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The Journal of George Fox

George Fox · *1694 · Fox's English (this hosted edition)*

That all may know the dealings of the Lord with me, and the various exercises, trials, and troubles through which he led me, in order to prepare and fit me for the work unto which he had appointed me, I think fit briefly to mention how it was with me in my youth. When he came to eleven years of age, he knew pureness and righteousness. Project Gutenberg #75559 and #75590. For grades 10–12. Quote Fox, not only the editorial clothing. The Journal is long, in more than one file-volume.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

How should a school read Fox's Journal as he framed it—so that all may know the dealings of the Lord with him, and the trials by which he was fitted for his work—rather than as only an editor's life of the first Friends?

"That all may know the dealings of the Lord with me, and the various exercises, trials, and troubles through which he led me, in order to prepare and fit me for the work unto which"

Youth, opening of the relation

After much editorial matter, Fox himself wants all to know the dealings of the Lord with him, and the exercises, trials, and troubles through which he was led, in order to prepare and fit him for the work unto which he had been appointed. When he came to eleven years of age, he knew pureness and righteousness; the Lord taught him to be faithful in all things, inwardly to God and outwardly to man, and to keep to Yea and Nay in all things. Teach that beginning, for grades 10–12. The hosted Journal is long, drawn from Project Gutenberg #75559 and #75590; quote Fox, not only the editors, and do not pretend one map taught the whole.

KEY CHARACTERS

George Fox
Who writes so that all may know the dealings of the Lord with him, and the work he was fitted for

The child of eleven
Who knew pureness and righteousness, and was taught to walk so as to be kept pure

The Lord who taught him
Inwardly to God, outwardly to man, and to keep to Yea and Nay

HOW TO BEGIN THE JOURNAL

> *"That all may know the dealings of the Lord with me, and the various exercises, trials, and troubles through which he led me, in order to prepare and fit me for the work unto which"*
>
> Youth

> *"The Lord taught me to be faithful in all things, and to act faithfully two ways, viz., inwardly to God, and outwardly to man; and"*
>
> Youth

Grades 10–12
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01

The Dealings of the Lord

YOUTH, OPENING OF THE RELATION

That all may know the dealings of the Lord with him, and the various exercises, trials, and troubles through which he led him, in order to prepare and fit him for the work unto which he had appointed him. The Journal is a testimony, not a career sketch only.

- Keep "dealings of the Lord" and "prepare and fit me."
- Quote Fox, not only the editorial life that precedes this.
- 10–12.
- The later travels are the work he was fitted for; start here.

> *"That all may know the dealings of the Lord with me, and the various exercises, trials, and troubles through which he led me, in order to prepare and fit me for the work unto which"*
>
> Youth, opening of the relation

02

At Eleven Years of Age

YOUTH

When he came to eleven years of age, he knew pureness and righteousness; for while a child he was taught how to walk to be kept pure. The Journal remembers a child's walk, not only a public ministry.

- Keep "pureness and righteousness."
- The teaching begins in childhood.
- 10–12.
- Do not skip this for later disputes only.

> *"When I came to eleven years of age, I knew pureness and righteousness; for while a child I was taught how to walk to be kept pure. The Lord"*
>
> Youth

03

Inwardly to God, and Outwardly to Man

YOUTH

The Lord taught him to be faithful in all things, and to act faithfully two ways, viz., inwardly to God, and outwardly to man. Faithfulness has an inward and an outward face.

- Keep "viz., inwardly to God, and outwardly to man."
- This is the Lord's teaching, as he tells it.
- 10–12.
- Integrity here is costly and plain.

> *"The Lord taught me to be faithful in all things, and to act faithfully two ways, viz., inwardly to God, and outwardly to man; and"*
>
> Youth

04

Yea and Nay

YOUTH

And to keep to Yea and Nay in all things. For the Lord showed him that though the people of the world have mouths full of deceit, and changeable words, he was to keep to a plain yes and no.

- Keep "Yea and Nay in all things."
- Plain speech is already a discipline.
- 10–12.
- Later public testimony grows from this.

> *"to keep to Yea and Nay in all things. For the Lord"*
>
> Youth

05

A Long Journal, in Two Gutenberg Volumes

THE EDITION

Project Gutenberg #75559 and #75590 hold this hosted Journal (published 1694, after Fox's death, in a Friends' editorial tradition). Quote Fox, not only the editors. The book is long; one map cannot teach it all. For grades 10–12. Later imprisonments and travels belong to the work he was fitted for; start with the dealings of the Lord in his youth.

- Name both Gutenberg numbers if you describe the file.
- Quote Fox.
- Do not pretend completeness.
- A testimony of being led, not a later slogan.

> *"That all may know the dealings of the Lord with me, and the various exercises, trials, and troubles through which he led me, in order to prepare and fit me for the work unto which"*
>
> Youth, opening of the relation

The dealings of the Lord | Pureness from childhood | Faithful inward and outward | Yea and Nay | Fitted for a work

What to watch for as you read

GRADES 10–12

1. Much editorial matter stands first; quote Fox's own opening about the dealings of the Lord with him.
2. At eleven he knew pureness and righteousness; faithfulness is inward to God and outward to man.
3. Keep to Yea and Nay in all things.
4. The hosted Journal is long (PG #75559 and #75590). For grades 10–12. Do not pretend one map taught it all.

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