which is all for condemnation, and to be kept out, being out of the covenant So see that all your actings be in and from the light; here ye will be kept clean and pure, and will come to be sealed in the everlasting covenant of God, with the light which comes from Christ.

And again, I charge you all in the presence of the living God, not to suffer your minds to go out to contend with them who are not of the truth, in that which is out of the truth, both which are to be condemned with the truth. For the same mind will boast and get up, which is out of the truth and reaches at things in the comprehension, though it lives not in it, but is excluded out of the truth, and shall not enter; but is for condemnation. And so to you all this is the counsel of the Lord God of power and of Peace, that in peace ye may be preserved to wait for the spirit of grace, and of wisdom, and of understanding.

And Friends all every where, met together, waiting upon the Lord, that your minds may be guided by the spirit of God up to God. And know the life of God in one another, which all, whose minds are abroad, are strangers to, and to the covenant of promise; for the covenant and **promise of life** is with and to the seed: and **there is no sin, iniquity, or transgression in the covenant;** for that is all judged, being out of the covenant of God. And therefore all wait, that ye all may come to witness the **covenant of life** made with your souls, and to find the withal, the **seal of the spirit**, that ye are sealed to God with, and that ye may all witness **sin and transgression finished**, and blotted out by Christ Jesus, the new covenant of God; and ye may all come to know the Lord, and to love the light, which Christ hath given you to teach you; then ye will witness the covenant, yea **ten thousands** will witness the covenant, Christ Jesus. For as the Lord said, **“I will give him for a covenant of light to the Gentiles, to open the blind eyes;”** and so, this light doth open the eyes of the blind. All ye that were blind as the Gentiles, or the Jews, ye know, that with the light your eyes are opened, and ye do see the new covenant, the **unchangeable priest**, the unchangeable covenant. So in that which changeth not, dwell, that that which is changeable and wavering, may be judged and condemned with that which changeth not. **And though the ministration of condemnation was and is glorious in its time, yet the ministration of the spirit exceedeth in glory**, which changeth not; and there is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, the new covenant, who walk in the spirit But who are in that which changeth, running into the changeable ways and works without, and are in that nature which **hates the light, all such are for condemnation by the light**, which is eternal, and never changeth. And all the **beggarly lusts, traditions, and rudiments of men**, which are acted in that nature, contrary to the light, are for condemnation by the light.

2 Ti. 1:1
 Rom. 11:27
 Mal. 2:5
 Eph. 1:13
 Dan. 9:24
 Jude 1:14
 Isa. 42:6-7
 Heb. 7:24
 2 Co. 3:8-9
 John 3:19-20
 Gal. 4:9
 Col. 2:8

So dwelling all in the light, which is unchangeable, ye come to judge all the changeable ways and worships, that are variable and changeable, by that which comes from God, which changeth not; and with his light, which he hath given, all those things are judged. So dwelling in the judgment, ye will be filled full of mercy; for first judgment, and then mercy is to spread over all, that the just may rule over all.

And friends, I charge you all in the presence of the living God, let no evil communication, nor evil words proceed out of your

mouths. And if ye find the root in you not taken away, that would act such things, dwell in the light which lets you see the evil communications, and with the light give judgment upon it in the particular, and first judge it there; for that is it which corrupts the good manners. And there are no **good manners, but all is corrupted whilst there is evil communication**, and all that profession is abomination to the Lord, whilst that stands. So, put away all filthy communication out of your mouths, and all wrath, unrighteousness, and ungodliness, with the light ye will see tall; and walking in the light, and loving it, ye may judge all that with the light, and with it come to know the good manners and pure communication. And walking in this light, it will keep out all evil communication from amongst yon, for the corrupt manners are there, and proceed from that; and all the profession which is performed in that nature, whilst the evil communication is standing, is abomination, and for condemnation: for all the evil manners corrupt, and all their profession is corrupt and for the fire.

So, all walk in the light with which ye are enlightened, for it will teach you all the good manners and pure communication, and condemn all corrupt manners and corrupt communication; and so to have the heart and mind cleansed from all such things. And all walking in the light, **ye have the besom; labour to sweep the land** from all such corrupt manners and vain communication, and with the light all that comes to be judged down. So the light is the judge, and the condemnation; and in the light walk, and ye will shine.

And, my dear brethren in the covenant of life, **keep to yea and nay**, and (call the days,) **First-day, Second-day, Third-day, Fourth-day, Fifth-day, Sixth-day, and Seventh-day, as they were given forth, and called by God in the beginning**. The endless riches ye are made partakers of, and the endless inheritance ye are come to have a share of; **heirs with Christ** of the kingdom **that never fadeth away**; and **“ye that suffer with Christ, shall reign with Christ.”** And to you all, friends, who are not come up to the covenant, and cannot witness that ye are come into it, and sealed, (by the spirit,) follow no image makers, but the life guiding you, which is eternal, that will **hew down all imaginations, and likenesses, and images**, and image makers, that the glorious God, the Father of life, may be exalted, **the ground of all truth**. And friends, none speak abroad, but as ye are moved of God with the spirit of the Lord, and to that be obedient, as faithful servants, that ye may enter into the joy of

your Lord. And friends, I warn and charge you all, that there be no keeping of old things in store in the mind or memory, or heart-rising one against another, or back-biting among you, or speaking evil one of another; but judge that out by the light of Christ. And dwell in the life of God, then ye all in this life of God will have unity. And beware of, and not suffer that in yet to contend which goeth out of the truth; but by the truth judge it out. And meet together every where, knowing one another in the spirit, and not in the flesh; and with the spirit of God wait upon God, the Father of spirits. And, friends, live not on that which is out of the truth, but all be kept low; that that which is pure of God, and comes from God, ye may live and feed upon. And that there be no feeding on feigned love, but on that which is pure and eternal, without mixture or stain; that all the other may be hewn down, and trampled upon, and trodden down, "earth to the earth, dust to the dust;" that ye may all be kept pure, and in joy, waiting for the eternal riches from the eternal God. So all to know the ministry and prayer, which is from and in the spirit, and in it all are one; and by it all the contrary is judged. And take heed of pride, but by the eternal spirit keep all that down, and judge it. **"The sacrifices of the wicked are abomination to the Lord, and he hears not hypocrites; but the prayers of the righteous are heard."**

Pro. 15:8

G. F.

Epistle 49

Friends, dwell in the life and power of God, which doth teach you to deny yourselves, which keeps you from all strife, and from all deceit, that nothing may appear, but by the pure spirit it may be judged; and that by the spirit of God ye may all be kept up to him, who is a **God of order, and not of confusion**. For all who are in confusion, are in that nature that is contrary to the light, who are with it to be condemned. And so the God of life be with you all, that the fear of the Lord may be set in all your hearts, that the dread, terror, and fear of the Lord amongst you may remain, and faith from him ye may all come to receive, and love. And let love proceed one towards another, from the **faith which purifies**, that **all actions may be brought to the light, that all deeds contrary to the light, may with it be condemned**; that in peace and righteousness ye may all grow up in that which is eternal, guided to him who is eternal, taking all heed to the **measure of God's grace**, that with it your minds may be guided up to God,

1 Co. 14:33

Acts 15:9

John 3:19-21

Eph. 4:7

the Father of life, and all your minds with the eternal kept to him, who is eternal. That the kingdom of God ye may all come to see, waiting in the light, taking heed to it, which calls to repentance, which informs your minds towards the **kingdom of God, where there is no end**, but love, joy, and to peace for evermore. And wait in the light for power to remove the earthly part, that ye may all witness the **kingdom, and joy in the holy ghost**; that with the light your minds may be kept up to God, who is pure, and in it ye may all have unity, who in the light of life do walk. For who act contrary to the light, this is their condemnation. And let no unsavoury speeches, nor profaneness, nor looseness, nor idleness, nor filthiness be amongst you, but be diligent, serving the Lord in the light; for all that which is contrary to the light, with the light is to be condemned. And to you this is the word of the Lord, that with the spirit of the Lord, that comes from the **Father of spirits**, ye may all come to **witness the spirit of promise, and set to your seals** that God the Father of spirits is true. So in the name and power of the Lord Jesus Christ be ye all kept and preserved; and keep together, and meet together, that ye may grow in the measure of God's grace.

G. F.

And dear Friends, in the eternal dwell, that as the plants of the Lord ye may grow; and who ye are the vineyard dressers, keep out the subtle and cunning foxes, who make their holes in the earth. If ye all dwell in the light, which was before the earth was, with it ye will preserve the tender plants.

And all Friends, in that which is pure, patiently wait to - **inherit the substance**; and in that dwell which **sees beyond the shadow**, types, traditions, and evil lust. And dwell in the life, that ye may be nourished with living food, and be kept above the world in the light, that the **son of God be not crucified afresh** with that which turns from the light into the lust. So, all ye that have a sight of this, and are come hither, wait in the light, that ye may grow up in the living word, to comprehend the world; that **every one of your souls may come to find its rest, where no burden is, and the travail in the will of man is ceased**. For all those travails and burdens are among them that act contrary to the light, and the burden is their own, and the travail is their own; which is to be condemned with the light which leads up into life. And so the power of the mighty God of life be with you, which is raising up his living seed, and the seed is one, which

is turning up the earth, and cleaving it asunder, and removing it out of its place, and bringing into the **faith of Abraham**, and to the God of Abraham. The Lord God be with you that dwell in the light, whose minds are turned towards Christ the way, from all that which Christ the light discovers to be evil. Ye children of the light, seek to turn many to the light and to wisdom's gate bring them, that ye may all come to be **door-keepers in the house of the Lord**; and see what must be kept out of his house, and what to receive into the house; and own no sacrifice but that which is from the living, which is accepted of the Lord.

Rom. 4:16

Ps. 84:10

G. F.

Epistle 50

All Friends, dwell in that which is pure, and wait for the power of God to preserve you in that which is pure, up to God. And know the seed of God in one another, that the knowledge which is after the flesh may die; and know the power of God in one another. Let your faith stand in that which throws out the earthly nature, and the **loftiness of man**; which overturns the **worldly wisdom and the carnal knowledge, which is brutish and devilish**. Dwell in that which is pure, that ye may be able to discern, and savour, and comprehend that which is not pure; and wait in that which is pure, to have your minds guided thereby, which will let you see God, and show you your evil thoughts, and judge them; and is a cross to your evil desires, wills, and lusts. I say, dwell in that which is pure, which will guide you to God; but if ye lust, (as aforesaid,) then the pure is veiled, and the light mind speaks at random, with a drunken spirit, and not from the mouth of the Lord. And there lodgeth the **dreamer**, and the **lying spirit**, and the **false prophet**, and that which is like the truth but is not the truth; but dwelling in the truth, this will be discovered. And wait upon God in that which is pure, for the receiving of that which comes from God, which is living, which nourisheth up to everlasting life. So God Almighty be with you!

Isa. 2:17

Jer. 10:14

Jer. 27:9

1 Kn. 22:22

Rev. 16:13

G. F.

Epistle 51 - To Friends, concerning the cross of Christ, the power of God, that leads out of the world, to the world that is without end.

The cross is to the carnal part, which is the ground of images, the ground of the seducers, and the ground of the false prophet and antichrist; the cross is to that ground, to the root and life of it. This being minded, which is pure and eternal, it makes a separation from all other lovers, and brings to God, and the ground of evil thoughts comes to be opened, and the cross is to that ground; which cross overturns the world in the heart. Which **cross must be taken up by all, who follow Jesus Christ** out of the world which hath an end, into the world which is without end; and all the evil things of the world must be denied. For **“who loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him;”** but where the world is standing, the cross is not lived in. But dwelling in the **cross to the world**, here **the love of God is shed abroad in the heart**, and the way is opened into the **inheritance which fades not away**; where **nothing shall enter which is defiled**. For God is not seen but in the eternal light whence all pure wisdom comes. This treasure is not seen but with the spiritual eye; nor received but with the **pure in heart**, and by those who dwell and abide in the eternal light. But the carnal heart may get the words from them who had received the wisdom, who dwelt in the fear of the Lord; but they who live without the fear, may get their words, and yet know not **wisdom’s gate**, whence those words proceeded, having the **old bottle**. Watch all, therefore, and see what ye possess. For all who gave forth the holy scripture, who dwelt in the fear of God, they possessed the life which those words proceeded from; and the secrets of the Lord were with them. Therefore, all in your measure, which is of God, wait, that it may guide your minds up to God, and follow it, and not your evil desires, nor the lust of the world; for the fear of the Lord will keep your hearts clean, and the true wisdom will be with you in the pure heart. And every one that hath this light, which Christ hath enlightened them withal, **the deeds that are evil, ye know to be so by the light; and this light will be their condemnation**, ye know it. And all who witness this light, and love it, **their eye is in their head, which is Christ**, if they be **ten thousands**.

Luke 9:23

1 Jn. 2:15

Gal. 6:14

Rom. 5:5

1 Pe. 1:4

Rev. 21:27

Mat. 5:8

Pro. 1:20-21

Mat. 9:17

John 3:19-20

Ecc. 2:14

Eph. 4:15

Jude 1:14

G. F.

Epistle 52 - To Friends in the North.

All Friends in Westmoreland, Lancashire, Cumberland, Northumberland, Bishoprick, and about Newcastle, whose minds are turned to the light, meet together, and wait upon the Lord, and keep your several meetings in the light of Christ; that **all your hearts may be joined together**, and ye all kept in unity up to God, the - **Father of lights**. The Lord God Almighty keep you and preserve you, that ye may all see the blessings of God; for the blessings of the Lord are among you. And that ye all with the light may know your minds kept up to God, to receive the wisdom of God, by which all things were made; that with it ye may come to order the creatures, and in the wisdom of God ye may be preserved to walk wisely. And that no deceit nor slothful spirits be amongst you, nor hangers-on, getting the form, etc. who speak what they are not; all such I do deny, and with the light all such are to be condemned. Such **cumber the ground**, and stain the earth, that it cannot **enjoy her sabbaths**, nor **yield her increase**. They that are so, and act contrary to the light, are by it to be condemned, and with it I do them deny, which light is one in all your consciences; that with the light your minds may be kept up to God, and all that which is contrary may be condemned to the fire, which is for the fire. And I warn you all, in the presence of the living God, to take heed to the **measure of the grace of God**; that with it your minds may be kept up to God, and that ye may all come to profit in the spirit. And from you all God doth look for the **fruits of that spirit**, of which a **manifestation is given you to profit withal**. And to you this is the word of the Lord.

Col. 2:2

Jam. 1:7

Luke 13:7

Lev. 26:34

Lev. 26:4

Eph. 4:7

Gal. 5:22

1 Co. 12:7

O friends! mind the seed of God, and the life of Christ. And take heed of being hurried with many thoughts, but live in that which goes over them all, that in it ye may reign, and live in the seed of God.

G. F.

Epistle 53 - Concerning the duty of all Friends in truth.

All Friends every where, that have wives, or that have husbands, or that have children, or that have servants; or servants that have masters, or children. that have parents, that are not Friends, -this

is to you all, that are in the light, "***which lighteth every man that cometh into the world,***" that they, that act contrary to the light, and believe not in it, who know not the word, and will not be won with the word, (speaking to them,) that your **chaste conversation** (ye walking in the light which comes from the word) may answer to the light in them, which they hate and walk contrary to; that your chaste conversation may judge them, and ye may win them by your chaste conversation, walking in the light, which answereth the light in them wherewith they are enlightened; which light comes from the word, which casteth down all that is contrary to it. That they that act contrary to the light, beholding your chaste conversation, and your **good works, the light which they act contrary to may make them confess to your good conversation, and glorify your Father which is in heaven;** who are born of the light, children of light. That ye may receive the **wisdom from above, which is neither earthly, nor sensual, nor devilish,** with which ye may be ordered **to the glory of God,** and with that order all that ye have to order. And to you this is the word of the Lord.

G. F.

1 Pe. 2:17 Postscript.— "**Honouring all men,**" is reaching that of God in every man, for that brings to seek the honour of God; the other fades, and reacheth not to that of God in man; for the saints, which were to honour all men, were in that of God which reached to that of God in all men. And they that are not in the spirit of God, dishonour the son, and miscall men, honouring and setting up that which is out of the truth, which is to be trodden under foot.

G. F.

Epistle 54 - This is to be sent among Friends, who are in the light.

1 Pe. 1:23 All my dear brethren, babes of God, **born of the immortal seed,** whose dwelling is in the **power that upholds all things,** which power is made manifest, which hath brought you to him that was in the beginning, before the world was, and with the life to comprehend the world, and that which is in it, and what it is, and what it lies in. All my dear babes of God, who are in the arms of the Almighty, dwell in the light, that ye may be manifested to the light of God in all consciences, that to the light which is of

God, people's minds may be directed, and they come to receive the life, and to witness it, **that gave forth the scriptures**; that with the light ye may see them who act contrary to the light, who are for the sword, who are for the hammer, and who are for the fire. Here **not a deceiver shall stand, nor a false prophet, nor an antichrist**, who oppose the light; but with the light all such are seen and comprehended. Which light is eternal, and was before the world was, which comprehends the world; which light is one in every man's conscience; which light is the condemnation of all that hate it, and of all that profession that is acted in that nature contrary to the light. My babes, dwell in the light, in the immortal seed of God, and grow up in it, and be **clothed with Christ's zeal, having his mind**; that with the light ye may see them who are turned from the light, and act contrary to the light, who with the light are to be condemned. And so all they that make a profession of the scriptures declared from the light, and act contrary to the light that comes from Christ Jesus, and yet profess his command, **their zeal is without knowledge**, and they will persecute. For they that are in the self righteousness, are in that nature that acts contrary to the light, who with the light are to be condemned; which light leads to Christ, and brings to witness him, the Lord of righteousness. Therefore dwell in the light, that to the light in all consciences ye may be made manifest, to **turn them from the darkness to the light**, and so to Christ, from whence it comes; that with the light every one may see their salvation, Christ Jesus, and so ye may bring **every one to sit under the vine Christ Jesus**, and bring every one into the light, which comprehends the world, which is the world's **condemnation, and all them that hate it. And bring every one to the light, which condemns all evil deeds and works of darkness, and works of the flesh**; that with the light they may all see, what shall enter into the kingdom of God, and what not. And bring all into the light, that they may see the false prophets, and **the antichrists, and deceivers**, which are all in that nature which acts contrary to the light; in which light is unity, with which light are they all condemned. And to you this is the word of the Lord. And he who turns from the light, and gets the words of them that knew what they declared from the light, and makes a profession of them, **his knowledge is brutish**. But he who dwells in the light, and with the light sees Christ, his knowledge is from that which is eternal; with which light the other is condemned, who acts contrary to it, though he may have the words declared from it. And all

2 Ti. 3:16

2 Jn. 1:7

Isa. 59:17

1 Co. 2:16

Rom. 10:2

Acts 26:18

Mic. 4:4

John 3:19-20

Rom. 13:12

Gal. 5:19

2 Jn. 1:7

Jer. 10:14

who are turned from the light, and make a profession of the words declared from the light, and gather there a great deal of wisdom, yet their minds are turned into the earth, which is a seat for the devil; **there is the sensualness, there is the devilishness, and earthliness, there is the wisdom that is from below,** which is acted in that nature contrary to the light; with the light that is comprehended, and with the light that is condemned. That wisdom is from below. But the light leads the mind up to Christ, from whence it comes, to **receive the wisdom which is from above, and condemns that which leads from the light, for that is pure and gentle** which is from above; but the other is sensual, earthly, and devilish, perverse, and envious, and is with the light comprehended and condemned; which light is against the false prophet, whose words, knowledge, and wisdom is not from it.

G. F.

Epistle 55 - Concerning the spiritual warfare.

