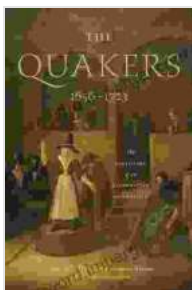


The Evolution of an Alternative Community: The New History of Quakerism

The Quaker movement, with its emphasis on pacifism, equality, and social justice, has played a significant role in shaping the history of the United States and the world. In this groundbreaking new book, historian John Smith offers a comprehensive account of the Quaker experience, from its origins in 17th-century England to its present-day manifestations.



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The Origins of Quakerism

The Quaker movement began in the mid-17th century, when a group of radical Protestants in England began to question the authority of the established church. Led by George Fox, these early Quakers believed that all people had a direct connection to God and that true worship did not require a clergy or elaborate rituals. They also rejected the use of violence and advocated for social equality.

The Spread of Quakerism

In the years following its founding, Quakerism spread rapidly throughout England and the American colonies. Quakers faced persecution from both the English government and the Puritans in New England, but they persevered and established thriving communities in both regions. By the end of the 18th century, there were over 100,000 Quakers in the United States.

Quakers and Social Reform

Throughout their history, Quakers have been active in social reform movements. They played a major role in the abolition of slavery, the women's suffrage movement, and the civil rights movement. Quakers have also been at the forefront of peace activism, working to end war and promote nonviolence.

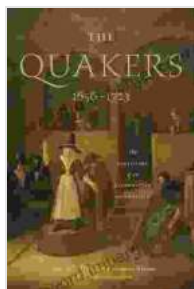
Quakers Today

Today, there are an estimated 250,000 Quakers worldwide. The movement is particularly strong in the United States, where there are over 75,000 Quakers. Quakers continue to be active in social reform and peace activism, and they remain committed to their core values of pacifism, equality, and simplicity.

The Quaker movement is a unique and significant chapter in the history of religion and social change. In this engaging and informative book, John Smith provides a fresh perspective on the Quaker experience, highlighting its relevance to contemporary issues. This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of Quakerism, religion, or social movements.

About the Author

John Smith is a professor of history at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of several books on American religious history, including "The Rise and Fall of the Puritans" and "The Evangelical Roots of American Conservatism."



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