

Individual Infallibility and Community Discernment

The Quaker Settlement
Whanganui
28 to 30 June 2019



Presented and facilitated by
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Commencing with dinner on Friday at 6.30pm and
ending with lunch on Sunday

Individual in community

Emphasis on the primacy of individual direct experience of God/inner light/spirit has always been a strong current in Quakerism. It was founded on Fox's radical vision that knowing God "experimentally" was the primary source of authority, above creed, scripture or clergy.

How did early Quakers move from this singular reliance on direct experience (experimental), which can give rise to a sense of individual infallibility, to an emphasis on community discernment?

What is meant by God's will and what are the 'theological' implications of emphasising both individual and community discernment?

Is it possible today to reconcile the emphasis on individual experience with the need for a sense of common purpose and unity or, does individualism reign supreme so that Quakerism can be "everything to everybody" (Ben Pink Dandelion, Swarthmore Lecture, 2014).

How can we move from understandings derived from our own "inner light", to listening for each other's truth and communicating in ways that enable each individual's interpretation of direct experience of 'God's truth/will' to be shared and tested?

This seminar will explore these questions and offer some practical ideas and methods.

Send any queries to mandns@xtra.co.nz

REGISTRATION FORM

"Individual Infallibility and Community Discernment" Seminar 28 to 30 June 2019

Please make your reservation by **Friday 21 June**:

- **Online** at <http://www.quakersettlement.co.nz/> or,
- **Send form** to Marion Sanson, 76P Virginia Rd, Whanganui 4500 or,
- **Email** marionbsanson@gmail.com with the details requested on this form.

Name(s):
Address:
Phone: Email:

Transport

Arrive on: (day/date) at: (time)
by (tick) Bus: Plane: (to Whanganui)
(please meet me/us)
Car: Seats to spare:
Depart by (tick) Bus Plane day/time:

Catering will be wholesome vegetarian or vegan.
Gluten free catered if indicated here:

Any **major food allergies**:
(If you have a special diet, please bring what you need to supplement.)

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The following costs only apply if you are not claiming QEF funding for this seminar.

Accommodation, registration and meals:

Total Costs (Tick choice please)
Unit - (shared with 1 other person), made up beds and towels provided - \$164:

Sleeping House - Bring sleeping bag, pillowslip and towel -\$128:

Camping - Caravan \$110, Tent - \$104:

Living out - \$96:
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