The word of the Lord God to all my brethren, babes, and -
 2 Ti. 2:3 **soldiers, that are in the spiritual warfare of our Lord Jesus**
 Eph. 6:11 **Christ. Arm yourselves, like men of war, that ye may**
 Eph. 6:17 **know, what to stand against.** Spare not, pity not that which
 Rev. 18:8 is for the **sword (of the spirit,) plague, and famine,** and set
 Luke 13:7 up truth, and confound the deceit, which stains the earth, and -
 Isa. 59:17 **cumbers the ground.** The dead stinks upon the earth, and with
 it the earth is stained, therefore bury it. And wait in the light
 which come from Jesus, to **be clothed with his zeal,** to stand
 against all them who act contrary to the light which comes from
 Jesus, and yet profess the words declared from the light; which are
 Mat. 23:3 **sayers, but not doers.** All such are to be trodden without the
 city under foot; and wo proceeds from the Lord against all such,
 Mat. 21:44 **and the stone is falling upon such, and fallen, to grind**
them to powder. Arm yourselves like men of war; the mighty
 power of God goes along with you, to enable you to stand over
 all the world, and (spiritually) to chain, to fetter, to bind, and
 to imprison, and to lead out of prison; to famish, to feed, and to
 make fat, and to bring into green pastures. So the name and power
 of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you! And go on in the work of
 the Lord, that ye may trample upon all deceit within and without.
 And all they who are gathered together with the light, and their

minds turned towards Christ Jesus, who doth enlighten them, **that** Mat. 18:20
they may all see the Lord Jesus among them, their head,
and **they his branches**; in the light waiting, and growing up in John 15:5
Christ Jesus, from whence it comes, they may bring forth fruit to
the glory of his name. And all waiting and walking in the light,
with it ye will see the Lord Jesus amongst you. And ye will see with
the light all that hate it, who profess Christ Jesus' words declared
from his light, and walk not in it; by his light are they, and all their
profession, condemned. And to you this is the word of the Lord.

G. F.

Chapter 4

Epistles 56-79 (1654)

Epistle 56 - To call the minds out of the creatures.

All friends of the Lord every where, whose minds are turned within towards the Lord, take heed and hearken to the light within you, which is the light of Christ and of God, which will call your minds to within, (as ye heed it,) which were abroad in the creatures; that by it your **minds may be renewed**, and by it turned to God, with that which is pure to worship the living God, the Lord of hosts, over all the creatures. That which calls your minds out of the lusts of the world, will call them out of the evil affections and desires, and turn you from them, and **set your affections above**. And the same which calls your minds out from the world's teachers, and the creatures, and to have your minds renewed, there your obedience is to be known and found; and there the **image of God is renewed**, and ye come to grow up into it. That which calls your minds out of the earth, turns them towards God, where the **pure babe is born in the virgin mind**; and the babe's food is known, and the children's bread witnessed, which comes from the living God, which nourisheth up to eternal life. Which babes and children receive their heavenly **wisdom from above**, from the pure, living God, and not from the earthly one; for that is trodden under foot with such. And all who hate this light, whose minds are abroad in the creatures, and in the image of the devil, they may get the saints' words, (who received their wisdom from above,) in their old nature and corruptible mind; but such are **murderers of the just, enemies to the cross of Christ**, in whom the -

Rom. 12:2
Col. 3:2
Col. 3:10
Isa. 7:14
Jam. 3:17
Acts 7:52
Php. 3:18

Eph. 2:2 **prince of the air** lodgeth, **sons of perdition, betrayers of**
 John 17:12 **Christ**. Therefore take heed to the light, which is oppressed with
 that nature; which light shall condemn (as it ariseth) all that evil
 nature, and shut it out, and turn it out of the house. And so
 Luke 15:8 ye will come to see the **candle lighted, the house sweeping**
and swept, and then afterward the pure treasure will be
found; and then the name of the eternal God will be exalted. And
 the same light that calls your minds, which were abroad, out of
 the world, the same turns them to God, the Father of light. Here
 the pure mind is known, and the pure God is waited upon for
 wisdom from above; and the pure God is served night and day,
 Isa. 9:7 and the **peace which hath no end** is enjoyed. For ye may have
 openings; but your minds going into the lusts of the flesh, here the
 affections are not mortified. Therefore, hearken to that, and take
 Rom. 1:26 heed to that which calls your minds out of the **vile affections**, and
 the world's lusts, to have them renewed; the same will turn your
 minds to God, the same light will set your affections above, and
 bring you to wait for the pure wisdom from, God from on high,
 that it may be justified. Wait all in that which calls your minds
 inward; and turns I them to God; and here is the cross witnessed,
 that the mind shall feed upon nothing but the pure light of God,
 and on the living food which comes from the living God.

So, the Lord God Almighty be with you all, and keep you all in
 his strength and power to his glory, over all the world, whose minds
 Rom. 1:25 are called out of it, and turned to God, to **worship the creator,**
and serve him, and not the creature. And the light of God,
 that calls your minds out of the creatures, turns them to God, to an
 endless being, joy, and peace. Here is a seeing God always present,
 who is not known to the world, whose minds are in the creatures,
 whose knowledge is in the flesh, and whose minds are not renewed.
 Therefore to you, whose minds are called out of the creatures, and
 out of the world and fading things, by the eternal light of God; the
 same eternal light which hath turned it and presented it to God,
 will bring you to see all these things, and those whose minds are
 abroad in the creatures; and so, judgment will be given upon that,
 and them who hate the light.

And, friends mind the seed of God, and dwell in it, which will
 bring you to reign over the world; and dwell in the power of the
 Lord, which will keep you clear in your understanding: that the
 Gal. 3:28 seed of God may reign in you all, which is but **one in all, which is**
Christ in the male and in the female, which seed the promise
 is to. Wait upon the Lord, to feel the just to reign over the unjust,

and the **seed of God to reign over the seed of the serpent**, Gen. 3:15
and to be the head, that all which is mortal, may die; for out of
that will rise presumption. So fare ye well! And God Almighty
bless, guide, and keep you all in his wisdom.

G. F.

Epistle 57 - To a Friend in distress, when the accuser had got in.

In the time of thy weakness the **accuser of the brethren** is Rev. 12:10
got in; therefore mind the **seed of God to cast him out**, and Gen. 3:15
what may hinder thee from eating the things of the creation. So
do not hear that, but mind the seed of the Lord, and thou wilt feel
life and dominion.

G. F.

Epistle 58

O Friends! **look not out; for he that doth, is darkened.** Ecc. 12:3
And take heed of lightness; take heed of the world, and of busying
your minds with things not serviceable. **A wise man's eye is** Ecc. 2:14
in his head, but a fool's eye is gazing up and down. Oh! **be** Jer. 9:3
valiant for the truth upon the earth, and tread upon the
deceit! And **keep to yea and nay; for he that hath not power** Mat. 5:37
over his own tongue, his religion is vain. And **take heed** Jam. 1:26
of knowledge, for it puffeth up, but dwell in the truth, and be
1 Co. 8:1
what ye speak; **he that abideth not in the truth, is led by the** John 8:44
evil one. Wait on the Lord, he will perfect his work amongst you;
he that **hearkens diligently to the teacher within**, denieth Isa. 55:2
all outward **hireling teachers.** He that is made the **temple of** Mic. 3:11
the holy ghost, placeth no holiness in the world's temples. The
1 Co. 6:19
teachers without exalt the **carnal mind**, but the teacher within
Rom. 8:7
destroyeth it. There is not a word in all the scripture to hold up the
practice of sprinkling infants, nor the word sacrament, nor to hold
up an hour glass, to preach by for an hour's time in a place; but
the vain mind doth hold up many things, which Christ doth not
command. Earth maketh masters, (amongst earthly men,) but let
him that ruleth, rule in love; **for the earth is the Lord's, and** Ps. 24:1
the fulness thereof. And he that laboureth, let him labour as
to the Lord, in love. So let love be the head in all things, and then

- Col. 3:22-23 the Lord is exalted; then there is **no eye service, but singleness of heart; then all that is done, is done as to the Lord**. So be faithful in all things, and keep from the world's vain customs. Do not wear apparel, to gratify the proud mind, neither eat nor drink, to make yourselves wanton; for it was created for the health, and not for the lust, to be as servants to us, and we servants to God, to use all those things to his glory. To whom be praises, honour, and glory for evermore, who hath created all things to his glory, and so to be used and spent. Do not make profession to be seen outwardly, for Christ was condemned by the world, and the formal professors, and all his followers are as wonders to the world.
- 1 Jn. 3:13 Therefore **marvel not if the world hate you**, but rejoice. Look
 Jam. 4:4 not back, but keep forward, knowing that the **world is enmity with God**. Ye that know the light, love one another, and dwell in it, and know one another in it.

G. F.

Epistle 59 - An exhortation to Friends, not to make flesh their arm.

Friends,— Make not flesh your arm by carnal reasonings, consultations, and disputings in that part which is above the innocent life, for that needs none to plead its cause, but God its Father, who will give you sufficient strength and wisdom at the same hour; the other shall and will fall before the enemies of the Lord.

G. F.

Epistle 60 - To Friends, to keep in the fear of the Lord.

Friends,— Every particular, mind that which is pure of God in you, to guide you up to God, and to keep you in the fear of the Lord, that ye may receive refreshment from God alone in yourselves, and grow up in the inward man, nourished and strengthened by that which is immortal. And delight in that which shows you the deceit of your hearts, and judges that which is contrary to God, and be obedient to that which is pure; so ye will see the Lord God present with you, a daily help, his hand always ordering of you, and as a shepherd always keeping the dogs from his lambs, whom he feeds

Ps. 23:2 in **green pastures**, and waters with his heavenly dew of mercy, who makes them all fruitful. The cry of want and poverty shall be no more heard in the land of the living, but joy, gladness, and plenty. The wearied soul, that hath lain in the pit and in the mire, and lived in the clouds of temptation, and cried out for want of the Lord, shall cry **plentious redemption**, and say, God is our king, who tills heaven and earth, and the voice of our king is heard in our land. So fare ye well in the Lord! and the Lord God Almighty keep you and preserve you in his mighty power.

Ps. 130:7

G. F.

Epistle 61

Friends,— Dwell all in the **immortal seed** of God, which is **heir of the promise** of God, and doth inherit the same; so every one of you know the promise of God your portion, and the power of God your portion, and the kingdom of God, that is everlasting, without end, and the **power of an endless life**; being heirs of that, come to inherit it, knowing it your portion, that ye may possess it, and increase in the same kingdom and power, and endless life. **Here ye lay up treasure in heaven, where the thief, moth, nor rust comes not.** And know the **seed of God, in which is the election**, that never altereth nor changeth; which seed never changeth, neither doth it submit to that which doth change, but standeth steadfast and distinct from all the changeables. Which seed endeth all types, figures, and **shadows, and variable things**, and typical things, that do change; which seed doth not change, which is Christ, which keeps above all the inventions, **rudiments, traditions, vain talkers**, and babblers, that be in the world, and standeth when they will be all gone and have an end. In which seed are power, wisdom, and life eternal, that remains for ever and ever, which hath the dominion in the life and power, and unchangeable **wisdom of God, which is pure and gentle from above**, and preserving above all the destroying; which keeps up the heads of the living to life; in that live. Which **seed of God breaks the head of them that go out of the truth, to wit, the serpents.** And here life goes over all in renown and dominion, and the top stone comes to be laid over all. So live in life, and the love, and the power of God, which was before man and woman fell; in that power ye are kept over all outward things, that have been setup, and are set up in the fall, which cause pride, and contention, and strife; which, if lived in, keeps out of the power, in which is the saints' everlasting

1 Pe. 1:23

Gal. 3:29

Heb. 7:16

Mat. 6:19-20

Isa. 65:9

Jam. 1:17

Col. 2:8

Tit. 1:10

Jam. 3:17

Gen. 3:15

fellowship, that stands and remains, and is everlasting, for ever and ever. In which power the living seed lives, and the living babes are preserved; in which power they have their food from the God of life, which is living, which nourishes the immortal babes up to the immortal God, with the immortal food; through which

1 Pe. 2:5 they come to be the **living stones, that build up the spiritual household**, who are the church in God; who are brought out of the state, where Adam and Eve with their sons and daughters are

1 Co. 1:24 drove from God, up to God again by **Christ, the power of God**,

1 Ti. 3:15 who is the way to God, where the church is in God, that is **the pillar and ground of Truth**. So all live in that which brings you up to God, out of the state of Adam and Eve, and their sons and daughters in the fall. In that power, (as I said before,) ye will have an everlasting fellowship with God, and one with another, which power of God was before the fall was. In that power ye will know one another, and see one another, in which ye shall ever be

1 Th. 1:4 together; in which ye shall see and **know your election before**

2 Ti. 1:9 **the world began**. So farewell.

G. F.

Epistle 62

All Friends, be low, and dwell in the life of God, to keep you

Mat. 5:13 low. **Ye are the salt of the earth**, to make it savoury unto God.

Mat. 5:14 **Ye are the light of the world**. Therefore walk in the light of Christ, whose light doth justify you, who then shall condemn you? Therefore in that dwell, which doth condemn all the evil in the world.

G. F.

And all Friends every where, Pray to the Lord to give you dominion over all, and that in his Power, and life, and seed, ye may live and reign. And all Friends, submit yourselves one to another, in the fear of God, and be one with the witness of God in all, and look at that, and that will keep you down from looking at the bad; but looking at the good, keepeth your minds over the bad, with the Lord.

G. F.

Epistle 63 - To Friends, concerning the covenant of light and life.

Friends every where, to the measure of the life of God in you all take heed, that with it your minds may be guided up to the living God, from whence light and life come, and virtue, and strength, and nourishment; so that with the life ye may be kept from that which veils, and clouds, and darkens, where the **mist of darkness** 2 Pe. 2:17 cometh over you. Wherefore to the measure of light take heed, that with it all your minds may be guided up to the Father of life, from whence life cometh; that the **knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus**, ye may all come to enjoy. 2 Co. 4:6 So that in peace, **patience, righteousness, and temperance, and godliness ye may be kept, and all grow up in brotherly kindness**, and be kept from that which causeth **strife, and sects, and divisions**; so that nothing may rule, but the light of God among you. To that which is pure and lowly, take heed, that mastery and strife may be thrown down, and the evil eye, and the **eye that is out from the life of God, may be known and plucked out**; So that the light of the glorious gospel may shine, and that ye may all know it. And so, all awake to the righteousness of Christ, the righteousness of God, whom man was departed from, Christ the righteousness of God, who **“enlighteneth every one, that cometh into the world, that all men through him might believe.”** So, all having a light from Christ Jesus, the righteousness of God, he is the **way to the Father**. whom God gave John 14:6 in your **covenant of light, life, and peace**. Therefore every one Mal. 2:5 in your measures wait, that ye may see him, and come to witness the covenant of life and peace with God, receiving his gift, Christ Jesus, the son and mediator. So this I warn you all in the presence of the living God, to wait every one in the measure of light and of life, that ye may all come to witness the seal of the covenant, and be led and kept with that which will keep you spotless, and clean, and holy, and righteous, where power is received from him, who hath given you a light; so that in the light ye may all have unity, and in it be kept, and all that which is contrary to it, with it may be condemned, And in this covenant of light and life, (the gift of God,) know one another, and him by whom the world was made, who was before the world was; who is now again manifested, (Glory and honour for ever be unto the Lord!) That the crown, that is immortal, ye may all come to see and receive, and **your own crowns lay down at the feet of Jesus**. And so, his light Rev. 4:10

being come to, all your own works are ceased from, and your own thoughts; which if ye follow them, they will lead you into error. Therefore wait in the light which comes from him by whom the world was made, to receive wisdom from him, that in it and with it ye may be preserved from the world, and out of the world, to him

Mat. 11:19 by whom the world was made; and that **wisdom may be justified of her children**, and ye kept all low in the fear of God, from all strife and deceit, and dissention, and pollution, and hypocrisy, and dissimulation, single with the measure of light which comes from the Father of life. Every one to feel with the life of God, the arm of the Lord God not to be shortened; but to reach to every

Isa. 40:11 one of you all, and **to carry you all in his arm, and gently to lead them that are with young**. So feeling the presence of the Lord God with you, ye receive virtue into your souls from the living God, who nourisheth his own living plant and plants. So

John 3:19-20 the Lord God Almighty preserve you in the **light, which shows to every one their evil deeds, and reproves for them**; this is the true light, which if ye come to it, and love it, ye come to Christ, and love him by whom the world was made; and it will

1 Pe. 2:25 let you see the chief **shepherd and bishop of your souls, and how ye have gone astray**, like sheep without a shepherd. For it is that which restores you to Christ, the bishop of your souls,

Acts 3:22 who is the **prophet that must be heard**. And all who will not

John 3:19-20 come to the light, which cometh from Jesus Christ, but **hate it because their deeds are evil, they do know that the light will reprove them. Therefore this is their condemnation**, the light which is your teacher; who come to it, and receive it, -

John 1:12 **ye receive Christ, and he giveth the power to become to the sons of God**; which many do witness, blessed be the name of the Lord. Therefore wait every one in your measure, to know the scripture fulfilled in you, which came not by the will of man, but was learned of God; which is for the perfecting of the man of God through faith in Christ Jesus, and is to be read and to be fulfilled, and to be practised, which was given forth from the spirit. Therefore every one wait in the measure of the spirit, to learn of him, as they did who gave it forth.

G. F.

Epistle 64 - To Friends in the ministry.

All Friends, who are moved of the Lord to speak the word of the Lord, whom the Lord hath made to be his mouth, speak not your

own words to feed the sensual part of man in your own wills; for there God is not honoured, and **wisdom is not justified**. But ye that are moved to speak in steeple-houses, or to the priests, (who have not the word of the Lord, but the letter,) **speak the word of the Lord faithfully, neither add to it with your reason, nor diminish from it** with a disobedient mind; but speaking the word of the Lord faithfully it is **sharper than a two-edged sword**, to cut down all deceit, and as **a fire to burn up the chaff**; and **it purifies you that speak it**: and so as a **hammer it will break down all the contrary**. And the **word is but one, which santifies all**, and cleanseth the heart, and sanctifies and reconciles to God. And the light is but one; and all being guided by it, all are subject to one, and are one in the **unity of the spirit**. And if your minds turn from the light, and that mind speak of the light, there gets up pride, and presumption, and the will; and then ye begin to **strike your fellow-servants**.

Therefore, all dear friends and brethren, be servants to the truth, and do not strive for mastery, but **serve one another in love**. **Wash one another's feet, take Christ for your example**, that I may hear of no strife among you: but all walk in the truth, and in the love of it, up to God, for there **ye are my joy and crown** in the Lord. Children would be striving; but that which would have the mastery, must die, and shall not enter into the kingdom of God. **Therefore mind not high things, but fear, and condescend to men of low degree**; for the fear of the Lord keeps the heart clean, and the **pure in heart see God**.

And, friends, **spread yourselves abroad**, that ye may be serviceable for the Lord and his truth, and get over the head of the wicked, and **trample all that which is contrary to God under your feet**; that ye may answer that of God in every one. And **him, who was promised to be the covenant of God to the Gentiles**, and the new **covenant to the Jews**, hold forth to them both; that all may know him their leader to God, and the prisoner to come forth unto him.

G. F.

Epistle 65

This is the word of the Lord to all Friends, and fellow-labourers in the truth, who are **subduing the earth**, and its earthly knowledge, and its carnal wisdom, and beating down and **threshing down that, in hope to get forth the wheat, and to be**

made partakers of your hope; I charge you all, dwell in the light, which doth comprehend the world, their evil ways, their **will worships**, what they worship, and what is their end in all their actions: so that ye may yoke the oxen, and bridle the horses, and tame the wild heifers, and bring them to **Christ's yoke**, that is, to the light; bring every one unto it, to see their way to salvation, and with it every one may know their condemnation, who act contrary to it. Wait all on the Lord, that ye may be settled and stayed in the Lord, and to grow up in the light, that gave forth the scriptures; that there may be no stumbling about the words which came from the light.

