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The purpose of the Quaker Theological Discussion Group is to explore the meaning and implications of our Quaker faith and religious experience through discussion and publication. This search for unity in the claim of truth upon us concerns both the content and application of our faith.

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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This issue of QRT celebrates and explores two important, new books from Friends, Paul Anderson’s *Following Jesus: The Heart of Faith and Practice* and Stephen Angell and Pink Dandelion’s edited work, *The Oxford Handbook of Quaker Studies*. The reviews of these books and the authors’ responses create an engaging conversation and invite readers to explore them on their own.

The reviews of Paul Anderson’s book come from the meeting of the Quaker Theological Discussion Group on November 22, 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland. Paul has long given leadership to QTDG, not only arranging meetings and editing QRT, but also in contributing papers to our life together. Some of the essays in the book were written during his earlier service to Quakers as editor of the *Evangelical Friend*. The book draws from his Quaker and biblical scholarship and his deep commitment and service to Friends.

The reviews of *The Oxford Handbook of Quaker Studies* come from a session of the American Academy of Religion November 24, 2013. Though QRT usually includes only papers from the proceedings of QTDG and occasional invited essays, we knew early on that these reviews needed to be part of our journal. On the one hand, the stature of the book itself required it. On the other, Steve Angell and “Ben” Pink Dandelion, the editors, as well as many of the reviewers and authors of the handbook’s articles have been active, contributing members to our common life for many years. So this, too, will serve to invite folks to read and study their outstanding contributions to us all.

Since our last issue, Inner Light Books has sent us a copy of Paul Buckley’s newest book, *The Essential Elias Hicks* (2013). In QRT 119, we published reviews in response to his two earlier volumes, *The Journal of Elias Hicks* and *Dear Friend: Letters and Essays of Elias Hicks*. So we note with gratitude Paul’s continuing research on writing on this important subject.

— Howard R. Macy
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