

Introduction and Invitation

This "blog" is one of my web adventures. I'm using blogging software, but don't really intend to blog in the normal way. Instead, I want to make available some essays that I will be writing (and perhaps recycle some old ones) on common questions I get or stuff I've been thinking about and perhaps get some discussion going on some of the topics covered. I'm going to try to organize it reasonably well for reference. To contribute comments or essays, you'll have to make an account; no anonymous comments are accepted directly. (Exception: If you email me directly, I may decide it is appropriate to add your comment or question without attributing it to you so you can remain anonymous. I will not identify you if you ask not to be identified and I use your contribution. So ask those awkward or embarrassing questions!)

To be clear, I am offering to write up some thoughts on pretty much any topic that people who are part of the LBFC community might find useful. (If you're not a part of that community, feel free to give it a shot anyway.) Got questions? Ask away. Always wanted to ask me something but never found the right opportunity? Now's your chance. I can't promise wisdom, but I can promise to take serious questions seriously. And when I really don't have a clue what to say... well, I really dislike not having a clue what to say, so what I'll probably do is tell you I'll get back to you later and go off and study, pray, and consider. And then get back to you later. On occasion I may refer you to something that says it better than I could.

I find that I write a lot, but it is most often in response to being asked something or in response to something written by someone else. And it is usually email: Friends-Theology and another private list most recently, Quaker-L and Quaker-Spectrum in the (now distant) past, and various BB systems back in the dark ages before the web. I have noticed that a lot of people who know me well have hardly ever read anything I've written! Then there is the group of people who know me only by my writing in electronic forums.

My hope is that this will become a useful resource for the community of God's people I see face-to-face and often (among others), a true expression of faith by a people formed by God to proclaim his praise.

*"They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor."*

- Isaiah 61:3b

*"For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise
spring up before all nations."*

- Isaiah 61:11

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You know how to reach me. Help me get started! Suggestions are welcome.