2 Ti. 3:16 For no creature can **read the scriptures to profit thereby**, but who come to the light and spirit that gave them forth.

Love the truth more than all, and go on in the mighty power of God, as good soldiers of Christ, well fixed in his glorious gospel, and in his word and power; that ye may know him, the life and salvation, and bring up others into it.

G. F.

Epistle 66

All Friends, meet together in the light, that with it ye may see the Father of life amongst you in your meetings. And so, the Lord God of power be with you, and keep you.

Gen. 1:26 And the Lord God Almighty give you **dominion over the beasts of the field, and the fowls of the air, the fishes in the sea, and all creeping things**. And the Lord God Almighty be with you all! Farewell.

And all live in peace, in love, in life, and in the power of the Lord God, and keep your meetings, every one of you waiting in the power of God upon him; that in it ye may **have unity with God, the Father, and the son, and one with another**.

And, dear friends, let wisdom guide you in patience, and do not strive with any in meetings; but dwell in the power of the Lord God, that can **bear and suffer all things**. And **make no strife** among Friends, but live in **that which makes for peace, and love, and life, in which edification is known**.

G. F.

Epistle 67 - To Friends, concerning marriages.

Whom God joineth together, are with the light (which is eternal) in the unity, in **the covenant of life and of peace, and this marriage is honourable, and this bed is not defiled.** For the light leads from all whoredom and adultery, which God will judge. For there is no marriage honourable, but what is in the Lord, and that is in the light; with which light the covenant of life is known and seen, and the **faith in Jesus (the gift of God)** is received: and they that forbid marriage, are out of the light, and in the **doctrine of devils.** And they who are in the light, **“whom God doth join together, let no man put them asunder;”** for they that seek to do so, are in that nature which acts contrary to the light. And this marriage, which is honourable with the children of the light, is seen and known, who are in the covenant of light, and with the light are turned to the Lord Jesus Christ, who **leads from all the works of darkness. And none who are in the light, are afraid of their deeds being tried, but they bring them to the light, to be tried, whether their works be wrought in God.** Now who follow the **motions of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of their will, and go into the lust of the flesh,** such are adulterated from the light, and their marriage is not honourable, and the children of the light cannot approve of them. But whom God doth join together, they are led from the evil motions of the flesh; and the children of the light do approve of and justify them. And who follow the motions of the flesh, are in the eagerness, lust, extremes, excess, and the hastiness; and that **mind is afraid to declare its work; though afterwards is forced by constraint:** and that the children of light cannot justify, which is done in that nature contrary to the light. Therefore the joining together in the light, the children of the light do honour and justify, and the light doth not hide from its own; but the darkness hides from the light, and is afraid to be reprov'd. Therefore, all ye children of the light, **let your light so shine before men,** that the marriage which is honourable may be witnessed, and all that is contrary to the light, condemned. Therefore let all proceedings in such things, where they are intended, be declared to the children of light, that therewith they may have unity, and all the motions and works of the flesh may be condemned, and that the pretence of the spirit's moving may not be a cloak or cover for the beastly lust; but that all such proceedings may be searched into by the light,

Mal. 2:5
Heb. 13:4

Eph. 2:8

1 Ti. 4:1
Mat. 19:6

Rom. 13:12
John 3:21

Rom. 7:5
Eph. 2:3

1 Co. 3:13

Mat. 5:16

and tried whether they stand in or out of the covenant.

Let this be read amongst all Friends. The God of peace and love be with you, that to the Lord of life ye may all be a sweet savour, and in the wisdom of the Lord ye may all be kept; watching one over another in that which is pure, and waiting for the appearing of that which is good.

G. F.

Epistle 68

Friends,— Know the life and power of God in yourselves, and one in another, and to that power be obedient, to thresh down all deceit within and without you in wisdom, and in that dwell which comprehends the world; and know the rest, which is for the people of God, which he that believeth hath entered into. So know the life that stands in God; and all know the power of God, **for that power shall never be shaken nor change, but will shake down all that must be shaken and will change.** So in that the Lord God Almighty preserve you, which giveth you to see, where there is **no changing nor shadow.**

G. F.

Epistle 69 - To Friends at Malton.

All my dear friends at Malton,— Mind that which is pure in you, that ye may grow up in the power, out of the form. And take heed of deceit, and of jarring one with another; take heed of strife and confusion in your minds. But mind the pure life of God in you, according to your measures, to guide you up to God out of the flesh, and all the ways and works of it, within and without, which that which is pure and holy, calls all unto. So all walk in the wisdom of God, which is given into the pure heart, **that none of your nakedness may appear, and men see your shame;** but all wait in the spirit upon God the Father of spirits, to be clothed with his righteousness. So God Almighty keep you and bless you; the blessing of the Lord be with you and among you! I am with you, **present in spirit, (joying and beholding your faith towards God, which ye have in Jesus Chxist,) though absent in body.** And all Friends, **quench not the spirit** of God in you, but live in the authority of the son of God and his power, whereby ye may be kept on top of the world.

G. F.

Epistle 70

Friends,— I do judge all that in all, which is contrary to the life and power of God, even the ground and root of all jars and strife, which is not of God, but is out of the life of God; I judge its beginning and its ending, and judged it is by the light. And I do judge with the spirit of truth all foolishness, hastiness, and strife, which are not of God. And all friends, wait in the measure of the spirit of God, to guide you up to God, and keep you all in peace and unity.

Postscript.— Heed nothing but the life and power of the Lord God; for all that is out of it, is and will be confounded.

G. F.

Epistle 71 - To Friends, to live in the power of God, in Christ that never fell.

Dear Friends,— All be faithful in the everlasting seed, in which ye have life and power, dominion and wisdom, and clothing with that which is immortal, and the blessing of the Lord, and peace in the seed, **Christ, that never fell nor changed, nor will change**; in whom ye have peace, in whom ye have blessings, who takes away the curse. For the peace is in the **second Adam** that never fell, Christ Jesus, and the blessings and the righteousness are in him; but the troubles, and the curse, and the unrighteousness and misery are in Adam in the fall, and all deceitful teachings, ways, and worships. And so, sit not down in Adam in the fall, but in Christ Jesus that never fell, (then in him ye will all have life,) that was with the Father before the world began. He ends all the types, figures, and shadows, first covenant, and priesthood, and ways in the fall, in old Adam, Christ that never fell, **who is the way, who is the substance**; in him (I say) sit down, and then ye will be all found in the endless life. For **Adam lost his habitation and Eve**, and the apostate christians from the righteousness, from the law, and from the power of God. Therefore ye that are come to Christ Jesus the substance, the end of the prophets, in whom ye have life, (as I said before,) which was with the Father before

1 Pe. 2:22

Heb. 13:8

1 Co. 15:45-47

John 14:6

Heb. 10:34

Gen. 3:23

the world began, in him live, and love one another, and **serve one another in love**, and in the fear and wisdom of God, that is above Gal. 5:13
 Jam. 3:15 Adam and Eve's sons and daughters' **sensual, devilish wisdom**
 Mat. 18:20 in the fall. And so **keep your meetings in the name of Christ Jesus**, that never fell, then ye will see over all the meetings of Adam and Eve's sons and daughters in the fall, their confused meetings and gatherings, who are out of the **habitation of righteousness and holiness**, and so out of peace. So in the life (Christ) live, in whom ye have peace, keeping your habitation in him; that none be
 Job 8:6 as the **untimely figs**, nor as the **corn upon the house top, that is soon withered and gone**. But that ye may live in the seed,
 Isa. 63:15 the substance, Christ the life, in whom ye have riches that never fade away; feeding upon the **tree of life, whose leaves heal the nations**. So live in unity one with another in the life, Christ Jesus, that the seed may be all your crowns. And so farewell. My love to all Friends in the seed of God, Christ Jesus, who was with the Father before the world began.

G. F.

And Friends, in the measure of life, which the Father of life hath given you, wait, with it to be guided; that ye all may profit in the life and spirit, that the fruits of it may appear, to the glory of the Father of life.

G. F.

Epistle 72 - To Friends in the North.

Friends, see that all friends professing truth thereaways, be kept in order, that no confusion, no pride, filthiness, nor uncleanness be amongst you; but with the light let all that be judged down and condemned, and cast out, that all in that which is pure may patiently wait to inherit the substance. And in that dwell which doth bring out of the shadows, types, traditions, ungodliness, unrighteousness, pride, filthiness, lust, and uncleanness. So, the mighty power of the Lord God be with you all, and keep you.

And all Friends, dwell in the life which comes from God, the Father of life, that with it ye may see God, and all may be nourished and fed with the living food which comes from the living God. Ye babes of God, dwell in the wisdom of God, and in grace, that ye may grow up in the wisdom and the grace of God. So, the mighty power of the Lord be with you all, and keep you in obedience to the light, out of the evil of the world; which light doth condemn it.

“Let this go to all them that dwell in the light, whose minds are turned towards Jesus, the way to the Father;” let that be burnt up which the light doth discover to be evil, and condemns it. And to you this is the word of the Lord.

G. F.

Epistle 73 - Concerning Tithes.

All Friends, who are in the eternal light, ye see the figures, the shadows, and the types, (the beginning and ending of them,) and with the light ye come to see the substance of the things shadowed and figured forth. So all in the light dwell, that with it ye may come to know the ministry of life, and the **ministry of condemnation**; 2 Co. 3:9 that with the light ye may come to witness the substance, Christ Jesus. And with the light ye will see what the apostle meant, when he spoke of tithes and offerings, and of the changeable priesthood, and when he spake of the substance of those things he had before spoken of; who with the light denied the first priesthood, the tithes and offerings that were changeable. And now, with the light, the changeable priests are denied, and the unchangeable ministry of life witnessed; and the law that gave tithes, and the commands about them (with the light, ye see) are ended. And with the light God is seen, who was before those things were; and the end of those things ye come to see, Christ Jesus, the sum and the substance of them. So all ye that are summoned with writs (which come from the courts above) to answer, because ye cannot pay tithes, keep to the light in you, which comes from Jesus Christ; that with the light ye may all come to see Jesus, the sum and substance, and the end of all the before mentioned tithes and offerings. And so, according to the light of Christ in them all, speak, that to it their minds may be guided; and declare the truth to them, which is agreeable to that of God in every one’s conscience. And bear witness to the sum and substance, Christ Jesus, and show forth that to them all. And declare it to the highest judicature in the nation, when ye suffer for the testimony of Jesus, that ye witness to the substance, Christ Jesus, who is **ascended far above all the principalities and powers**; and that ye witness to the ministry of life. Col. 1:16 And show forth the substance to them, (if ye have an opportunity,) showing to them, that ye suffer for conscience sake. And so over the world stand, and over all their evil works, and bring all men’s works to the light. And being guided by the light, it will let you join to none of their vain inventions, that are acted and made in that

nature that is contrary to the light; it will bring you to witness the sum and substance, Christ Jesus, over all the world. And so, if the spoilers take your goods, let them go, and **let them take the coat** also. And keeping to the light which comes from Jesus, to that of God in every one's conscience ye will be manifest; and keeping clear your consciences, with it all that which is contrary will be condemned. And so, every one keeping to the light, it will let you pay no tithes to the hirelings, nor join with them therein; but it will bring you to witness the sum and substance, Christ Jesus. For the tithes and offerings were ministered in the first priesthood's time, and it was glorious in its place; but with the light was and is seen, the beginning, their time, and the end of them, and with the light, the sum and substance, Christ Jesus is witnessed. And all in the light dwell to guide you, that to that of God in all consciences ye may be made manifest; that they that imprison you for tithes, and resist the light of Christ in their own particulars, that over them all ye may stand; being guided by that which is pure, that it may lead you to act, that no condemnation upon your actions may come. For who contrary to the light doth act, upon your actions condemnation doth come. That so over all the world ye may stand in the light, which doth comprehend and condemn it; and with it ye may witness the end of the shadows. And unto you this is the word of the Lord God. And none act any thing in your own wills. But who act contrary to the light, and pay tithes, go to the changeable; and with the unchangeable are cast out from the **children of light**. And so the children of light are one in the light, and with the light see **the body, and Christ Jesus the head**, and are **all one in him**. Where did any sue one another for tithes under the first priesthood? But with the light the primitive christians witnessed Christ Jesus, the substance of the things typified in the first priesthood's time. To the light of Christ Jesus in all your consciences, which comes from Christ, I speak, that ye may see what ye act; and that such as are sued for tithes, may look to the sum and substance, the unchangeable priest Christ Jesus.

G. F.

Epistle 74

My dear friends, live in the immortal seed and power of the Lord God, that ye may meet in that, and in that feel one another. And live in the **spirit, in which ye will have unity and peace**, and

the spiritual weapons, to cut down the spiritual enemies of your peace. And dwell in the life and power of God, that ye may have dominion, and come to witness that ye are the heirs of the **power of an endless life**, and of a world whereof there is no end; and so in this keep your meetings. And dwell in the peaceable seed, which destroyeth **that which causeth troubles, wars, and fightings**; in that dwell, which was before that was, in that will ye have life and peace everlasting. Heb. 7:16

And living in the seed. ye will see the everlasting commander, that saith, "**Swear not at all**;" and the witnesses of the true seed say the same. And this is the command of the royal seed, which is the everlasting **commander among the believers, and to all others**; and they that believe not in the light, it condemns them, being in the evil. The oath bound to God in the time of the law and the prophets; but Christ, the oath of God, the everlasting covenant, ends the law and prophets, who bringeth up to God, and **destroyeth the devil**, and endeth strife and oaths, and fulfils the law and the prophets. Mat. 5:34
Isa. 55:4
Heb. 2:14

And the everlasting command of the royal seed is, **to love enemies**, (which the Jews were allowed to destroy,) for **ye are all brethren**, not ruling in lordship, like Jews and Gentiles, but **the greatest shall be as the least among you**; for the seed is one in all, and that is the master, who destroyeth the devil. And **to respect men's persons is a transgression of the royal law**; let there be no such thing among you. But let every one **believe in the light, and then in it see their salvation**; and **ye will receive power to become the sons of God**. Let no one have but one wife, for Christ hath but one, his church, which is his people. Mat. 5:44
Mat. 23:8
Mat. 23:11
Jam. 2:9
Isa. 52:10
John 1:12

So in the power and in the bed of purity, in the singleness of virginity, and in the **beauty of holiness** live, where righteousness, and holiness, and truth dwell together, and peace in the kingdom of power, where is the everlasting joy, peace, and dominion, and victory, where the **bed is not defiled, but the marriage that is honourable is known**; in that live. Ps. 29:2
Heb. 13:4

About am I compassed with the virgins pure, and the undefiled ones are my joy. **The virgins trimmed with oil in their lamps, enter in with the bridegroom**. And all ye virgins pure, lose not the ornaments of the Lord, but wait, that ye may be **married to the lamb in the everlasting marriage**, and remain with him in the world that is without end. Mat. 25:1-10
Rev. 19:7

Epistle 75

Gal. 5:13 Dearly beloved friends and brethren, in the power, and life, and seed of God all dwell, **servng one another in love** and in the wisdom of God, that with it ye may be ordered to the glory of the Lord God; that nothing may reign but life itself, and in it be faithful. Keep all your meetings, and know the power of the Lord God among you all.

Ye must do nothing for the Lord by earthly policy, nor trust to that; but wait in the power of the Lord God, and be ordered by that to his glory. Ye will never be right, till then, and that most keep peace among you.

Rom. 11:20 And **take heed of highmindedness**, for that will puff up that part which should not be exalted; and if that come up to rule which is for judgment, then it will do hurt. But **when he comes to reign whose right it is**, then **peace and good will are unto all men**; and **no hurt in all the holy mountain of the Lord** is seen.

Eze. 21:27
 Luke 2:14
 Isa. 11:9

G. F.

Epistle 76

1 Co. 2:12 O all Friends! in the unchangeable life and power, and seed of God live, and be out of the low, earthly, changeable **spirit of the world**, which is given to **changing and tossing, and tempest and waves, by which dirt is cast up**. Oh! therefore, the life and power of God and his seed live in, which never changeth, by which every one may stand in the power of God, and in his life and wisdom, through which ye may all live. And stand steadfast in the unchangeable life and seed of God, which was before changings and alterings were; and which will remain when they all are gone.

So, God Almighty in that preserve you, in which ye may have the blessing among you, and God's wisdom to order you, (both men and women,) to his glory; that so in his fear ye may be preserved to the glory of God, in his wisdom and life, in that which doth not change, in which ye may feel the unchangeable fellowship.

And friends, be wise and low, and take heed of abusing the power of God; but live in it, in the still life, patient, to the answering the good in all, to the refreshing one of another, and not to the stumbling. But mind that which keepeth in unity, in the life, though never so little.

G. F.

Epistle 77

Friends, in the measure of the life of God wait, to guide your minds up to the Father of life, where there is **no shadow nor changing**. As ye come hither, ye must know a removing and changing of that which will change, with that which doth not change; to that take heed to guide all your minds, that **none be found naked**. For who are found naked, they are in **that which hath an end, and doth change, and that causeth blindness**. And therefore to you all this is the word of the Lord: in the measure of the life wait, that it may join your hearts unto the Father of life, that **clothing and righteousness ye all may come to receive**, and come to **feel your strength renewed** from the God of all strength, to every one of you according to your measure, and see him that shows mercy. And so live in peace, which comes from the God of all peace, who **bruises satan under your feet**, who hath ruled. So here **the love of God will come to be shed abroad in your hearts**, which love is one, and doth not change: in it dwell, and grow and abound, that over all that which is contrary to the Lord of life, **who destroys death**, ye may reign every one over your own hearts, and lusts, end vile affections, and your former vile conversation, disposition, and nature, and wills. So that ye may come to know the saints' state, unto whom **all things were become new, and the old things were passed away**; and that which doth not change, which is new, that mind, to guide all your minds up to the living God, from whence light, life, and power come. So in it the Lord God of life preserve you, that **to him ye may be a sweet smelling savour**; for that which will corrupt, and doth corrupt, and will grow ragged, and **come to be torn, and will die of itself**, and will wither, fade, and stink in the nostrils of God, is that which is contrary to the measure of the life of God, and is with the light condemned. Therefore wait, (I do warn you all in the presence of the living God,) in the measure of the life of God, in it to grow up in love, in virtue, and in immortality, in that which doth not fade, which joins and unites your hearts together; and that all that may with the light be condemned, which is contrary to it. For **that which doth defile, is out of God's kingdom**, and is with the light seen and condemned; **in which light the children of the light walk**, and **have unity one with another**, and with the son of God, from whence it comes.

Jam. 1:17

2 Co. 5:3

2 Co. 4:4

Isa. 61:10

Isa. 40:31

Rom. 16:20

Rom. 5:5

1 Co. 15:26

2 Co. 5:17

2 Co. 2:15

Lev. 22:8

Rev. 21:27

Eph. 5:8

1 Jn. 1:7

And, my dear friends, keep your meetings, and ye will feel the seed of God among you all, though never a word be spoken among you. But be faithful, that ye may answer that of God in every one. **And do not neglect your talents, but be faithful in the power and life of God, which ye have received.** And dwell in the life, and power, and love of God one with another.

G. F.

Epistle 78

Friends, in the power and life of God dwell, in unity one with another, that with the life of God ye may answer that of God in every one. And keep down and low, that nothing may reign but life among you; and unto the power of God be obedient. And, friends, the going from the life and power into the changeable things, there is the strife, which the life is over; by which power of God all things were made, wherein wisdom is received to order all things to his glory. So, the seed, Christ, in you all know, which goes over the earth, and inherits the promise of God; that ye may be all heirs of the promise of God. And cease from your own words, but in the power live; for it breaks down rocks, mountains, old and sandy foundations, and the bond of iniquity, and makes up the breach between God and man, and breaks down that which made the breach. So the seed know one in another, which seed is Christ; who according to the flesh was of Abraham, and according to the spirit, the son of God. And this is the word of the Lord God to all Friends, and a charge to you from the Lord God, to live in peace one with another, and that the peace, life, and wisdom of God may rule you all.

