

The Quakers and their Beliefs

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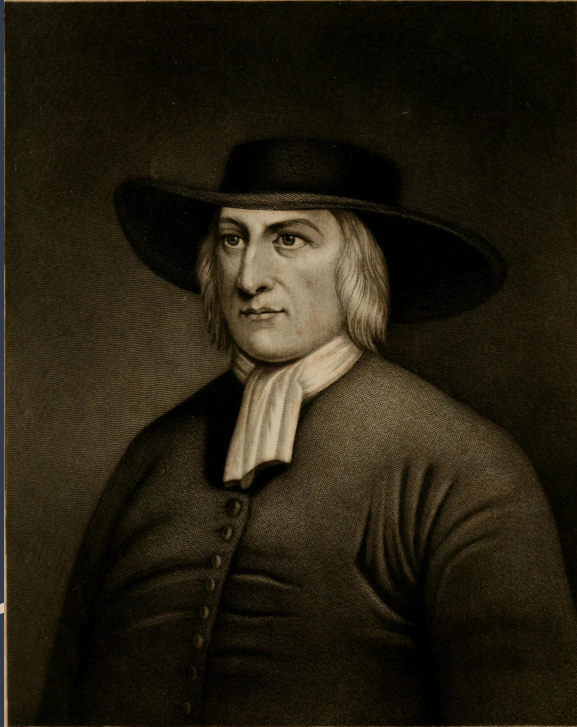
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Who are the Quakers?



- They are known as the religious society of friends
- They first started in England in the 1650's
- The people of this group had similar beliefs
- George Fox founded the Quakers

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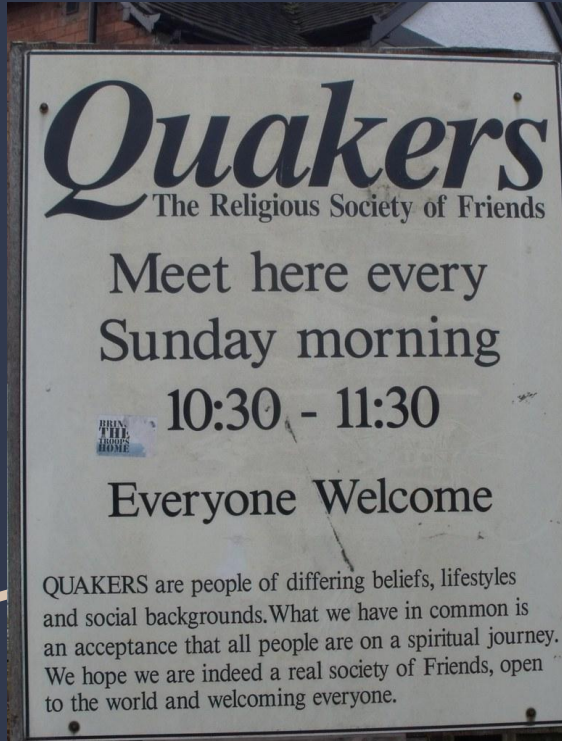
- He made a spiritual quest in the 1640's
- Came to the conclusion God is within all people
- Many people agreed with his beliefs while many were against it
- He got the name "Quakers" by telling a magistrate to quake at the name of God

Personal Beliefs



- God is within everyone
- All humans contain good and truth
- Treat all people equally
- Welcomed diversity (women and men are the same)

Religious Beliefs



- They don't practice Baptism or the Eucharist
- Christmas nor Easter is celebrated
- They believe people should encounter God directly rather than through a priest
- Faith is always developing no matter the age

Quakers Today



- There are more than 300,000 Quakers in the world today
- Many are mistaken for the Amish
- Most Quakers today are not born into Quakerism
- It is an ever-changing religion