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What Did George Fox Mean by It?

*Lewis Benson*

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## Editor's Page

Despite our new quarterly format it still seems to take far too long to bring papers presented at our Theological Discussion Group meetings to the readers of *Quaker Religious Thought*. This issue centers on the keynote address given by Lewis Benson at the 1969 Powell House meeting, as the next will center on the paper John Yungblut had prepared for the same gathering. We hope that issues devoted to the topics considered at this summer's meetings, "Corporate Commitment," "The Theology of Community," and "The Theology of Life and Death," will appear more promptly.

Lewis Benson's essay is not only a careful study of George Fox's use of a phrase that has come to have great importance among twentieth century Friends, but also a proclamation of the theological inadequacy of the way in which this phrase is most commonly understood and used today. The responses make clear how in our interpretations of this phrase we condense our whole understanding of the relation between man and God, and how important it therefore is to give its use this kind of close examination.

In this issue we are happy to present two letters to the editor which for reasons of space have been long delayed. We hope to include such correspondence more regularly, and suspect that the present issue may provoke some thoughtful and perhaps impassioned response.

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