G. F.

Epistle 79 - To all Friends, to abide in their callings.

To all dear Friends, who are called, who are enlightened, when minds are turned from the world's worships and teachers, having your eye to the light and guide within, which is leading you out of this dark world, and your old, vain conversations, towards God and the world which is without end; **mercy and peace from God the Father be multiplied among you!** Every one of you

abide in your calling, waiting upon God where he hath called you. And **take heed of reasoning with flesh and blood**, for there disobedience, pride, and presumption will arise; and there ye will grow up to be **trees that bear no fruit**, and as a **fig tree which beareth leaves and no fruit**, and as **wells without water**. Oh! therefore, mind the pure, which would lead you out of this corruptible, heathenish, dark world and its vain ways, and from destruction and death to life. And so the Lord God of power bless you, guide you, and preserve you on in your way towards the holy city, being called out of the unholy city; for **he that hath called you is holy**. Now **many are called but few are chosen**. Oh! therefore, abide in that which hath called you, (which is holy and pure,) up to him who is holy and pure, and let the time past of your evil ways be sufficient, wherein ye have lived in wickedness, and in the ways of **this untoward generation: lest your minds turn back into Egypt** and the world, and so **cause the worthy name of the Lord to be blasphemed, (which hath called you,)** by turning aside, and growing into hardness of heart, and turning from a pure conscience, and **making shipwreck of it, and of faith**. For ye may see, how far many may go, and did go, and were led out of many things; yet did turn again into the world. So mind your present guide, and your present condition, and your call, what ye are called from, and what ye are called to; for **whom the Lord hath called and chosen, are the Lord's freeman**. And so, abide every one in your calling with God, where God hath called you, and there **walk in newness of life, and not in the oldness of the letter**; for he that turneth from him that calleth, walks not in the life of God. Therefore, all Friends, walk in the truth and in the love of it up to God; and every one in particular mind your guide, that ye may grow up in wisdom, and **improve your own talents**, and the gift which God hath given you. And take heed of words without life, for they tend to draw you out of the power to live above the truth, and out of your conditions; which nature will not have peace, except it have words. But every particular submit to that which is of God in you, to guide you to God. And be ye all servants to the truth, and diligent in your callings, and **serve one another in love**, in which ye can **wash one another's feet**. So, serve one another in love, and do not lavish out yourselves

1 Co. 7:20
 Gal. 1:16
 Jude 1:12
 Mark 11:13
 2 Pe. 2:17
 1 Pe. 1:15
 Mat. 22:14
 Acts 2:40
 Acts 7:39
 Jam. 2:7
 1 Ti. 1:19
 1 Co. 7:22
 Rom. 6:4
 Rom. 7:6
 Mat. 25:14-30
 Gal. 5:13
 John 13:14

without the fear of God; such are **clouds without water**, which have the **words but not the power, flown up into the air**; which have a light, and yet are as **wandering stars**, which lead up into the presumption; and thou that art there, **thy garments are defiled**, for thou goest from the spirit which should sanctify thee; for **ye are sanctified through obedience to the spirit**. Therefore every particular, walk in the spirit and obey it, then ye will all have unity one with another in the spirit, and ye will see, **knowledge, tongues and prophecies shall cease**; but he that cometh to the end, to him who openeth all truth, is blessed.

Jude 1:12
1 Co. 14:9
Jude 1:13
Rev. 3:4

Therefore, all friends, obey that which is pure within you, and know one another in that which brings you to wait upon the Lord; that ye may all witness a living soul, and yourselves to be come out of death. For these things ye must all find within, there is your peace, and there refreshing comes into your souls from the Lord. And standing still in the light within, and therein waiting, ye will see your saviour, Christ Jesus, raising you up out of death; by which work he is glorified. For the works of the Lord praise him, which are wondrous to the world. Now every one in particular, mind the pure in you, for the **chaste virgins follow Jesus Christ, the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world**; and who are not chaste, will not follow him. For that in every particular of you, which is not chaste, will not submit to the pure, which would guide you to God, but rather submit to their own thoughts, and follow them, and run after them and their own wills, and seek to accomplish them; and so run out into that generation **whose thoughts were not as God's thoughts, nor ways as God's ways**. Therefore watch all, and **abide all in your callings**; the light is that which will let you see your transgression and your running aside, and the by-paths and crooked ways, and the **generation of serpents and vipers**. And this light is Christ, which showeth these things. Now, before these things be known and judged of aright, **judgment must be brought forth into victory**, and set up in the earth, where this state is witnessed.

Now the woman, (which is the church,) must be subject to her husband in all things. Jesus Christ is the husband; in every thing she must be subject to him. Who are in the flesh know nothing of this in the first nature, for it is **the mystery which the apostle speaks of**; and so it is a mystery still, but where it is opened and made manifest, such are subject to the husband Christ Jesus. Now take heed of getting these words into the comprehension, and the light mind speaking them, there

1 Pe. 1:2

1 Co. 13:8

2 Co. 11:2

John 1:29

Isa. 55:8

1 Co. 7:20

Mat. 23:33

Mat. 12:20

Eph. 5:23-24

Eph. 5:32

is danger; but that ye may all wait to be comprehended of, and to walk in the truth. My little children in the Lord God Almighty, this is my joy, that ye be all ordered and guided by the mighty power of God, and dwell in it, and know it in one another, and know the voice that speaketh, and the sound of the words, and power of them. For words without power destroy the simplicity, and bring up into a form, and out of the obedience of the truth. And therefore, walk in the power of the truth, that the name of the Lord God may be glorified among you, and his renown may be soon in you and among you, and all the world may be astonished, and the Lord admired in ordering of his people, who are guided by his wisdom, and in it found. And take heed of running out, to make conceited ones wise; for then thou wilt consume that which the Lord hath given thee upon their lusts, and so **give holy things unto dogs, and a pearl to a swine** for want of wisdom, and savour, and salt, and discerning. Therefore **have salt in yourselves, and be low in heart; the light is low in you, and it will teach you to be low**, and to learn that lesson of Jesus Christ, to the plucking down all the high thoughts and imaginations. And take heed of strife in your minds; and if there be, then glory not, for it is the vain mind, and it is not good. Let no strife be amongst you, and **let none seek for the highest place**, for there is the separated Pharisee; but be lowly-minded, **condescending one to another in a low degree**, and bear one with another in patience; and **be not high-minded, but fear**. And all who are servants, labour in love, as unto God, for **“the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof;”** and **labour in singleness, as unto the Lord**. And all who have families, rule in the power and love of God, that that love may be head among you. For the time is coming, that it shall be, **“as with the servant, so with the master; and as with the maid, so with her mistress.”** For it is one seed that hath raised them up with one power, out of one grave, one death, which seed all the promises of God are to; and as thou passest out of death, thou shall witness the promises of God fulfilled, which are to the seed, destroying the one and raising up the other in thee. So all Friends, this is to you who know the voice of the living God, and know your calling, **stand fast, and waver not, lest ye lose your recompense of reward**; but stand fast, that ye may receive the recompense of reward. For God is just in all his ways, and **abideth faithful. Turn not aside, lest he whet his sword,** and cut you asunder; for ye that do, the wo followeth you.

Mat. 7:6

Mark 9:50

Mat. 11:29

Luke 20:46

Rom. 12:16

Rom. 11:20

Ps. 24:1

Eph. 6:5

Isa. 24:2

Heb. 10:35

2 Ti. 2:13

Ps. 7:12

Therefore, all Friends, mind that which is of God in you, which is pure, which is but one, to guide you to the Father of life, who gives you food, and raiment, and strength; that ye may gather strength, and flourish, and **your souls delight themselves in fatness**, and feed and eat of the abundance of riches with him and from him which filleth all things, and of **the daily bread which cometh from above, which none can feed upon, but who are above the world**; for who are below, never could nor would, but are ready to stone them that confess, they eat of the bread of life, and would give of it to them. Dear friends, **wait upon the Lord**, that all of you may grow up in the inward man, and be comforted and cherished there, in the things that be eternal. So with bowels of love to you all, I rest.

Read this among Friends, who have an understanding, and are called of the Lord; and so farewell!

And stand in the will of the Lord, and be obedient to him. And the **grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, which teacheth you to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, that grace fill and establish your hearts**, that your hearts may grow up in that grace to God, from whence all gifts and graces come. Amen.

And all Friends, take heed of **unruliness, and vain talking and talkers**, for such are not obedient to the truth; therefore avoid and **shun it and them**.

G. F.

Chapter 5

Epistles 80-109 (1655)

Epistle 80 - To seek the kingdom of God first.

Friends, **seek the kingdom of God first, and the righteousness thereof, and those things, “what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, and wherewith ye shall be clothed,” will be added, and will follow. Therefore take no thought, what ye shall eat, nor what ye shall drink, nor wherewithal ye shall be clothed; for the Gentiles seek after these things,** who seek not after the kingdom of God and the righteousness of it. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and the righteousness of it. **And consider the lilies of the field, and who clothes the earth with grass, and who feeds the young ravens, when they cry.** And the kingdom of heaven being sought after, and the righteousness of it, he that is here lives out of the creatures up to the Creator, which differs him from the people of the world, who take thought, (which thoughts they live in,) “what they shall eat, what they shall drink, and what they shall put on.” And they that be there, are out of the wisdom of God, which the saints are in, that have sought and found the kingdom of God and his righteousness; which (wisdom) brings them to use the creatures to his glory; whether they eat, or **whether they drink, all is done to the praise and glory of God.** Such as abide there, **can do nothing against the truth,** which truth hath made them free indeed; who **into the kingdom of the dear son of God are come,** which is without end, who over the kingdoms of the world reigneth.

Mat. 6:31-33

Mat. 6:28-30

Ps. 147:9

1 Co. 10:31

2 Co. 13:8

Col. 1:13

G. F.

Epistle 81

All Friends every where, to you this is the word of the Lord
 Gal. 3:29 God: dwell in the life and power of God, and the **seed of God, which inheriteth the promise of God**; that all light, hasty, airy, drunken spirits may be limited and stopped, and judged, and all foolishness and unsavouriness, and confusion, (which causeth distraction,) the cause of it may be taken away, and all ye kept in the authority and power of the truth that know the power of God manifested among you. And ye knowing it, and the life, dwell all in it, and abuse it in nowise; but wait for this wisdom of God, that it may be **justified of her children**, and God glorified, and honoured, and exalted, and the **preciousness of his truth considered well of, which ye have bought; and do not sell it** for changeable things, for things that pass away, and subsist but for a time. But as the glorious truth is springing and manifest among
 Eph. 4:1 you all, live and **walk worthy of what ye are called unto**, the
 Php. 3:14 **high calling in God and Christ Jesus** above all the world, out of all that which doth change, where the life that is immortal is felt, and **a crown that fadeth not away**, a **crown of life** that endureth for ever! Live in the dominion of **the life that is hid in God**, and every particular know it in one another. And live
 1 Pe. 5:4 in the power of God, and of life, that ye may see over the **day of tempest, over the day of darkness, and blackness, and mists**: and feel, and know, and come into that which comprehends the world; that ye all may be guided with wisdom, and ordered to God's glory. And be all obedient to the truth, which all the enmity is out of; and know the life of God in you all, that with it ye may all be guided, and your hearts joined together up to God, the Father
 Heb. 7:16 of life; that ye may all be inheritors of the **power of an endless life**, and of the world, where there is no end, and possessors of substance. And feel the seed of God in you all, which inherits the promise from God; **which seed is atop of the serpent's head. And keep that under that feeds upon dust**, which the glory and life are over; which seed breaks the strength of all men, and inherits the strength of the Almighty, the possessor of heaven and earth; which seed is Christ, that gives the dominion over the first Adam, over the earthly, and brings down all that which stains. So feel the seed, which is Christ in you all, and ye all will feel the
 John 1:29 **Lamb of God "which taketh away the sine of the world,"**

who gives to see, **where there is no shadow, nor change nor altering, nor variableness** wherein ye all may come to inherit the blessings from God, and come into the **living way**. For whose way dies, they err from the living principle of God in them; for who walk in the way that lives, they **answer the principle of God in every man**; though they act contrary to it that are in the way that dies, and do not live, but change and alter: and to you this is the word of the Lord. So the **Lamb must get the victory** in every one of you, which is **Christ in the male and in the female**; who brings into the **Father's house**, (from all the **congregations of the dead**, and their houses of darkness,) wherein every one comes to have his mansion, and his food of life from God the Father of life, who is blessed for evermore! Whose kingdom and glory is revealed and revealing, and setting up in the life, and power, and wisdom of God. The Lord God Almighty preserve and keep you all in love, in peace and unity one with another, in the light and covenant with God, and one with another; **which light is the condemnation of all that hate it**.

Jam. 1:17

Heb. 10:20

Col. 4:6

Rev. 17:14

Gal. 3:28

John 14:2

Pro. 21:16

John 3:19

And my dear lambs, and babes, and plants of the Lord God, dwell every one of you in your own, that ye may feel the precious springs of God.

And, friends, all dwell in the authority of the truth, the power of the son of God, and feel the power and dread of the Lamb, which is to subdue all other powers. **All power in heaven and in earth is given to the son**; and his authority stands over the world, and will subdue it, and **make the kingdoms of the world to become the kingdom of the son of God**. So, live in love, meekness, patience, and in the power and wisdom of God, which are over all the world.

Mat. 28:18

Rev. 11:15

Sound, sound the trumpet of the Lord of hosts, whose terrible day is come and coming, and pleading with all flesh by fire and sword.

Joel 2:1

Isa. 66:16

The mighty day of the Lord is coming upon all flesh, that all hearts shall be ripped up and made manifest: therefore whilst ye have time, repent.

This is the message of the Lord to all nations, let all your laws be according to that of God in all consciences.

Epistle 82

The word of the Lord to all Friends, who are brought into the eternal truth of God, whose minds are guided out of the earth up to the Lord, (whose it is,) and have received wisdom from God; that with it ye may come to know how to order the creation with the wisdom by which all things were made. This I charge you and warn you all in the fear of the living God, that no creatures be destroyed through slothfulness, laziness, and filthiness, nor upon the lust; for if ye let that rule and be set up, that is for condemnation, and that which sets it up, is for condemnation with the light, that leads to the wisdom, by which the creation must be ordered. And, friends, to the light in you all I speak: see that there be no slothfulness amongst you, but all keep in diligence and liveliness; for he that is slothful, and gets the form, may have an easeful mind, but is an evil example: and all such must be judged with the light, that they may come to know the servant's place, and be diligent. And such who have gone up and down a begging, if ye have received any such amongst you, with the light, which hath convinced them, see that they be kept in diligence, and not suffered to wander, but be kept in obedience to tho light, to receive the wisdom from God, how to labour in the creation; and see that they have things decent and necessary, and their nakedness covered, that no reproach nor shame may come upon the truth amongst such as are without; but that with the light all such may be condemned who act contrary to it: that in the light which condemns the world, ye may walk, and receive the light of the son of God, which the world stumbles at, which is their condemnation, and in which the saints have unity. And all being kept diligent, and walking in the light, there will be no slothfulness; and then none shall have self-ends in receiving any, but those ends shall be judged with the light which is eternal. Nor no one can come in amongst you, which hath such ends, to make a prey upon you; but ye dwelling in the light which is eternal, he is judged, and his self-ends, with the light which is eternal; which is one with the light in his conscience, which condemns him. Then if he own his condemnation, he is to be received amongst you in the light, in which ye all have unity with Christ and with God. And to you this is the counsel of God.

G. F.

To go amongst Friends every where.

Epistle 83

Dear friends in the eternal truth of God, whose minds by the light of Jesus Christ are turned towards God, meet often together in the fear of the Lord, and to the light take heed, that with it all your minds may he kept up to God, from whence it comes. And in all your meetigs wait low in his fear, that ye may come to know the life and power of truth one in another. And all ye whom the **Lord hath made overseers over his church in your several places, be faithful to the Lord, and watch over the flock of Christ with all diligence; ye which are strong watch over the weak**, and stir up that which is pure one in another; see that all your meetings be kept in order. Be faithful unto the Lord where he hath set you, and **ye shall not lose your reward. Servants, be faithful unto your masters, not with eye service, serving them as men pleasers, but in singleness of heart, as unto the Lord**; that ye may come to **undo the heavy burdens**; being faithful in your places, where the Lord hath set you, there is your right service. And take heed of forward minds, and of running out before your guide, for that leads out into looseness; and such plead for liberty, and run out in their wills, and **bring dishonour to the Lord**; and the unbridled will gets at liberty, and an exalted spirit gets up, and pride, and haughtiness, and high words. And such are they who add to the burden, and do not take it off. Therefore all wait low in the fear of the Lord, and be not hasty nor rash, but see the way be made clear; and as the Lord doth move you, to do, and return with speed, (when ye have done,) to the place where ye were abiding, and be faithful there; that **the truth of God be not evil spoken of** through you, as they speak of vagabonds and wanderers, that it may not be so among you. For such are vagabonds and wanderers, who run before their guide. And **masters rule over your servants in love, with all diligence and meekness, knowing that ye have one master in heaven**. And friends, in all places, where any go abroad, as they pass by examine them, whither they are going, and what about? And if they cannot give a good account, exhort them to return back, and abide faithful in their places until they see their way made clear. So farewell in the Lord. The eternal God of power and wisdom direct and guide you to his eternal praise, that his name may be honoured and glorified in you and through you all! Be diligent every one in your places, where the Lord hath set you, for the work of the Lord is great; and God Almighty keep you to be faithful labourers in his work.

Acts 20:28

Rom. 15:1

Mark 9:41

Col. 3:22

Isa. 58:6

Rom. 2:23

2 Pe. 2:2

Eph. 6:9

From one who is a lover of your souls, and whose care is over the church of God, that it may be kept in order, and that all, that are guided by his spirit, may be led into all good order.

G. F.

London, the 15th of the 3d month, 1655.

Epistle 84 - To Friends, to sit under their own vine.

My dear Friends, sit every one of you under your own vine, and there none shall make you afraid; and in that ye will bring forth fruit to God abundantly, to his Praise. And as ye abide in the vine, ye will all become heirs of Christ, and come all to know the seed, which is heir of the power of the world where there is no end, and heirs of the kingdom, and so possess that. And live in the seed, the top stone, which was before enmity was, in which ye will feel unity and virtue, and love and peace; in that keep your meetings.

G. F.

Epistle 85 - An Epistle to Friends, that with the light they may see their salvation.

Friends,— All to the light, which Jesus Christ hath enlightened you withal, take heed, that with the light of Christ, the saviour of your souls, ye may all come to see and enjoy rest; and the new covenant ye all witness, **where ye need no man to teach you, saying, know the Lord.** And this light shows you sin, and the evil of the world, and the lust of it, and the **vain fashions of it, that pass away**, and the unrighteousness, and the ungodliness of it; for they are not in covenant with God, but are contrary to the light. and to be condemned with the light. Therefore to the light I direct you, that with it ye may see yourselves; then in it stand, that with it ye may see Jesus, from whence it comes. And join not with your vain thoughts, nor that which doth consult, and set and frame ways; there is the idol maker, and the image maker, and the founder of the images, whom ye will see with the light, if

1 Jn. 2:27

Jer. 31:34

1 Co. 7:31

Jer. 10:14-15 ye take heed to it. And so, the **founder of the image will be destroyed**, and with that **ye will come to hear the voice of the son of God; and who hears his voice shall live. And Stephen, who was stoned to death**, witnessed the substance, and Moses' words fulfilled, who said, "**Like unto me will God raise up a prophet, him shall ye hear.**" He heard this prophet, and **denied the first temple** and priests; and so, to deny that which God had commanded was more than to deny these which God never commanded. Therefore consider in your life time, how much time ye have spent in hearing them, and what assurance ye have of the eternal inheritance which never fades away!

G. F.

Epistle 86 - To Friends in London.

