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# Quaker Book Service



*The Messenger That Goes Before* by Michael Birkel, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #398. 2008, Sub-titled “Reading Margaret Fell for Spiritual Nurture”. Birkel Quotes and explains passages from her 17th century letters. (36pp. \$6.50)

*Sacred Compass* by J. Brent Bill, Paraclete Press, Brewster, Mass. 2008. “How do you discover God’s will in your life every day?” is a question answered in “The Way of Spiritual Discernment”. (192 pp. \$25.90)

*Universalism and Spirituality* edited by Patricia A. Williams. Quaker Universalist Reader #3. Quaker Universalist Fellowship, Columbia, Maryland 2007. A valuable source of spiritual wisdom. Six sections by 41 contributors deal with God, spiritual experiences, and spirituality in mysticism and science. (190 pp. \$9.10)

*Quakers in Conflict* by H. Larry Ingle, Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA 1998. A detailed historical study of the Hicksite Revolution in the early 19th century in America. (310 pp. \$13.00)

*Minding the Future* by Christine A.M. Davis, Quaker Books, London, 2008. (She gave the Sunderland P. Gardner lecture at Canadian Yearly meeting in 2007) In this 2008 Swathmore Lecture Christine Davis draws on her experiences in Quaker, public, and economic activities in defining effective stewardship. (98 pp. \$1500)

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**Ask Margaret Fell Q:** I’ve been called to jury duty. May I beg off on the grounds of being a Quaker? If it is my duty to serve, how do I deal with the legal requests to swear oaths? Law Fox.

**A:** Indeed, we all have a duty to support the laws of our country. But when Law and Faith collide the Friends of Truth have never hesitated to go against the Law. Thou canst refuse the oaths on grounds of conscience. There is only one standard of truth, both on the street and in court. Thou couldst quote Tommy in Miracle on 34th Street and say, “Gee Judge, everybody knows thou mustn’t lie, especially in court!” The court will ask thee to “affirm” which is a weasely way of asserting truthfulness without swearing. If thou refuseth to affirm, thou’ll probably be dismissed from jury duty. Hurrah!

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