

# To Friends, Concerning the Light

by George Fox

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*George Fox emphasizes the importance of dwelling in the light of Christ to discern truth and avoid deception from antichrists and false prophets.*

**Scripture:** John 3:19, John 8:12, 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Topics:** "Discernment in Faith", "The Light of Christ"

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## Description

George Fox addresses Friends everywhere, urging them to dwell in the light that comes from Christ, which enables them to see their Savior and grow spiritually. He emphasizes that those who are in Christ are new creations, free from condemnation, and can discern the deceivers and antichrists in the world. Fox warns against false teachers and those who exploit the faithful, asserting that true followers of Christ walk in the light and cannot be deceived by those who oppose it. He concludes by affirming that the light is the world's condemnation and will ultimately lead to the acknowledgment of God's just judgments.

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## Transcript

To Friends, Concerning The Light (1653)

To all Friends everywhere, scattered abroad: in the light dwell which comes from Christ, that with it ye may see Christ your saviour; that ye may grow up in him. For they who are in him, are new creatures; and "old things are passed away and all things become new." And who are in him, are led by the Spirit, to them there is no condemnation; but they dwell in that which doth condemn the world, and with the light see the deceivers, and the antichrists, which are entered into the world. And such teachers as bear rule by their means; and such as seek for the fleece, and make a prey upon the people, and are hirelings, as such as go in the way of Cain, and run greedily after the error of Balaam; and such as are called of men master, and stand praying in the synagogues, and have the chief seats in the assemblies, all which are in the world, who by those that dwelt in the light, were cried against; for it did them condemn, and all such as speak a divination of their own brain, and are filthy dreamers, who use their tongues, and steal the words from their neighbors; with the light, the world and all these aforesaid are comprehended, and all that is in it; and all they that hate it, and all the antichrists that oppose it, and all the false prophets and deceivers, that are turned from it, with the light are comprehended, and with the light are condemned, and all that are turned from it and hate it.

"I am the light of the world," saith Christ, and he doth enlighten every one that cometh into the world; and he that loves the light, and walks in the light, receives the light of life: and the other, he hates the light,

because his deeds are evil, and the light doth reprove him. And this is the condemnation, that the light is come into the world, in which light, they that love it, walk; which is the condemnation of him that hates it. And all the antichrists, and all the false prophets, and all the deceiver, the beast, and the well favoured harlot, all these are seen with the light to be in that nature, acting contrary to the light; and with the light are they comprehended, and by the light condemned.

For he is not an antichrist, that walks in the light that comes from Christ; he is no deceiver, that walks in the light that comes from Christ. Many deceivers are entered into the world, and the false prophets are entered into the world; the world hates the light, and if it were possible, they would deceive the elect. But in the light the elect do dwell, which the antichrists, deceivers, and false prophets are turned from, into the world, that hate the light: that light which they do hate, the children of do dwell in, the elect. So it is not possible, that the antichrists and deceivers, that are entered into the world, that hate the light, should deceive the elect, who dwell in light which they hate; which light doth them all comprehend, and the world; which light was before the world was, and is the world's condemnation; in which light the elect walk. And here it is not possible, that they that dwell in the light should be deceived, which comprehends the world, and is the world's condemnation. Which light shall bring every tongue to confess, and every knee to bow: when the judgments of God come upon them, it shall make them confess, that the judgments of God are just.

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