There is something drawing towards you, see to it. Take heed of the earth, and keep atop of that which will cumber the mind; and dwell in love and peace one with another.

G. F.

Epistle 87

Friends,— In the power of the Lord go forth, and gather with it into the fold, and spread the name and truth of the Lord abroad; and in his service be diligent. and for his truth be valiant on the earth, and for his name's sake. And dwell in that which will pierce the hearts of the heathen, and will overturn their heathenish customs, and take away their false covers; and in that power of the Lord be diligent, answering the witness of God in all consciences. And dwell in peace and love amongst yourselves; confound the deceit, and bring the truth over the heads of the heathen, to the answering the witness of God in them all. And that is the word of the Lord to you. And live in the seed, and than ye will feel the ministry of the life and spirit in your own particulars; in which ye may be serviceable to others that are without, and amongst yourselves. And let the heathen know that the plagues, and curses, and wrath, and wo are unto them that live out of the truth; for wrath, envy, and strife is out of the truth, and the vengeance of God is due to them that do not obey it, where is the burning, flaming fire. And let them know that the glory of the Lord is risen.

And walk in the power of the Lord, and in his wisdom, that

in places where ye do come, ye may season them, and be all of a good savour in the hearts of all, and to the Lord a blessing in your generation.

G. F.

Epistle 88

Friends,— Meet together, waiting upon the Lord, that nothing but the life may reign among you; and that in life, love, and wisdom ye may grow up. And in the measure of the grace of God all wait to guide you minds up to God. And all Friends, I do lay it upon you to see, that in order all your meetings be kept. So the Lord God Almighty keep you all to his glory, in his wisdom to himself Amen.

G. F.

To be read among all Friends at their meetings.

Epistle 89 - For Plymouth.

Friends,— Keep your meetings, that in the truth ye may reign, and in the power spread it abroad. And keep in the truth, that ye may see and feel the Lord's presence amongst you; and for it be valiant upon the earth, and know one another in the power of it. So the Lord God Almighty preserve you in his power to his glory! Amen.

G. F.

Epistle 90

Friends, — All ye whose minds are turned with the light towards Jesus Christ, from whence it comes, in it wait, that with it ye may all see Jesus, and all that condemned which is contrary to it; that so by that ye may be kept from all extremes, passions, agonies, and hastiness, presumption, and desperation. For dwelling in the **light which doth never change**, this keeps your minds out of all those things before mentioned, which lead nature out of its true course; and with the light all that is seen and condemned, which is contrary to it. And that which doth condemn, keeps you in peace and order, and leads to the door of mercy, and nature

into its right course, and into the virtue of that word by which the creatures were made, and with it to **use them all to his glory**. Which light is the condemnation of the carnal wisdom and knowledge of the wicked world, and the condemnation of the disobedient, and the **condemnation of them whose deeds are evil, who hate the light**. Which brings to witness the **word to be as fire, to burn up that which is to be condemned, and to the purging of the floor, and burning the chaff with unquenchable fire, and to the gathering of the wheat into the garner**. Therefore, in this light dwell and wait, from which the true words did proceed, that with it all those words may be opened again, and all they condemned with the light which have the words, and act contrary to it; such must **go empty away**. And to you this is the word of the Lord, that ye may come to **have savour and salt in yourselves**. For dwelling in the light, ye will be manifest to the light in their consciences, (though they hate it,) who have the words declared from the light; such go empty away from God, who is light. And all they who abide in the light of the Lord, see all such to be out of the true course of nature, who act contrary to the light, which **defiles the flesh**; and they are such **who were of old ordained to condemnation** with the light.

1 Co. 10:31

John 3:19-20

Jer. 23:29

Mat. 3:12

Luke 1:53

Mark 9:50

Jude 1:8

Jude 1:4

G. F.

Epistle 91 - A General Epistle for Friends, concerning the Priests.

All Friends, in the spirit of the living God wait upon God, to learn of and to be taught by him. For now **doth the beast open his mouth in blasphemy, speaking great swelling words**. And now is the **cage of unclean birds**, and the unclean spirits, which are gone forth into the earth, seen. And now are the **locusts seen, and the caterpillars** known. And now are the **seven thunders** uttering their voices. And now are the **hailstones falling**, and the **vials of the wrath of God** pouring out upon the beast and the false prophet. And now are the **whited walls seen, and the painted sepulchres, who garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, and build the tombs of the prophets, full of dead men's bones**. Now are the **inwardly ravening wolves seen, which have gotten the sheep's clothing**. And now are

Rev. 13:6

2 Pe. 2:18

Rev. 18:2

Ps. 78:46

Rev. 10:3

Rev. 16:21

Rev. 16:1

Mat. 23:27-29

Mat. 7:25

the false prophets seen, which through covetousness make merchandise of the people. And now are the **thistles, and briars, and thorns, where the figs do not grow**, seen. And now are they seen which make merchandise of the words of the prophets, Christ, and the apostles, and **through pretense make long prayers; who devour widows' houses**. And now are such known, who lead silly women captive, who are always learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, some thirty, forty, some sixty years. And now are such known and seen, and manifest with the light, that Christ spake of, that should **beat his followers in the synagogues**, and hale them before magistrates for his name's sake; yea, **if they killed them, should think they did God good service**. And now are such teachers seen and known, that sport themselves in the day-time, and walk after their own ungodly lusts. And now such are seen that go in Cain's way, **who would murder, and do murder in their hearts, who are in envy, who are the vagabonds, and the fugitives**, who have not a habitation in God, who is love. And now are such seen and known, that go in Balaam's way, that love the wages of unrighteousness, gifts and rewards. And now are such seen and known, **that bear rule by their means, and the people love to have it so; holding up the horrible and filthy thing committed in the land**, as in Jeremy. And now are such shepherds seen and known, as **seek for their gain from their quarters**. Now are such seen and known, as **seek for the fleece and the wool, and make a prey upon the people**; and such as are hirelings, which the Lord sent Ezekiel and Micah to cry against. And now are such seen and known, which our Lord Jesus Christ cried wo against; who stand praying in the synagogues, having the chiefest seats in the assemblies, called of men masters, which devour widows' houses. And now are such deceivers seen and known, that **by their lies and lightness have caused the people to err**; which **speak a divination of their own brain, and use their tongues, and say, the Lord sent them, when he never sent them**. And now are the mockers and scorners come, which the scriptures speak of; which **mock, stone, and persecute the children of the light**, as they pass up and down the streets; and many have been almost murdered in the highways and steeple-houses by them. And now is the scripture fulfilled, which saith, **"That the beast and the dragon shall make war against the lamb and the saints;"** for such are manifest now, who are as natural brute beasts, what

2 Pe. 2:1-3
Mat. 7:16

Mat. 23:14

2 Ti. 3:6-7

Acts 22:19
John 16:2

Gen. 4:3-16

1 Jn. 4:16

Jer. 5:30-31

Isa. 56:11
Eze. 34:8

Jer. 23:32
Jer. 14:14
Jer. 23:31-32
2 Ch. 36:16

Rev. 12:17

they know they know naturally, having not the life that gave forth the scriptures; but are found in the self-separation, (from the spirit of God,) having gotten the words, which were declared from the spirit of God, murdering and destroying, (as much as in them lieth,) those that are in the light and life of those **holy men of God, that gave forth the scriptures**. Now the shame of all their profession is seen, which is abomination unto the Lord, who profess the words declared from the light of God, but are strangers to the light and life. And now the unsavoury things are smelled, tasted of and seen to be among many of the professors of religion, who are more like swine rending, and like dogs biting and devouring one another, than like the children of the light. Which doth manifest them to be contrary to the light; which all that are contrary to, with the light are condemned.

2 Pe. 1:21

G. F.

Epistle 92 - To all the seed of Abraham, who suffer for denying the world's customs, and because they cannot hold up the corrupt priesthood that is therein; or for testifying against the world, that the works thereof are evil.

All Friends and brethren every where, that are imprisoned for the truth, give yourselves up in it, and it will make you free, and the power of the Lord will carry you over all the persecutors, which was before they were. For since the beginning hath this persecution got up; therefore live and reign in that power which remains when the other is gone, and in that ye will have peace and unity with God, and one with another, who suffer **“for not putting into the false prophets mouths,”** and for crying against them, and for not swearing, and not giving the world's compliments and **their honour, which the Lord is staining;** and who are suffering for **reproving sin in the gate.** Be faithful in the life and power of the Lord God, and **be valiant for the truth on the earth,** and look not at your sufferings, but at the power of God, and that will bring some good out in all your sufferings; and your imprisonments will reach to the prisoned, that the persecutor prisons in himself. So be faithful in your sufferings in the power of the Lord, who

Mic. 3:5

Isa. 23:9

Isa. 29:21

Jer. 9:3

suffer now by a false priesthood for their tithes, oaths, temples, which have got up since the apostles' days. For as the apostles and true christians suffered for denying the Jewish temple, priesthooth tithes, and oaths, so ye do by the false, and amongst the apostatized christian. who are got up since the apostles' days. So the power, and life, and wisdom of the Lord God Almighty keep you, and
 Rev. 2:10 preserve you, to **finish your testimony to the end, that ye may witness every one of you a crown of life** eternal, in which ye may sing praises to the Lord, and in that triumph! And
 Rev. 17:14 so, be faithful in **that which overcomes, and gives victory.**

G. F.

Epistle 93 - That Friends should have a sense of one another's sufferings.

Friends, in the power of the Lord God live, which goes over the heads of all the world, that so in the power ye may witness forth the truth in their courts; and then if ye suffer, ye by suffering will get dominion over their heads. And lay down and offer up your lives
 John 15:13 for one another. And here is the **love of, and unto the brethren manifest, to lay down their lives one for another.** But the love of Christ is further, he laid down his life for his enemies. So dwell low in the life, that ye may answer that of God in every one.

G. F.

Epistle 94

Friends, I warn and exhort you all in the presence of the Lord God, dwell in the measure which God hath given you of himself; in which is no strife, but unity. Therefore every one of you dwell in it.
 2 Co. 10:13 And this I do warn you of; **“boast not yourselves above your measures,”** but dwell in the truth itself; that with the measure of the living spirit of the living God ye may be guided up to God, in which spirit ye will all have unity, in the least measure of it. And so every one of you judge self, for it would have the mastery; which is to be condemned with the light, in which is unity. So the eternal God of light, and life, and power be with you all, and in you all! And keep from all strife, and above it in love and unity in every place.

And friends, the going from the life into the changeable, is the cause of strife and confusion.

G. F.

Epistle 95

Grow in the increase of God, my dear children, and know all your assurance in the Lord, and the seed in every one of you, which the promise of God is to. And be obedient to the just, and in the truth of God walk, and the love of it. And my dear hearts, in the seed dwell, which gives the victory over the world, and that in the wisdom ye may be preserved, which bruises the contrary under foot; whereby ye may reign in the life of God, to be as nursers and waterers of the plants, and that all the contrary may be kept under; that in the eternal power of God ye may be kept, which gives dominion over all, and condemneth the contrary. In which power the Lord God Almighty preserve you to his glory. Amen.

Live in the life of God, and feel it.

And, friends, take heed of being hurried with many thoughts; but live in that which goes over them all.

G. F.

Epistle 96 - A warning to Friends to keep to the light, out of deceit and strife, in unity.

Friends,— I warn and exhort you all in the presence of the Lord God, to meet together in the measure of life, that with it ye may be guided up to God, and in unity kept together up to him, the Father of light and life; and God Almighty be with you! And that the dread and terror of the Lord may be among you, and deceit confounded; and that with the measure of life all your minds may be guided up to God, that so ye all may be kept in peace and love. And let this be sent among Friends, to be read in all their meetings.

G. F.

Epistle 97 - -To a Friend.

Stand in the will of God, with thy own will offered up, as his was who said, “**Not my will, but thine be done.**” And beware of Luke 22:42 striving in thy own will against the eternal providence and power,

which is now working invisibly, cross and contrary to all the powers of darkness. And wait in the fear of the Lord, that thy duty to the Lord thou mayst know, whose everlasting love is to thee; whose
 Gal. 3:9 blessing reacheth unto thee, if thou **be faithful with faithful Abraham, who received the blessing**, and to his seed after him. So beware, lest through thy forwardness and rashness thou bring the curse upon thee, and so break thy peace in covenant with the Lord God. The everlasting God give thee faith in Christ Jesus,
 2 Co. 1:20 **in whom the promise is yea and amen.**

G. F.

Epistle 98

Dear friends, stand in the faith, which gives the victory over all the world, in which ye all will have victory, and so come to be of Abraham's faith, and know the word, that quickens you, and reconciles to God, and hammers down the contrary. So, in the power and life of Christ Jesus live, and in that ye all will be preserved to his glory.

G. F.

Epistle 99 - To all that make mention of the name of the Lord, and that profess his living truth.

Friends,— A warning and charge to you all from the presence of the living God, to let all lightness and airiness, foolishness, wilfulness, and frothiness be judged in patience; let it come to the fire and be burned, and hay, wood, and stubble, and all that which is above the seed; he that builds there, is above the foundation, his works are to be burned, he will suffer loss. Therefore all keep down to the seed of God, and feel that atop of all, which seed inherits the promise of God; that nothing may reign but the seed itself; which inherits from God. So all come into the authority of God, which is not usurped, which gives the dominion over all the usurped authority; that ye may live all in the one power of the son of God, which brings all into the unity and subdues all things that cause the enmity. So, the one power, the one soul, the one heart, the one mind is witnessed; here the glory is revealed among you, and the one head, (Christ,) the seed, and ye are all of one family. Here is

the power of the son of God known, all power being given to him; which power and seed bruise the serpent's head. and breaks it, in which standeth the enmity. So all power is given to the son to rule, to subdue, and to judge. So, live in the power, and ye live in the unity, ye live in the peace, ye live all in the subjection one to another in the fear of the Lord; ye live all in the seed, which is one, which keeps atop of the head of the serpent, and keeps his head down, and bringeth it under. So, feel the seed of God in every particular to be the head in the male and in the female, and then ye come to be bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, and to inherit every one the promise of God in the particular; whereby ye may come to be inheritors in the Lord's strength, feeling it and professing it in your own particulars. So the seed of the serpent being kept down with the seed, which is Christ in the particular, he brings to see over all that is contrary.

G. F.

Epistle 100 - Concerning all such as set up outward crosses.

Friends,- In the power of the Lord God dwell and live, that over all the world ye may stand, in that which fathoms it, that ye may **handle the word of God aright**, which is as a **hammer**, **and as a sword to divide the precious from the vile**; and **is a fire, to burn up that which is hammered down, and divided from the precious**. And in the wisdom of God wait, that ye may answer that of God in every one; which light will bring them off those things, which they have set up in that nature, which is gone from the light. Which things the light goes over, and brings to see the beginning and ending of all those, whom Christ said should come, which John saw, were come, who went out from them, whom all the world went after; amongst whom have come up all these **heads and horns, and Babylon, beast, and false prophet, and mother of harlots, who have sat upon the waters, which have been peoples, nations, and languages**. And these have been from the light, and so from the rock, and from the true foundation; and **the kings of the earth have drunk of the cup of her fornication**. And all nations, that have been from the life and the foundation of God, have been in this fornication,

2 Ti. 2:15
Heb. 4:12

Rev. 17:3-5

Rev. 17:15

Rev. 17:2

from **Christ the husband**. So now people are to be turned by the light to Christ their husband, the rock, the **corner stone**, and are to be brought from their outward crosses to the **cross of Christ, the power of God** within them, and **from the dead image to the image of God**, which they have lost through their going forth from the light, and thereby have lost the power of God. **And all these crosses of wood and stone, and the founder of them must all be thrown down by the power of God**, which is the cross of Christ; and to the light must they be turned, which answers to that of God in every one, before they come to feel Christ to rule and reign in them. Then the outward, dead crosses of stone, wood, silver, or gold they shall not need (to have) to put them in remembrance of Christ, or to bring him into their minds; for such as are come to the **light which Christ hath enlightened them withal**, and believe in it, they feel the power of God, they feel Christ and his cross, which is the power of God.

G. F.

Epistle 101 - An exhortation to patience in the time of suffering.

Dear friends and brethren in the everlasting seed of God, which hath the wisdom, and life eternal, and dominion over all that is in the fall in which the blessing of the everlasting God is known, and his life that never fadeth; in which seed (that hath the dominion over all that is in the fall) is the **wisdom that is pure and gentle**, which was before the wisdom below was. And so, all Friends, be ready to offer up yourselves in the power of God, joining to the suffering seed in which ye offer up yourselves to God in the patience, in your sufferings, feeling the seed which was before that was which makes to suffer. For the **lamb must have the victory**, mark, the lamb, and not the rough nature which hath gotten up since man fell from God's image; the lamb must have the victory over that. So, give up all in the lamb's nature, that in that ye may all meet in life, in power, in victory, and dominion over all that which is in the fall, knowing the **birth that will persecute, and the birth that is persecuted; and knowing the birth that is born of the flesh and the birth that is born of the spirit**. There are but these two births, and the **elder must serve the younger**; and the elder is the first birth. Therefore all feel Jacob, and the seed of God, then ye come to feel that which shall remain for ever

and ever. So in that all stand and dwell, that to the mighty God ye may be a blessing, and a good savour in the hearts of all people, being **valiant for the truth upon the earth**. And take heed of **grieving the spirit**, but be faithful; and take heed of provoking, and keep down all that with the spirit of God, that is contrary to God, by which ye may answer that of God in every one.

Jer. 9:3
Eph. 4:30

G. F.

Epistle 102

Friends, encourage not your wives nor children, in setting them up in the world's honour; for that which would do so in you, is carnal; and the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God. If ye do mind that which is of God in you, it will draw you up to God, out of the world's honour, and friendship, and words, and ways, and fellowships, and preferments, customs, and fashions, up to God's everlasting kingdom, when is everlasting joy for evermore.

G. F.

Epistle 103 - To keep to the witness of God.

Friends, take heed of darkness **going beyond your bounds or limits**, but keep in God's fear, that ye may receive his **wisdom from above**, that with it ye may order all things to his glory, - **answering the witness of God in every one**, keeping in **godly sincerity and simplicity**, meekness, patience, and humbleness, **justice, truth, and mercy; this graceth a government, and is a praise to them that do well, and is a terror to them that do evil**. For they that do evil, go from the **witness of God in their own conscience**, and then the higher power comes over them. Therefore keep to the witness of God in yourselves, and that is the word of the Lord to you; and then **ye will have the just weight, and measure, and balance**, and true understanding, to answer the just principle of God in every one.

2 Co. 10:14
Jam. 3:17
Col. 4:6
2 Co. 1:12
Ps. 89:14
1 Pe. 2:14
Rom. 13:3
Rom. 2:15
Deu. 25:15

Bow and submit yourselves to the power of the mighty God of heaven and earth, and to no deceit, and take heed of bringing any into it. And **take heed of respecting persons in judgment**; and that is the way to obtain favour from the Lord, and his blessing. From him who loves your soul's eternal peace and good.

