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Editor’s Page

Lively controversies have been erupting among Friends in America, East Africa, and elsewhere regarding the Quaker understanding of the Holy Spirit. These controversies have focused, in particular, on the phenomenon of “speaking in tongues.” Is this phenomenon consistent with Quaker thought and practice? Can one, indeed, be a fully committed Christian and Quaker and not have this experience?

These controversies will be brought to a focus at an evening meeting of the 1975 sessions of Friends United Meeting, which are being held July 5-12 at Wilmington College. Many Friends may want to follow up that consideration of Quaker approaches to the Holy Spirit by engaging in further study. To facilitate such study, we have invited five Friends and persons who have been closely associated with Friends to contribute articles on the Holy Spirit for this issue of Quaker Religious Thought. These authors were chosen as thoughtful representatives of a variety of contrasting viewpoints. We hope that individual Friends and meetings will find this symposium useful for further study and discussion of the place of the Holy Spirit in Quaker thought and practice.

Further discussion of this issue will take place at the summer conference of the Quaker Theological Discussion Group. This conference, on the theme of “Discerning the Holy Spirit: The Quaker Viewpoint,” will be held August 28-31, 1975, at Quaker Hill. Papers are to be presented by Wilmer Cooper and John Curtis, contributors to this issue of QRT, and by Stanley Perisho, pastor of Denver Friends Church. Registrations and inquiries should be sent to Quaker Hill Conference Center, 10 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Ind. 47374.

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