

## 1647 AD 'GEORGE FOX HEARD AN INNER VOICE: PROCLAIMED TRUTH'

**"O the Hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble, why should you be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turns aside to tarry for a night?" (Jeremiah 14 v 8)**

### EVENTS IN 1647 AD<sup>1</sup>

In 1647 **George Fox** began publically preaching in open air a radical teaching for his time that God speaks to us in an inner voice if we keep ourselves undistracted from worldly things.

**George Fox** combined **Puritanism** with **Quietism**. He was a leader in the **Quaker** movement. He travelled with other like-minded free preachers, who called themselves 'Friends'. **Quakers** were so named because **George Fox** was apt to say to judges: '**Tremble before Almighty God**'.

Thus began an almost continuous itinerant ministry for the rest of his life, when he was not imprisoned – which he often was.

As a youth, **George Fox** knew people who were religious but he looked down on their behaviour, in particular drinking alcohol. He records that, in prayer one night after leaving two acquaintances at a drinking session, he heard an inner voice say: "**You see how young people go together into vanity, and old people into the earth; thou must forsake all, young and old, keep out of all, and be as a stranger unto all.**"

**George Fox** discovered the secret that **God** wanted to be the One to reveal his son **Jesus**. He wrote: 'But as I had forsaken the priests, so I left the separate preachers also, and those esteemed the most experienced people; for I saw there was none among them all that could speak to my condition. And when all my hopes in them and in all men were gone, so that I had nothing outwardly to help me, nor could tell what to do, then, oh, then, I heard a voice which said, "**There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition**"; and when I heard it my heart did leap for joy. Then the Lord let me see why there was none upon the earth that could speak to my condition, namely, that I might give Him all the glory; for all are concluded under sin, and shut up in unbelief as I had been, that **Jesus Christ** might have the pre-eminence who enlightens, and gives grace, and faith, and power. Thus when **God** doth work, who shall let [hinder] it? And this I knew experimentally [by experience].'

<sup>1</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Fox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Fox)

**George Fox** considered formal religion to be a falsehood. He wrote: 'The Lord showed me, so that I did see clearly, that he did not dwell in these temples which men had commanded and set up, but in people's hearts ... his people were his temple, and he dwelt in them.'

**George Fox** considered baptisms unnecessary for the work of the **Spirit** in the heart through inner transformation.

**George Fox** was appalled by professionalism in ministry. He had a famous meeting with **Oliver Cromwell**: 'Then I showed him that the prophets, **Christ**, and the apostles declared freely [free of charge], and against them that did not declare freely; such as preached for filthy lucre, and divined for money, and preached for hire, and were covetous and greedy, that could never have enough; and that they that have the same spirit that **Christ**, and the prophets, and the apostles had, could not but declare against all such now, as they did then. As I spoke, he several times said, it was very good, and it was truth. I told him that all Christendom (so called) had the Scriptures, but they wanted the power and **Spirit** that those had who gave forth the Scriptures; and that was the reason they were not in fellowship with the **Son**, nor with the **Father**, nor with the Scriptures, nor one with another.'

**George Fox** lived through the English Civil war and became a pacifist. **Quakers** were often accused of conspiracy. They formulated a 'peace testimony' in which they adhered to a policy of non-violence. **Quakers** were conscientious objectors in World War I and World War II.

**Quakers** profess the priesthood of all believers, including women and children.

The **Quaker** movement developed into a religious sect, which then divided into smaller sects.

#### PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 14 V 8

"O the Hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble, why should you be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turns aside to tarry for a night?" (Jer. 14 v 8)

The **Church of England** was so institutionalized that the **Hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble** – was a stranger among them. As in the Gospels, **Jesus** had no place to lay his head. Religion and ritual had utterly squeezed the **Holy Spirit** out of any meeting or assembly in **Christ's** name (see our paper [1662 AD](#)).

**'and as a wayfaring man that turns aside to tarry for a night?'**

**George Fox** was an itinerant open air preacher who offered the Truth of God free of charge and invited all who believed to come out of the Institutional Church. **George Fox** was not the only one; other godly men entered into this ministry of proclamation, going from town to town, village to village, in the name of **Jesus Christ** – not in the name of the **Church of England**.

## **SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS**

For a mind that has wisdom please read on. See truth from another perspective.

### PART ONE

Chapter **14** of Jeremiah is the **83<sup>nd</sup>** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **83** means 'Nations That Hate God'

In a twist of irony, the Head of the **Church of England** had set himself up as 'God' and all the hired men and professional clergy under him were 'gods' or 'idols' in turn set over the believers. Thus, we can very accurately portray **George Fox** and all those who responded to the gospel he preached to be a 'Nation That Hates [the Pagan] God'.

### PART TWO

Jeremiah **14 v 8** is the **19,302<sup>nd</sup>** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,302 = 6 x 3217 [455<sup>th</sup> prime]**

The spiritual meaning of **6** is 'Flesh'

The spiritual meaning of **455** is 'Scorned By All'

The spiritual meaning of **3217** is 'A Light Shines in Darkness: Not Overcome By It'

Winston Churchill was wrong. The **English Civil War** was 'the darkest hour'. The land was riven by roaming armies that pillaged and fought for over a decade. There was almost no law and order. In the midst of the most cold and cruel hatred of brother for brother, **George Fox** brought a message of peace and **Christ**'s love that warmed hearts. **George Fox** was

imprisoned and sanctioned and felt the full force of social resistance and rejection. Thousands of his 'friends' – which were called **Quakers** but did not own that name – were imprisoned also. But the light of **God**'s lamp of Truth did not snuff out - even in the winds and fury of those days. Praise the Lord!

### PART THREE

Jeremiah **14 v 8** is the **1647<sup>th</sup>** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The number **1647 = 27 x 61**

The spiritual meaning of **27** is 'Holy Truth'

The spiritual meaning of **61** is 'King of Jews: Messiah'

The mind truly boggles. How can men who vouch faith in **Christ** be so faithless to build temples on earth when the Scripture plainly teaches **Christ** does not reside in them – but in Heaven where he sits at **God**'s right hand?

The 'Holy Truth' of the Bible is that **Jesus of Nazareth** is the 'King of the Jews: Messiah'.

To enter into a one-to-one relationship directly with **God** (no intermediary) a person must confess that the **Messiah** has come, he died on Calvary's Cross, he bled and died once for the remission of sin, on the third day he rose again, and now sits at the right hand of the **Father** in Heaven, waiting for the time to return.

**Man's Religion** in any form messes with the purity and simplicity of the **Gospel**: it perverts **Truth** and like a wineskin that is gashed, drains out all the power and love the **Spirit of God** might have filled and blessed thereby. An uneducated man like **George Fox** can grasp the truth of the **Gospel** and proclaim it with success. Simple folk can gather in small meetings and be filled with the **Holy Spirit** outside of any institutional church. **God** has so ordained it can only be this way.