Deu. 1:17

G. F.

Epistle 104

All Friends every where, in the power of God dwell, and know that overall to keep you. And lose not the power of God which keeps down, tames, and breaks all wild, unruly, rash, and hasty spirits, which will run without the power; which spirits reach not to the seed and the **witness of God in men**, and strike not through the earthly, neither receive **wisdom to be ordered to the glory of the Lord God**. And there is safety in the power; and there is the wisdom of the Most High felt, and the **power of the endless life**. And this is the word of the Lord God to you all every where. Dwell in the power of the Lord God, and live in it; for that brings all your souls into peace, into oneness, into God, from whence they come, who hath them all in his hand. And in the power ye will all come to feel the end of words, the life, from which all words of truth were given forth; and all hasty, rash, loose, lustful spirits, the power will strike down, for they beget nothing to God, but go out of his dread. Therefore this is the word of the Lord God, and a charge unto all Friends upon the earth, to dwell all in his power; then his dread, fear, terror, and majesty will be with you, and amongst you all, to cleanse, wash, water, regenerate, and **sanctify every one's vessel, who will be thereby fitted for the Lord's use**; So that the power being lived in, it keeps you over all the world in the dread and majesty of truth, in cleanness and **newness of life**; and to know the **wrath of the lamb** against all his enemies. And the power of the Lord God will strike down the **lust that causeth pride, strife, and contention**; it will bring you to live in love and unity one with another, and to know the kingdom of the Most High, that stands in power, ruling in you all. And all your crowns it will lay down, that are mortal, and will raise up the seed and **bring life and immortality to light**; where **the crown that is immortal is known, and the glory that fadeth not away is possessed**. And all spirits that are unruly and out of the power, must be judged with it, and kept subject; for that which lives in the power, is begotten by the **seed Christ, the new man, that is made after God in righteousness and holiness**. This birth is of the immortal seed **by the word and will of God, not begotten or brought forth by the will of man**. And **none quench the spirit's movings** in the least degree, nor none go beyond. And **feed not upon that, which dies of itself**; but on

1 Jn. 5:9-10
 1 Co. 10:31
 Heb. 7:16
 2 Ti. 2:21
 Rom. 6:4
 Rev. 6:16
 Jam. 4:1
 2 Ti. 1:10
 1 Pe. 5:4
 Gal. 3:16
 Eph. 4:24
 John 1:13
 1 Th. 5:19
 Lev. 22:8

that which cometh from above. **Know the son of man's flesh, which is your bread, and his blood, which is your drink; which who eats and drinks of, hungers no more, nor thirsts no more, but hath the endless life.** Nor any write, print, nor speak, (for God,) but as ye are moved of the Lord God; for that reacheth to that of God in others, and is effectual. Nor any stop writing or speaking, when ye are moved with the spirit of the Lord God, for the power of the Lord God is to order, and to keep down that which would be hasty, or that which would not be obedient, for that leads into the wilderness, (each way,) which the power, and life, and seed of God must be set atop of, which keeps you over the world, and brings you to the beginning. John 6:54

And all Friends every where, in all your meetings know and feel the power, and **the seed (that is the heir of the promise)** of the Lord God amongst you, over you, and in you; then in that ye will feel the **presence of the Lord God dwelling in the midst of you.** And to the Lord your hearts will be brought, and it will bring you nigh one to another, and to come into sweet love and unity, and into easiness and openness of heart; and keep you over all that which would stain you, or hurt you, or defile you. Whereby wisdom shall be given to you, with which ye shall be ordered to God's glory; whereby ye shall feel his blessing, and order the creatures to his praise. And **the gospel ye shall be shod with.** And standing and dwelling in the power of God, there **the shield of faith** ye will receive, that **gives the victory over the world, with which ye have all access to God;** which **mystery of faith is held in a pure conscience.** So, in the power of God ye all living, ye live in the Lamb's authority, in the Lamb's dominion; and victory through him over all the world ye come to obtain, to answer that of God in all consciences, in cleanness of heart and mind. Gal. 3:29
Mat. 18:20
Eph. 6:15
Eph. 6:16
1 Jn. 5:4
Rom. 5:2
1 Ti. 3:9

And all Friends, dwell in the life and power that stands in God, that ye may have unity with God, and one with another, and feel his presence among you. And the seed, and life, and power, and wisdom of Christ know in you all, and one in another. And the Lord God Almighty preserve you, and keep you in his power, life, and dominion, which lets you see him who was in the beginning, before the world was made; that nothing may rule but life itself; that ye may feel God's presence in you and with you, that truth and life may spread over all the world. So the Lord God Almighty preserve you in the life, and power, and wisdom of God, that ye may all be ordered to his glory.

This is to be read in all your meetings.

Epistle 105 - Concerning the Light. (To be read amongst Friends.)

All Friends every where, keep your meetings waiting in the light which comes from the Lord Jesus Christ; so will ye receive power from him, and have the refreshing springs of life opened to your souls, and be kept sensible of the tender mercies of the Lord. And know one another in the life, (ye that be turned to the light,) and in the power, which comes from the Lord Jesus Christ, who is your light, who is your life; that ye may all in the life see Christ to reign in you, who is the truth, from whence ye have light. Here

Rev. 20:2-3 **the old serpent is chained, and put into the bottomless**
 Rev. 20:4 **pit,** and Christ is known to reign, and **ye to reign with him;**
 Rom. 8:17 **heirs with him, joint-heirs, and heirs of God.** Here is the dominion received and witnessed of the world that is without end, and the promise of life from the Father of life to you, who are

John 14:6 turned to the son, **who to the Father is the way,** who is **the**
 1 Ti. 2:5 **mediator between the Father and you.** All wait to receive the

Heb. 6:20 **everlasting priest, the everlasting covenant of God, of light,**
 Isa. 42:6 **life, and peace;** into which covenant no sin, no darkness, nor

1 Ti. 1:17 death comes, but the blessing of **the only wise God,** the Father
 1 Ti. 6:16 of life, here is known, **where no earthly man can approach.**

John 8:44 But he that is of God knows God's truth; and **he that is of**
the devil, doth his lusts, who was a murderer from the
beginning, in whom is no truth, who in it abode not. So
he it is that speaks a lie, and speaks of himself; and not
 God's word; for he is out of the truth. But ye that are turned to
 the light walk in the light, walk in the truth, where no darkness
 is; with which light, that never changeth, ye may come to see that
 which was in the beginning, before the world was, where there is
 no shadow nor darkness. In which light as ye wait, ye will come
 to receive into your hearts the **word of faith,** which reconciles to
 God, and is as a hammer, to beat down all that is contrary; and
 as a sword, to **divide the precious from the vile;** and as a fire,
 to burn up that which is contrary to the precious: which **word**
 1 Pe. 1:25 **is pure, and endureth for ever;** which **was in the beginning,**
 John 1:1 and is now again witnessed and made manifest. Therefore wait in
 the light, that ye may all receive it, the same word that ever was,
 which the scriptures were given forth from. So, friends, keep your

meetings; and as ye are moved of the Lord, be obedient to him, and keep your habitations. And be not troubled: but look at that which giveth you to see over the world. So the Lord God Almighty preserve you all to his glory! Amen.

G. F.

Epistle 106 - To Friends, to keep in the life, out of janglings.

Friends, stand faithful to your measures of the gift of God, which cometh from him who was before the world was made; that ye may stand over the world, and all the betraying spirits in it, that nothing may reign but life in you all. And keep out of janglings and parties, in that which is able to keep you above them all to God; and in that all wait. And the bustlings of the world keep out of, in the covenant of peace with God.

G. F.

Epistle 107

My dear friends,— In the power of the everlasting God, which comprehends the power of darkness, and all the temptations in it, in that power of God dwell, which will keep and bring you to the **word which was in the beginning**, which will keep you up to the life, and to feed upon the same, over the **power of darkness**. In that ye will find strength, and feel dominion and life, and that will let you see, before the tempter was, and over him; and into that the tempter cannot come, for the power and **truth he is out of**. And in that life dwell, in which ye will know dominion. And therefore, let your faith be in the power, and over the weakness and temptations, and look not out at them; but look in the light and power of God at the **Lord's strength, which will be made perfect in your weakest state**. And look at the **grace of God in all temptations, to bring your salvation, which is your teacher**. to teach you; for when ye look or hearken to the temptations, ye go from your teacher, the grace of God, and **so are darkened**. The **grace of God is sufficient** in all temptations to lead out of them. and to keep over them.

John 1:1

Col. 1:13

John 8:44

2 Co. 12:9

Tit. 2:11-12

Ecc. 12:3

2 Co. 12:9

G. F.

Epistle 108

Friends, wait in the light, that with the light every one of you my come to see Christ to be your wisdom, and your righteousness, and so come to see **the body, his church, of which is the head:** and in the measure of life waiting on the Father of life, ye may come to reign in the life. All that are kept here, are in pure joy and love. And in the light wait, that ye may see the harlots and idolators, etc. which are to be **fed with judgment. Spare not that which is for the sword,** and for the fire; let all fleshly-mindedness be trodden under your feet. And standing in the power, ye will see the seed **slaying the fat,** and chaining and binding the unruly, and succouring all the lambs and babes. This is the word of the Lord to you.

G. F.

Epistle 109 - Concerning judging.

Friends, keep to patience: this is the counsel of the Lord to you. **Do not judge one another** behind one another's backs, - **nor speak evil one of another,** for that is that which soweth the enmity among brethren. Nor judge one another before the world, for that is that which is in the extremes, passion, and hastiness; and there ye let in the world's spirit to rejoice over you, and that is out of the patience, and love, and wisdom, and fear of God and his truth. And every one dwell in the seed and life of God, and in that know one another, and **meeting together in that ye may see the Lord Jesus in the midst of you.** And, friends, go not into the aggravating part to strive with it, lest ye do hurt to your souls, and run into the same nature; for patience must get the victory, and answers to that of God in every one, which will bring every one from the contrary. So let **your moderation, and temperance, and patience be known to all,** for that which joins to the aggravating part, sets up the aggravating part, and breeds confusion, and reaches not to the witness of God in every one. And Friends, keep out of the worldly wise part, for that will never let people join and unite together (in truth) which enters into the earth, and the apprehensions of words; but let innocency be the garment, and truth and simplicity the covering. Then in the innocency ye will have unity, where there is no evil thought, but **love that thinks no evil.** Therefore **cover one another's nakedness;** let all things be done in love, and that will edify.

And let the weight and preciousness of truth be in your eye, and esteemed above all things by you. For here is my grief; when I hear any thing amongst Friends, that hinders their unity, and makes a breach, (whereby the wrong gets ground,) who should live in the seed, which **breaks the bond of iniquity, and makes up all breaches;** in which seed shine, **answering the witness of God in every one,** which bruises the **earthly part under that brings forth briars and thorns,** and spreads over the world, and all the contrary. Therefore all ye, which have known the power of the Lord God, and have tasted of the seed of God, live in that in which ye come to have unity; that that part may be kept down. And the wrong eye, that looks out at one another's weaknesses, that must be kept under, even that, where the heat, and the burnings, and the enmity is; the seed of God atop of all that must be set, in which is the unity. Therefore, if there be any nakedness in any, or among any, cover that, and come all to the seed of God in your own selves; for in that is the virtue to heal, yea, all nations. Slaughterings, wounds, and cuttings are the other weapons in the other part, which is out of the seed of God whose end is peace; in which is the unity, which is the top-stone over all the enmity, and atop of it is laid, and bruise it all down.

I am a lover of your souls' eternal good, peace, and unity, in the kingdom that stands in the power which hath no end.

G. F.

Acts 8:23
Ps. 60:2
Col. 4:6
Heb. 6:8

Chapter 6

Epistles 110-134 (1656)

Epistle 110 - To the prisoners at Exon.

Friends, mind that which keepeth you all meek and low, to be guided with it. And all consider that which keepeth you in the way of peace; that none of you may be puddling in your own carnal wisdom, which is to be confounded, which is shut out of the kingdom of God. All wait to have dominion over that, that ye may know peace and unity, and the love of God, that doth not change. And do not strive one with another, lest ye hurt one another; for it is not the hasty spirit that gets the victory, but the lamb, who must reign over the world, and was before it was. And the mind which is forward, judge, and dwell in the peaceable way; and that ye may be patterns in your imprisonments to them which be out of the image of the son of God.

To the prisoners in Exon; written whilst J. N. was there, with many more in prison.

G. F.

Epistle 111 - -A warning from the Lord for plainness of speech to be used. (To go among Friends.)

Friends of God and brethren,— This is a warning to you all from the Lord God and Jesus Christ, that all that ye speak, it may be in

plainness of speech, according to that of God in all consciences, 2 Co. 3:12 and that it may proceed from that of God in you, the light of Christ; 2 Co. 2:16 that all your words be words of **life to the life, and death to the death**, where it reigns above the light. And that all words, which are spoken, be in plainness of speech; that the light of Christ in John 1:9 all consciences, **which he hath enlightened every one withal**, may witness your words to be the words of life: so that dwelling 2 Co. 5:11 in the light, to that of God **ye may be made manifest in all consciences**; which shall be **their condemnation that hate it**. John 3:19

Ye that **dwelt in the light**, and **walk in the light**, use plainness 1 Ti. 6:16 of speech and plain words, single words in the single life, pure words 1 Jn. 1:7 of speech and plain words, single words in the single life, pure words Col. 4:6 from the pure life, seasoned words, **seasoned with grace**, which Tit. 2:12 teacheth to **deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts**. They Jude 1:4 who live in ungodliness and worldly lusts, **turn from the grace of God into wantonness**, who are light and vain, whose words are unsavoury, not seasoned with grace, whose words edify not; 2 Th. 1:8 upon whom **God will render vengeance in flames of fire**, who shall be separated from his presence and his angels. Therefore, friends, in plainness of speech all dwell; for dwelling in the light, Ecc. 5:2 it will bring you to plainness and **few words**, to live in the life, which gave forth the scriptures, which was before the scriptures were given forth; and with it ye will see their conditions that dwelt in the life, and gave forth the scriptures. And with this light ye will see their conditions who were testified against (who were out of the life) by them who dwelt in the light; and with it all that comes to be seen, read, and understood, which was given forth with the life and from the life; and all comes to be known in plainness and is with plainness spoken forth again. Which comes not by the will of man: for no prophecy of the scripture came by the will of man; all the prophecies in it were out of the will of man: and they witnessed and John 1:13 prophesied of Christ, who was **born not by the will of man; who** Luke 3:23 **was supposed to be the son of Joseph**, but was the son of God.

1 Co. 1:1 And all the **apostles were made ministers by the will of God**, and not by man, nor of man, but by the will of God; and so they witnessed Christ, who was not born by the will of man, who were 2 Pe. 1:20-21 made ministers not by the will of man: and they witnessed that **no prophecy of the scripture in old time came by the will of man, neither was it of any private interpretation; but holy men of God spake it as they were moved by the holy ghost**, the holy mover, which is but one. And all who are in their own wills, and have the scripture, and make a feigned profession of that, (which came not by the will of man,) are in the presumption; and

with the light of Christ, which **he hath enlightened every one** John 1:9
that comes into the world withal, with that light shall they be
condemned, even all that hate it, and live in their own wills. And
so the unity of the saints is in that which condemns the world: and
all who live in their own wills, and yet make a profession of the
scriptures, there are the sects and opinions, and there is no unity,
and they have not unity amongst themselves; but only a oneness in
nature, though not in unity in their meanings of the letter. That
which comes not by the will of man, but is contrary to his will, and
contrary to all the world's evil ways, and overturns them, which is
according to that of God in all consciences, with that have unity;
which testifieth against every man, when he acts contrary to it, and
with it he shall be judged, and condemned in his own knowledge
and understanding. And ye all walking in this light, it will bring
you to all plainness and singleness of speech; which will make the
deceit to tremble, and the **mystery of iniquity** to shake, which 2 Th. 2:7
lodgeth in the temple and sits there, where it ought not to sit, and
is exalted above all that is called God: now, **with the brightness** 2 Th. 2:8
of his coming is he discovered, and with the breath of his
mouth he is to be consumed. So dwell all in the eternal power
of God, and in his pure light, that ye may be a terror to all evil
doers, and to all ungodliness, and to all who act unrighteously, and
live in uncleanness. And so ye will come to use plain words and
plainness of speech to them all, and no flattery shall dwell in you,
no enchanter nor witch shall live, no hypocrisy shall stand Deu. 18:10
before the judgment-seat of God; but shall be as the chaff, Ps. 1:4-5
driven to and fro; that the scripture may be fulfilled upon them.
And all who are out of plainness, with the eternal light, which
Christ hath enlightened them withal, shall they be condemned and
confounded in time: for this light was before time, and is in time,
which lets every man and woman see all their actions done in time;
and hating this light, this is their condemnation. But all loving this
light, and walking in this light, ye will come to walk in that which
is the world's condemnation; and it will bring you to see the world
to be gone from God, from Christ, and all who are of God. And
this is the counsel of God to you, that in that which is contrary to
your fleshly wills, ye may all wait and walk, for that will lead you
from all vain thoughts, and all evil desires; there wait, and ye will
witness the birth born, not by the will of man: and this birth is heir
of another world, and heir of the certain riches, which is manifest
to that of God in all consciences. So to you all this is a warning
from the Lord, who are in the light, and love the light, which Christ

Jesus hath enlightened you withal, which is contrary to your wills, and all men's wills; that with it ye may use plainness of speech to all, and so to be made manifest to that which they hate, which is their condemnation, the light. **And abiding in Christ, who is the vine, every one will come to witness yourselves to be as branches abiding in the vine, and sitting under the vine.**

John 15:5

Mic. 4:4

This was I moved of the Lord to send out abroad among you, as a message to all the plants of the Lord.

If ye speak any thing contrary to the light, which Christ hath enlightened you withal, with the light ye are to be condemned. And if any among you do speak of former experiences, and not dwell in the light, but in hypocrisy, and presumption, and envy, without the fear of God, ye are to be thrown down, and with the light condemned; and wo upon thy hood from God and Christ proceeds, and art to be turned out, and judged with the light and with the life! Therefore in the life dwell and walk every one in particular; then ye will have unity one with another, and grow up to be **trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord.**

Isa. 61:3

G. F.

Epistle 112

All Friends, mind the light, and dwell in it, and it will keep you atop of all the world; and the seed of God mind, and know it, and in it be content.

Dwell in the seed, which is heir of the promise of life eternal, and dwell in the possession of that. And in all your doings (and words) be faithful to the Lord, and to men; let this be your daily exercise.

G. F.

Epistle 113 - To a Friend in the ministry.

Dear brother, mind the Lord, and stand in his will and counsel. Look not forth at time nor place, but at thy Father's house, where-soever thou art. And dwell in the pure measure of God in thee, and there thou wilt see the Lord God present with thee. For the bringing forth many out of prison, art thou there set; behold, the word of the Lord cannot be bound. The Lord God of power give thee wisdom, courage, manhood, and boldness to thresh down all deceit. Dear heart, be valiant, and mind the pure spirit of God in

thee, to guide thee up unto God, to thunder down all deceit within and without. So farewell. God Almighty keep you all.

G. F.

Epistle 114

Dear brethren, in the mighty power of God go on, to which power of the God of heaven and earth, all the powers of the earth must bow; that **to that of God in all consciences ye may be made manifest**, that that in them which is of God may witness that ye are sent of God. Dwell in the life of God, that to the **spirits in prison** ye may minister, and to it be made manifest, that ye are no deceivers, but saviours, and such as are sent to lead from all deceivers, and to testify against them. So, in the mighty power of God go on **preaching the gospel to every creature**, and disciplining them **in the name of the Father, son, and holy spirit**. In the name of Christ preach the mighty day of the Lord to all the consciences of them who have lain long **in darkness, (and under its chain,)** Where the **light shined, but the darkness could not comprehend it**. So, in the power of the Lord God go on, and thresh that which hath been fed with the harlot's spirit, and the harlot famish, which hath and doth prison the just. I charge you in the presence of the living God, dwell in his power, that with his power ye may be carried along to **minister to all the spirits imprisoned** by the deceit. As the life of God doth arise, it will lead you up to God, the Father of life; in this your fruits shall never wither. But go on to plant a vineyard, and to plough, that ye may eat the fruit thereof; and to **plant in hope, and to thresh in hope, that ye may be made partakers of your hope**. And to thresh out the corn, that the wind may scatter the chaff, that the corn may be gathered into the barn. So, in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ **preach the everlasting gospel**, that by his power **the sick may be healed, the leprous cleansed, the dead raised, the blind eyes opened, and the devils east out**. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ go on, that that of God in all consciences may witness, that ye are sent of God, and are of God; and so according to that speak, to bring up all unto the head Christ, and into the life which gave forth the scriptures; for there is the unity, and out of it is the confusion.

