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it carries us beyond a rational morality underscored by religious awe to a phenomenology of our entire moral and religious life and language, to an exploration of how moral principles articulate precognitive commitments and how religious language expresses faith in awesome mystery.

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Candida Palmer writes: “As a teenager, when asked by my Meeting to accept an office for the first time, I stood up and told assembled Friends that I did not consider my Quaker views to be sufficiently orthodox; whereupon an older Friend, crippled with paralysis agitans, struggled to his feet and stated in a quavering voice, ‘I think it is quite orthodox for Friends to be unorthodox.’ My Quakerism has probably come full circle since then, for now I’m a most properly orthodox ‘Orthodox’ at Fourth and Arch, Philadelphia, where I am a recorded minister.” Between lie a succession of chores and offices and appointments and representations for Friends in New Zealand, and in Philadelphia, New England and Illinois Yearly Meetings.

She attended the former Friends Schools at Ommen, Holland, and Wanganui, New Zealand, and also spent one term at Woodbrooke, England, where she married a fellow student, Vail Palmer of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. “The Palmers live presently in a small isolated community, with a college, in the Appalachian hills of southern Ohio, where Vail teaches religion and philosophy, and I am the all-purpose housewife and faculty wife.”

Candida Palmer’s first serious publishing efforts were in trade journals and grew out of her extensive work in the field of pharmacy. When her two children were settled in school she began writing, and eventually publishing, materials for and about the inner-city child just learning to read, including four books: Snow Storm Before Christmas, A Ride on High, Kim Ann and the Yellow Machine and The Soapsuds Fairy. A booklet of poems and graphics, Sidings, appeared in late 1972. Candida Palmer has long been active in the Quaker Theological Discussion Group and in the leadership of the Conference of Quaker Writers.