G. F.

Epistle 115 - To Friends, concerning the word of life.

Friends and brethren, the eternal word, from which ye have both spoken and ministered to others, is the **word of life**, the word of peace, the **word of reconciliation**, which **makes of twain one new man**; and if ye do abide there, there is no division but unity in the life which was before death was, and before division was. Therefore **that which is divided is of the kingdom that cannot stand**, and is for condemnation by the life and word of reconciliation. That which speaks the evil language I do deny; for that which speaks so doth not see thoroughly. Therefore in the light wait, where the unity is, where the peace is, where the oneness with the Father and the son is, where there is no rent nor division; but **all one in Christ Jesus**, the everlasting **fountain of life and covenant of peace**. **The son of man cometh not to be ministered unto, but to minister**. Where the life and fulness dwells it hides and covers from that to which the curse is; that so it may minister forth to the seed's seed.

Sound, sound the trumpet abroad, ye valiant soldiers of Christ in **his kingdom, of which is no end!** All the antichrists in the kingdoms (of fallen men) are up in arms against Christ.

G. F.

Epistle 116 - Concerning judging in Meetings.

Friends, **do not judge one another** in meetings, ye that do minister in the meetings; for your so doing hath hurt the people, both within and without, and yourselves under their judgment ye have brought. And your judging one another in the meetings hath emboldened others to quarrel, and judge you also in the meetings. And this hath been all out of order. and the church order also. Now, if ye have anything to say to any, **stay till the meeting be done, and then speak to them in private between yourselves**, and do not lay open one another's weakness; for that is weakness and not wisdom to so so. For your judging one another in meetings hath almost destroyed some Friends, and distracted them. And this is for want of **love that beareth all things**; and therefore let it be amended. No more, but my love.

Friends, if any amongst you have movings to do any service for the Lord, when they have done it let them return again with speed to their habitation, and there serve the Lord in their generation; that no slothfulness may be amongst you. But all keep in diligence, that no occasion may be given to any **“to speak evil of the truth;”** but that ye may answer that of God in all. So give no offence; for **wo is to those by whom offences do come.** Yet **quench not the spirit.**

2 Pe. 2:2

Mat. 18:7

1 Th. 5:19

G. F.

Epistle 117

My dear friends, keep your meetings, and ye will feel the seed to arise, though never a word be spoken amongst you. And be faithful, what ye may answer that of God in every one. And do not neglect your talent, but in the life and power of God live, which ye have received. And, my dear friends, dwell in the life, and power, and love of God, and one towards another.

Friends, dwell in the measure of the spirit of God, and to it take heed, that in it ye may grow; for the true and lasting love proceeds from God, who is eternal. And abiding in the measure of life, ye will have peace and love, that never changeth; if from the measure you turn **iniquity gets up, and so the love waxeth cold,** and in that lodge the evil thoughts, jealousies, evil will, and murmurings. Wait in the light, which is of God, that ye may all witness the son of God, and witness that which shall never wither; so ye will see and feel God near.

Mat. 24:12

G. F.

Epistle 118

Let no Friends go beyond their own measure given them of God, nor **rejoice in another man’s line made ready to their hands;** lest that get up, and would be justified, which is to be condemned. And that which will boast, and be justified in the sight of men, is out of the kingdom excluded. Therefore in the measure of life wait, and with it be led to have power over your own wills, (which are mortal and changeable,) that the way of righteousness may be found, where your wills are shut out, which causeth the hastiness and the strife, to run into words without the life, where

2 Co. 10:16

judgment and condemnation do overtake you. Wherefore delight in judgment, which leads to the door of mercy.

G. F.

Epistle 119

Friends,— Wait in the life, which will keep you above words, and keep your minds up to God, the Father of life, and condemn and judge all them which would have words more than the life. God Almighty be with you in the measure of life, that in it ye may grow; and with it your minds may be kept up to him, the Father of life.

And that all strife may be kept down with the life, and all light spirits judged down with that which comprehends the world, and judgeth it. So God Almighty be with you all, and keep you in his mighty power up to himself, and condemn all that which is contrary to him and his light.

G. F.

To be read at meetings.

Epistle 120

My dear friends, dwell in the everlasting seed of God, in which ye all will feel life eternal, that never hath an end; and in that meet and keep your meetings. And dwell together in the love and life of God, with which ye may all be filled, through which love ye may cover the multitude of sins, and answer the life of God in all; in which ye may feel the blessings of the Almighty God covering you as with a garment. And so live in the possession of the life; in which ye all will have unity and fellowship with God, and one with another.

Dear friends, exhort all your families at times and seasons, whether they be servants or children, that they may be informed in the truth. For when ye were professors, many of you did exhort and instruct them in the form, when that ye had not the power. And therefore now being brought into the truth, ye should be more diligent to exhort, admonish, and instruct them.

G. F.

Epistle 121 - To Friends, to take care of such, who suffer for owning the truth.

Friends,— Dwell in the wisdom and power of God, by which all things must be ordered to his glory, in which ye may do all things to his glory; and that with the wisdom of God ye may order and preserve the creation, and every thing that is good. And if any servants be convinced, and turned from their places for truth's sake, Friends to be tender to them, that they be not lost; but that they may be preserved. And if any soldiers be put out of the army for truth's sake, that they may be nourished and cherished; or any children be turned from their parents, or believing wives from their unbelieving husbands, that they may be admonished to walk wisely towards them. And that all prisoners, that ' have but little of their own, there may be care taken for them, and for the lame and sick. And that if any Friends be oppressed any manner of way, others may take care to help them. And that all may be as one family, building up one another, and helping one another. And if any desire meetings any way for truth's service, Friends not to look out; but to dwell in the life and power of God, and therein to answer it.

And all Friends every where, in the power, and life, and seed of God keep your meetings, that over all the top-stone may be laid, and ye all in the wisdom and patience may be preserved, and as a sweet savour may be kept to God, and in the hearts of all people. And every one be obedient to the life and power of the Lord God, and that will keep you from being as a wilderness; but be faithful and still, till the winds cease, and the storm be over.

G. F.

Epistle 122

Friends,— To that which is pure, I speak, in which is unity, where no defiled thing shall enter. **Silence all flesh, who strive about words, in which is no profit; who would draw you out of your conditions, and others out of their conditions.** Therefore be low, and mind that which is low, to draw you out of contention. And **strive not for mastery, and do not exercise lordship over one another;** but mind that which is pure, which keeps you in the fear of the Lord God. For if your minds go from that which is pure, which leads to God, **your nakedness will**

Zec. 2:13
2 Ti. 2:14
1 Co. 9:25
Mark 10:42
Rev. 3:18

appear to the world; and then ye go in your own wills and strength, and there is the seat for mastery and pride, out of the will of God, and that is out of the unity, out of the oneness, out of the way; and instead of building, ye destroy; and instead of edifying, ye draw back into the world. Therefore all be low, and **wait upon the Lord**, and **be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath**; be low, and wait upon God, to receive the living food from God, to nourish you in time, with that which was before time; **that God in all things may be glorified**. So the Lord God Almighty direct you and bring down all fleshly wills; that the pure may be raised up. So meet together and wait upon God, if there be not a word, I charge you. Beware of contention, for there ye get above that of God in the conscience, and so go out of the fear of the Lord.

G. F.

Epistle 123 - Men in the fall are in the wars and strife, but truth restores and brings into peace.

Dear Friends,— My love is to you all in the everlasting seed of God, that never changes nor falls, nor gives itself to that which doth change, which is not of this world, but is over it, and was before the world was; in which is the steadfastness, and stayedness, and life eternal. Which reigns over all the airy spirits, (and that which doth change,) and remains, and is as the winter fruit, and stands when all the **untimely figs** are gone. Mark, and the seed is not as the **corn that grows upon the house top, that withers**; for the **leaves that this seed bring forth, never fade** nor fall; for the **leaves thereof heal the nations** which are wounded. The second Adam goes over Adam in the fall, and his quarrelling sons and daughters, who war one with another with their carnal weapons, who remain in their carnal worships, carnal followships, carnal teachings. But who are in the noble and royal seed, are all in peace, and in love, and in life, and in unity, and are in the spiritual worship, and spiritual fellowship, and spiritual teaching, being in the seed, Christ, that never fell, nor never will fall, nor never changed nor never will change. In this seed, Christ, is peace and rest, out of all troubles, out of all whimsies, foolish dreams, imaginations, fancies false visions, false revelations. For the seed, in which the blessing is is felt, and the life, and the light, and the

righteousness, and the truth, that **answers the witness of God in all men and women, whether they will hear or forbear.** Col. 4:6
 And so, all that are in Adam in the fall, both men and women, Eze. 2:5
 and there remaining in the fall, they never are in rest nor peace,
 but are in **travails, wars, strife, fightings; the lusts being the ground of all this.** Jam. 4:1
 And whimsies and imaginations, fancies, false
 visions, false dreams, arrogancy, pride, ambition, swellings, puffed-
 upness, that brings shame and covers them with shame; which they
 possess that are in the fall, out of Christ, the second Adam, that
 never fell. For in Adam in the fall is all the (inward) foul weather,
 storms, tempests, winds, strifes, the whole family of it in confusion,
 being all gone from the spirit and the witness of God in themselves,
 and the power and the light; in which power, light, and spirit is
 the fellowship with God and one with another, through which they
 come out of Adam in the full, into the **second Adam that never fell, the quickener,** 1 Co. 15:45
 who awakens old Adam's children in the fall
 out of their sleep of sin, and brings them out of his ways up unto
 himself, the way, Christ that never fell nor changed, and out of and
 from his teachers, and priests, and shepherds, etc. that change and
 fall, to the priest, shepherd, and prophet, that never fell nor ever
 changed, nor ever will fall or change, nor **leave the flock** in the Zec. 11:17
 cold weather, nor in the winter, nor storms, nor tempests; nor doth
 the voice of the wolf frighten him from his flock. For the light, the
 power. the truth, the righteousness, did it ever leave you in any
 weather, or in any storms or tempests? And so his **sheep know his** John 10:4
voice and follow him, who gives them life eternal abundantly;
 who saith to all that are dead in Adam, **"I am come," mark,** John 10:10
I am come, "that ye (dead in Adam) might have life."
 Christ, the second Adam is come, that the dead in the first Adam
 might have life, and might be quickened, and might be awakened
 to righteousness, who are asleep in the unrighteousness. And so he
 doth invite all Adam's posterity to come to him, that all through
 him might believe, and come to light, and come to life, and come
 up into peace and rest; for in the second Adam ye have peace, ye
 have rest. So they have no peace nor rest in the old Adam in the
 fall, but in the second Adam, Christ, that never fell, are the rest,
 and the peace, and the life. But in Adam in the fall is neither rest,
 nor peace, nor life; but darkness, and trouble, and sorrow, and
 hardenings, and changings. And this Adam's sons and daughters
 in the fall do inherit and possess in the world. Therefore all come
 out of Adam in the fall, and haste to him that never fell, nor ever
 changed; in whom ye have all both rest, and peace, and life, that

was with the Father before the world began.

And so, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that never fell, keep your meetings, ye who are gathered in his name; and then ye will see over all the gatherings of old Adam's sons and daughters, that are in the fall and out of his name. But ye being gathered into his name, that never fell, Christ Jesus, feel the seed of God set over all that that makes to suffer; which was before that was, and will stand and remain when that is all gone. So farewell.

G. F.

Epistle 124

My Friends,— Be faithful and keep your meetings; and in that light wait, which comes from the head, Christ, in whom are all your lives; from whence ye have your **light, which is the life** in the son. And ye, who do witness the **high calling in Christ Jesus**, and are redeemed by him out of the world, and **are become new creatures**, walk above the world, and **be not hasty**; but in the light and life wait, that with it your minds may be directed, and guided, and joined together with **that which is immortal and undefiled**, in one spirit, up to the immortal God. And that with the spirit which he hath given you, ye may witness the **one baptism into one body**, and ye all with the light may see the **one faith, which Christ is the author and the finisher of**; and that ye may all see **the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls**, with that **which gives you the victory over the world**. And fear the Lord, and take heed of strife, and live in peace and love one with another, **believing all in the light which maketh manifest; that all ye may be the children of the light**. And this belief giveth the victory over the world. **He that is of this faith, is born of God**; and **he that believeth in the light shall not abide in darkness, nor shall ever be confounded**. For he believeth in that which manifesteth that, which is to be confounded and trampled upon; and he shall not be condemned, but **shall have the light of life**. And he that believeth not in the light is with the light condemned already. And he that heareth not the voice of the son of God doth not live, but is in death. Therefore he that heareth not the light which comes from Christ the life, heareth not the voice of the son of God, and he cometh not to life. **And the hour is come that they which have been in the graves, have heard the voice of the son of God and do live**; and they that do not hear the voice of the

John 1:4
 Php. 3:14
 2 Co. 5:17
 Ecc. 5:2
 1 Pe. 1:4
 1 Co. 12:13
 Heb. 12:2
 1 Pe. 1:9
 1 Jn. 5:4
 John 12:36
 1 Jn. 5:1
 John 12:46
 1 Pe. 2:6
 John 8:12
 John 5:25-28

son of God do not live, but are in the death and the grave. And they that come to believe in the light hear the voice of the son of God and live, and out of the condemnation are come; and live over death, and the grave and hell, and so come to life.

G. F.

Epistle 125

Friends, to you all this is the word of the Lord. Know the seed of God in one another, which seed is Christ. Look not out; then ye will not wander, but will be atop of the wanderer. The seed, which is Christ, being known in one another, which the promise of God is to, every one of you know the promises fulfilled in you; whereby ye all may witness the blessing of God fulfilled to you, and in you. And so in this the Lord God Almighty preserve you all to his glory, and that ye all may know the flesh of Christ your food, and know his reign.

And **quench not the spirit**, and stop not the power; but dwell 1 Th. 5:19 in that. which doth stop and quench the deceit. And to you this is the word of the Lord God.

And all Friends, mind and heed the life and power of the Lord God; for all that are out of it, are, and will be confounded. Therefore dwell in that which condemns it, in which will be your peace.

G. F.

Epistle 126 - For Friends, to dwell in love and unity.

The word of the Lord God to all Friends. Dwell in peace and unity with God, and one with another, that to the Lord ye may be a sweet savour, and to one another, and also in them that hate the light: that ye may all come to witness the sonship, and to be heirs of God, and in the spirit have unity, which is the bond of peace. And the seed of God, and the life mind.

G. F.

Epistle 127

All Friends every where, do not delight in apparel, do not delight in the creature, more than the Creator. Trust not in uncertain

riches, which fade and pass away; but trust in the living God, and love the riches that endure, and fade not away. Delight not in the world that ends, but in the world that hath no end; that there ye may all come to have an assurance of the endless life.

G. F.

Epistle 128 - To all Friends, to keep in the power of God, out of the cares of the world.

All Friends, to that which is pure, take heed, that with that all
 Hos. 14:5 your minds may be kept up to God, who is pure: that **as the lily ye all may grow**, and receive wisdom from God how to use the creatures in their places, to the glory of him that created them. For wo is unto you, that lay up for the latter day with covetousness;
 Mat. 6:25-30 ye act in that nature contrary to the light, **taking thought for to-morrow “what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, and what ye shall put on.”** Look at the life which is more than food, and the body which is more that raiment; and consider the lilies and ravens, and who feedeth them, and clotheth the earth? That in the faith ye may stand, and with it ye may come to see him who is invisible. He who lays up for the latter day with covetousness, goes from that, which should keep him out of days, up to God, the beginning of days; here the
 Dan. 7:9 **Ancient of Days** comes to be seen, and the life out of death
 1 Ti. 5:8 springs, and a diligent serving God is known, and **every one for his family provides. For he is worse than an infidel, that doth not.** That which was before days were, mind, which brings to be diligent, serving the Lord; and that keeps down the destroyer. And that keeps down the covetous and the fleshly principle, and
 Gal. 4:10 that which would **run out into the observation of days.** And
 1 Ti. 6:17 that keeps the life up, out of the earth, and keeps from **trusting in the riches that are uncertain, and brings to trust in God,**
 Ps. 115:5 **who is living, who is the condemner of all the gods, who have eyes, and see not;** who keep people under their dominion from the light. But all who take heed to the light, see God, who is living, who seeth all things.

G. F.

Epistle 129

My dear friends and brethren, keep in the seed of peace, which was before the enmity and adversary were, in which ye will all have life and peace, and unity and dominion; and in that ye will know Christ Jesus to reign, who was before the world began; in whom ye may know your election, and a sitting in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, above all the earthly places below, and men's evil traditions and vain customs; sitting in Christ Jesus keepeth out of them, for he was before they were.

And let all Friends every where pray to the Lord, to exalt his truth to his glory, and his kingdom which hath no end, but is from everlasting to everlasting.

G. F.

Epistle 130 - To all Friends, to dwell in the truth, the life of God, the light, etc.

All Friends, dwell in the truth; **in my Father's house there are many mansions**, said Christ. And ye all, that know the life, go not from it. Heed not words without life; but heed that which lets you see and know the Father. For mountains will arise, and may arise. But this is the word of the Lord God, and a charge to you all in the presence of the Lord God, heed the power and life, the power which ye have formerly known and tasted of; and that will keep you, until the **day of salvation**, and that brings you to know the **kingdom of God to stand in righteousness**, etc. and that will bring you to comprehend deceit, and to fathom it, and bring you to be over the deceit of the world. So ye that know the power of the Lord God, heed it, and it will remove questionings out of your minds; it will remove that which causeth trouble to come into your minds. But if ye go from the power, the formal part gets up in you, and the wonders you will run into. But the **power of God is the gospel**; and ye that have received the power of God, ye have received the gospel; and **he is cursed that preacheth any other, yea, if an angel from heaven**. For **Christ is the power of God**, to whom the angels must bow. And Christ Jesus, who

John 14:2
2 Co. 6:2
Rom. 14:17
Rom. 1:16
Gal. 1:8
1 Co. 1:24

was born (of a virgin,) crucified, and **is ascended, (and there is no other,)** all of you, that are turned to the light, **wait to have him born in you,** every one in particular. **“I am the light of the world,”** saith Chrilst, **by whom the world was made,** who doth **enlighten “every man, that cometh into the world.”**

John 1:9
John 6:35
John 3:13
Gal. 4:19
John 8:12
John 1:3

Who is the **“bread of life, that came down from above: and who eateth of this bread, lives for ever.”** Now, every one of you having a light from Christ, the bread of life, wait, and with and from it you will see, know, and have your food in due season. Now, every one that comes into the world, having a light from Christ Jesua, who is not of the world, and being turned to this light which he is lighted withal, he is turned to Jesus Christ, from whence it comes. And here none shall say **“Lo, here is Christ, or lo there to Christ;”** but every one with the light, which comes from him, shall see Christ, (and shall see the Father, through **the spirit that proceeds from the Father and the son,**) and **the glory that he had with the Father before the world began;** and shall have dominion over all the contrary in the male and in the female, having a light from him, that gives the **“light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ Jesus.”** Which **light shines in your hearts;** and there shall every one feel their **treasure in the earthen vessel,** and the power which is of God.

Mat. 24:23
John 15:26
John 17:5
2 Co. 4:6
2 Co. 4:7

Now, whosoever goes from the light, which they are enlightened withal, they go into the darkness, and they go into the wonders; and run out gazing, and saying, “Lo he is here, lo he is there.” I am come a light into the world, (saith Christ,) which every one, that cometh into the world, is lightened withal, which light is the covenant; and every one who is in the light, is in the covenant with God.

And so Friends every where, keep your meetings, (this is the word of the Lord God to you,) and do not heed the lo here’s or lo there’s, neither be troubled; but heed every where the life of God, and do not gad abroad from the truth within; that ye may be kept out of all high swelling storms, bustlings, and tempests, and with it ye may be kept over the world, to him and in him that is not of the world. And take heed of denying the truth; whosoever do, they go from the light within them, and so go into the darkness, and into the wonders. And who go from the light within, go from the **Emmanuel,** from the saviour within, Christ Jesus, and from the **truth in the inward parts,** and from **the mediator between you and God,** and **from the vine; and so, ye bear not fruit** to the glory of God. And going from the light within, ye go from

Isa. 7:14
Ps. 51:6
1 Ti. 2:5
John 15:4

your peace, and from the covenant of God; and going from the light within, ye go from the life, where every one receives the light of life. And who go from the light within, go from the **increase of God**; who go from the light within, go from **the anointing within them**, and so continue not in the son, nor in the Father. All who go from the light within, go out of the covenant of eternal life. But every one walking in the light within, which he hath received, he shall there receive the bread of life, Christ, whom the light comes from. And so, having your food within, ye shall not go forth to gather it; but he that is in the light, and believes in it, comes to know the **garner, whereinto the wheat is gathered, and the chaff, that is to be burned with unquenchable fire, and the floor thoroughly purged**; and the immortal crown is known.

Col. 2:19
1 Jn. 2:27
Mat. 3:12

Therefore all Friends, keep in the power, and know the power of God in one another, and the life that stands in God; that out of all dryness and barrenness ye may be brought, and kept in the living and eternal spirit and power. And so, the God of glory keep you from the evil that is in the world, in glory, and in unity, every one in your measures. Now, the power of God will never be shaken that which is to be shaken, (or tossed,) is out of the power, and the power remains therefore dwell in the **power which throws down all that which may be shaken**, (or tossed,) and raiseth up that which can never be thrown down nor shaken. And to you this is the word of the Lord God. And dwell in that, and keep in that, which keeps you out of and above the knowledge of that which entereth into the sensual part; for both these will fail. Therefore in the power and in the life of God dwell, which comprehends the world, and reacheth and fathometh over it all, in that dwell and live, there will be your peace; it will keep you out of the strife, and combustions, and heaps. For this all comes to be fathomed, chained, and kept down by the eternal power, and bound and bundled up for the fire, and judged down, and all that which brancheth forth from it, that nothing may reign but life itself; and all the contrary, the filth and dross, with the unquenchable fire is to be consumed and burned. Wait all this to know, here is the **path of righteousness** and purity; and nothing shall stand but the **mountain of the Lord**. Glory to the Lord in the **beauty of holiness**, which is felt and seen! And all being **kept in the light, and walking in that**, which ye are enlightened withal, ye cannot be in the strife; for the the enmity is out of the light, and the vain boaster, which comes to nothing, but is judged and condemned. And when that ye are met together in the light, hearken to it, that ye may feel the power

Heb. 12:27
Ps. 23:3
Zec. 8:3
Ps. 29:2
1 Jn. 1:7

of God in every one of you. So here comes your ear to be opened to hear the counsel of the Lord God; and here the eye comes to be opened to see the **Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of you, ye all sitting under your vines**. So, every particular wait on him, who **received not honour of man**, neither glorified himself; but the light, **which enlighteneth every one that cometh into the world**, is a witness against all them that **seek their own glory**, or glorify themselves, or **bear witness of themselves**. Now they who receive honour from man, are from the light, both he that gives, and he that takes it; and it is to be stained, and the light stains it, and condemns it. So every particular of you, to you this is the word of the Lord God, know the **son of God to be revealed in you**. And know the seed, which is Christ. to which the promise of God is; that ye may all witness **the seed of the woman to bruise the serpent's head** in every one of you. That you may all witness ye are come to him that was in the beginning; and to the seed of the woman, which bruise the serpent's head in every one of you in your own particulars. Then ye all will come to feed on the bread of life, that comes from above. And such are redeemed out of the transgression, who are here, that witness this. But where the seed of the woman hath not bruised the serpent's head, and **that which abides not in the truth**, reigns: there is the transgressor. So, that which is out of the truth reigning, the serpent being head, he sows his seed, his seed goes forth from him, and his food, **his meat is dust**; for he could not feed upon life that abode not in the truth, which is the life. He that abides not in the truth, which is the life, his food is dust; and he it is that is tormented. And who are out of the truth, are out of the worship of God; for **who are the worshippers of the Father, they must be in the truth and in the spirit**. And being in the spirit and in the truth, they are in that the devil abode not in, but is out of; and all false ways, and seducers, and deceivers, and false worshippers are out of. And **Jerusalem's worshippers, and Samaria's worshippers, and the worship that is at the mountain**, and the idolatrous worshippers, and the worship of devils; all these are out of the truth, and out of the spirit that changeth not. But who are in the truth and in the spirit, they are atop of the world, and atop of him that abode not in the truth; **their feet are shod with it**. Therefore every one of you that are come into the world, **coming all to the light ye come to your armour**, ye come to that which lets you see sin; it is the armour against it; it is the eye, with which ye see that which must be cut

Mat. 18:20
 Mic. 4:4
 John 5:41
 John 1:9
 John 7:18
 John 5:31
 Gal. 1:16
 Gen. 3:15
 John 8:44
 Isa. 65:25
 John 4:24
 John 4:21
 Eph. 6:15
 Rom. 13:12

down and judged to death. In which truth, **which is the light, we have fellowship one with another.** And this is the counsel of the Lord God to you, dwell all in the power of God, which is the gospel of peace. And the **power of God is the cross of Christ;** and ye that feel the power of God, ye feel Christ; for Christ is the power of God. The power of God is but one, and the light is but one, and the cross of Christ is but one, which is the power of God; and the gospel of truth is but one, which is the power of God, and there is no other. Ye that come to know these, look for no other. And Christ is that one in the male and in the female, which is the seed, which the promise of God is to; and there all wait to find him, and receive him. "Know ye not, that Christ Jesus is in you, except ye are reprobates," said the apostle; so now, if ye are reprobates, ye are wonderers and gazers in Adam, in transgression, out of the light, out of the life, **out of the power, out of the truth, out of the way, which is Christ.** But being in the life, ye are in the way, in the truth, in the power of God, in Christ, out of transgression, in **the second Adam, the Lord from heaven,** out of the transgression of the first Adam. And if Christ Jesus be in you, the **body of sin is dead,** and ye are brought to God; and **the Emmanuel being known, "God with us"** is witnessed by every one of you, that are redeemed by him out of the transgression, who are in the second Adam. So, if **Christ Jesus be in you, and ye in him, the body is dead;** and ye are alive to righteousness, and death is brought into death.

1 Jn. 1:7
1 Co. 1:18
John 14:6
1 Co. 15:47
Rom. 6:6
Mat. 1:23
Rom. 8:10

Friends, dwell all in the light, and then ye will dwell in covenant with God, and with God ye will have peace. And friends, all dwell in the light, that ye may receive the wisdom of God, by which all things were created; with which wisdom ye may come to order all the creatures. And be low, as babes and little children, for - **the little children receive the kingdom.** And so, all know the promise which is to the seed; and know the seed of God in one another, that there be no master but Christ, who bruise the serpent's head, where debate and enmity are, which are the cause of strife. So, let the seed be master in the male and in the female, that the ground of strife, which would be master, may be kept under, and the seed, which the grave could not hold under, be the ruler; so that ye may witness the rock that **the gates of hell cannot prevail against,** nor the temptations of the devil.

Mat. 19:14
Mat. 16:18

Epistle 131

Ps. 62:10 Friends every where, dwell in the power of the Lord God, which is without end, in which ye may all have unity. And take heed of striving about earthly things, which is the unredeemed part, that is out of the paradise and the garden of God; but that with the wisdom of God ye may come to be ordered, and order the creatures lay that by which they were made and created, that by it ye may know yourselves to be governed. And **after that riches increase, take heed of setting your hearts upon them**, lest they become a curse and a plague to you. For when ye were faithful at the first, the world would refrain from you, and not have commerce with you; but after, when they saw ye were faithful and just in things, and righteous and honest in your tradings and dealings, then they came to have commerce and trade with you the more, because they know ye will not cozen them, nor cheat them: then ye came to have greater trading, double than ever ye had, and more than the world. But there is the danger and temptation to you, of drawing your minds into your business, and clogging them with it; so that ye can hardly do any thing to the service of God, but there will be crying, my business, my business; and your minds will go into the things, and not over the things; and so therein ye do not come into the image of God, in which is dominion. And so, when your minds are got into the riches, and cumbered therewith, ye go back into that ye were in before; and then, if the Lord God cross you, and stop you by sea and land, and take your goods and customers from you, that your minds should not be cumbered; then that mind that is cumbered. will fret, being out of the power of God.

Eph. 4:16 And all Friends, take heed of jars and strife, for that is it which will eat out the seed in you; therefore let not that harbour in your bosoms. lest it eat out the good in you, and ye come to suffer in your own particulars. Therefore dwell in love and life, and in the power and seed of God, which is the honourable, royal state. And all that speak or preach abroad, see that ye be in the life, and power, and seed of God, which will edify the body, and not in a brittle, peevish, hasty, fretful mind; but dwell in that which keeps down the contrary, that that may sneak which **edifies the body in love**. And all take heed of vain words, and tattling idle words, but every where stop such; that love may continue in the body, and that the seed may spread over all, that unity may be kept. And all Friends every where, if Friends be poor, and in want, or in prison, that ye may in wisdom relieve and cherish such. And all Friends every where, stop the deceit, that would devour and destroy, which

is out of the truth, and true wisdom; which must be limited, that transgresseth the spirit of God. For since the days of the apostles, **the true church hath been in the wilderness**, and the **beast, false prophet**, antichrist, and false church have ruled and reigned: amongst whom have been the **many names and horns** amongst the apostate christians, who have professed themselves to be elders. Amongst this eldership have they had outward and earthly rulers, which have got up since the days of the apostles: but who come to **Christ, who was and is the true christian's head**, he is their ruler; **by whom all things were made**. And when the apostate christians went from the apostles' doctrines into the world, they set up many rulers amongst them, and many heads; when they went from the seed of God in themselves, in the male and in the female, then they forsook their head, Christ Jesus. And so, whosoever go from the seed of God in themselves, and set up other heads, they lose the one head, which is Christ Jesus; and then come to be **covered with darkness**, and the seed comes to be loaden, **as a cart with sheaves**: and then they break into the many ways, and set up the many heads, when they go from the seed in the male and in the female, which is the one head. And then come up the fightings about earthly things, and warrings with carnal weapons about earthly things, and self-interest, and man's honour and titles, and about their churches, and religions, and worships, and ministry, which have been set up since the days of the apostles, and since the fall. The Jews did kill with the outward sword the heathen, and one another; but Christ Jesus, the **prince of life, fulfils the law**, and ends the outward Jews' types, figures, and shadows, ordinances and carnal weapons, who is the king of the whole earth, **who comes to save men's lives**, yet slays and - **"kills with the sword of the spirit, which is the word of his mouth."** And the apostles, who followed Christ, **wrestled not with flesh and blood**; so all, who come to witness Christ to reign and to rule, (who is the prince of life, that saves men's lives,) and follow him, do not wrestle with flesh and blood, nor seek to destroy men's lives. And here comes the **wisdom to be known, that is from above, that is pure and gentle, and easy to be entreated**, that is not **sensual, carnal, and devilish**. So in the time of the law among the Jews there was fighting outwardly; but in the time of the gospel of Christ Jesus., who came to end the law, **they were to love enemies, and not to kill them; and love them that hate them, and not kill them**. But in the times since the days of the apostles, in the apostate christians' time, they

Rev. 12:6
Rev. 16:13

Rev. 13:1

Col. 1:18

John 1:3

Isa. 60:2

Amos 2:13

Acts 3:15

Mat. 5:17

Luke 9:56

Eph. 6:17

Eph. 6:12

Jam. 3:17

Jam. 3:15

Mat. 5:44

Rev. 13:2-4 are crying up the outward sword again; and this is the **dragon's and the beast's power**, the prince of death, which hath reigned since the apostles' days. But who come to follow Christ, they come to reign in spirit, over all those fighters with carnal weapons, that are got up since the days of the apostles. Therefore who are come now into the power of the Lord God, and to the seed that is royal, who was the elected, before the world began, keep your meetings, and dwell in the power of God, in which ye may know his image, and come into it; with which ye may spiritually reign, and have dominion over all the world, and rule in it over them and their vanities, and work them down without a carnal weapon, in the power of God. So keep your meetings, both particular and in the general, in the power of the Lord God, and dwell in the life and power, and wisdom of the Lord, that all uncleanness whatsoever may by the power of the Lord be brought down and rooted out; and that such have no rule nor authority amongst you, though they be

Rom. 16:18 **never so fair or excellent of speech:** but let all such be brought under by the power of the Lord God, who is to reign over it; that

2 Co. 2:15 in the sweetness and unity ye all may be brought to **be a sweet savour to the Lord God**, and in the hearts of one another, and let no uncleanness be amongst you. And all Friends every where, take heed of printing any thing more than ye are required of the Lord God. And all Friends every where, take heed of wandering up and down about needless occasions, for there is danger of getting into the careless words, out of seriousness, weightiness, and savouriness. And all Friends every where take heed of wronging the world, or any one, in bargains, or overreaching them; but dwell in the cool, sweet, and holy power of the Lord God, and in righteousness, that it may run down amongst you; and that will keep you low. And all Friends every where, take heed of slothfulness and sleeping in your meetings; for in so doing ye will be bad examples to others, and hurt yourselves and them. And all take heed of going up and down to minister, but as ye are moved of the Lord God, or to speak in meetings, or any other places; for travelling to such is dangerous to lift them up, going amongst settled meetings, that are settled. For there is difference betwixt Friends going into the world, and of coming among them that are come to silent meetings, and to feed there; for that which may be seasonable to the world, may not be to them. Therefore let all live in the seed, and wisdom, and fear, and consider, before they utter, that the light be up; whereby all may be settled, and they themselves be washed. And dwell in the seed, that ye all may know Christ come to reign in you; so that

all may be done and spoken by and in the power of the Lord God, that is done and spoken, and not out of it: and in that ye will all have unity in the record of life, whereby the power of God and the seed of God may come up, which is heir of the blessing and of the promise; that ye may come to know the place where there is no curse, and the lamb's power, throne, life, and dominion. And in the wisdom of God all dwell, that to him ye may be a sweet savour, and a blessing in the hearts of all people; that nothing may rule nor reign amongst you, but the seed itself, and the life of God.

G. F.

Let this be read in your meetings.

Epistle 132 - An epistle to Friends, for all to keep in the light, and to watch over one another.

All Friends and brethren every where, walk in the truth, and know one another in the measure of life, that in it your minds may be guided up to the Father of life; and stand in his counsel, that **he alone may be loved with all your strength, with all your minds, and with all your souls**; so that ye may all know one another in the life and light, that **ye may all be kept from idols**. For if ye know one another in the flesh only, that love which will rise out of that knowledge is feigned, and that will wither, and under the condemnation of the light must come. Therefore all wait in the measure of life, that with it **your hearts may be knit together**. And none to be hasty, nor to will any thing; there is not any thing received from God by him who willeth with his own will. For **“no prophecy of the scripture came by the will of man;”** Peter, that was not learned of man, but of Christ, saw this. And the **scripture is for the “perfecting of the man of God,”** which is learned of God, and came not by man's will. So now mind your growth, and your perfecting, and your steadfastness in the light, in which is the unity. So every one wait in the light, which comes from **Christ the head**, from whence nourishment comes, which nourishes the body and all the members; from whence comes the **bread of life**, which is from above, and the water of life. Therefore all wait in your measure, and **walk after your line**, which is the **light which comes from Christ who is your life**; that every one of you may have praise and comfort in the same, and every one

Mark 12:30

1 Jn. 5:21

Col. 2:2

2 Pe. 1:21

2 Ti. 3:16-17

Eph. 4:15

John 6:35

2 Co. 10:16

John 1:4

of you may be kept in the way of righteousness and peace up to the Lord, who is righteousness and peace, where the **blessed hope is seen** with the light that comes from **him by whom the world was made**. That so the **covenant of light, life, and peace** ye may all come to witness, and every one come to have dominion and **rule over your own spirits**; for the **spirit of man lusteth to envy**, if it be not subdued by the **spirit of the living God**. Therefore wait and **take heed lest any nakedness appear**, and that which is not justified in the sight of God. And take heed of presumption, lest ye go from the living God; but in the spirit dwell, that over all that ye may reign, and **come to be recorded in the book of life**, which life was before the world was. And this brings you to see and read one another, as **epistles written in one another's hearts**, where in unity, love, and peace ye will come to dwell, in the life of the spirit of the living God, in which the saints had unity, which brought them to be **taught of the living God**; and **so they gave forth the scriptures, as they were moved by the holy ghost**. **So no prophecy in the old time came by the will of man**, but was learned of God. So now ye waiting in the spirit every one, to be taught of God the **Father of spirits**, your teacher is with you present, and one in you all, according to your measures. Which **spirit is given to every one of you to profit withal**; by which holy spirit the scripture was given forth. Which scripture the world hath got, who are sensua], not having the spirit, and there they are Fighting about the outside and the languages. And there is **the sea, which the beast ariseth out of which the world wonders after**: and there is the **mother of harlots**, with all her false colours, whose eyes are out from the light which comes from him by whom the world was made; there ye may go, and have a name to live, but are dead. Now all be willing to wait in the measure of that which is eternal, that no fornication be found amongst you, nor deceit; that all may come to receive wisdom from **Christ, who is the wisdom of God**. That this **wisdom may be justified** in you all, and ye all in the light preserved, and that which is contrary condemned. So that ye may all be kept from deadness and slothfulness, in the fear of the Lord God, and therein your hearts kept clean. And so the Lord God Almighty preserve you!

Friends, keep your meetings every where, waiting upon the Lord, that to him ye may be a sweet aavour. And watch over one another with the measure of the spirit of the Lord. The Lord God Almighty preserve you, and keep you in his will, wisdom, light,

life, and power.

G. F.

Let this be read among Friends.

Epistle 133

Friends,— Towards all men walk in wisdom, and **be gentle to all men; “for the meek inherit the earth,”** and receive the blessing. **“And they that thirst after righteousness shall inherit righteousness,”** and the blessing. And the **“merciful do obtain mercy”** and the blessing. And the **“pure in heart shall see God,”** and receive the blessing. And **“Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.”** And **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they are the children of God.”** And **“Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of God.”** And **“Blessed are ye when men shall revile and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for Christ’s sake.”** And it is love that edifieth, and the edifying is in the most holy faith, which faith is the gift of God, which giveth victory over the world; and in this is the blessing, which purifieth the heart, and this is it which bringeth to please God. And that which edifieth is the living faith, and not the dead faith; and love rejoiceth in the truth, and not in the iniquity, for that is not in love. So ye that are the Lord’s lot, (mark!) and are his inheritance, and are in covenant with God, with him ye have peace; which covenant is given to all the world. But they that hate the light are out of covenant with God, and by the light they are condemned; and those which the light doth condemn are out of the covenant.

2 Ti. 2:24
Mat. 5:4-11

1 cO. 8:1
Jude 1:20
Eph. 2:8
1 Jn. 5:4
Acts 15:9
Heb. 11:6
Jam. 2:17
1 Co. 13:6
Ps. 16:5
John 3:19-20

G. F.

Epistle 134

Live in peace, all my dear babes of God, one with another, for patience obtains the crown, and hath the victory. And in pureness live over the deceit, and answer the witness of the Lord God in every one. And keep in the seed and life of the Lord God, that ye may feel the blessing of the Lord God amongst you and upon you.

And that which doth let you see your sins, in that stand, and ye will see your saviour, who was before the world was, him by whom the world was made, “glorified with the Father before the world began;” he will be your stay and rest.

Dear friends, dwell in the seed of God, and know it in you all, that ye may know it to reign, which is the heir of power; and in that live and dwell, and in it keep your meetings.

And we must have the patience to hear all manner of evil done or spoken against us for Christ’s sake, and rejoice at it.

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