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FAMOUS WORDS

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Et tu, Brute ^[1] Immortalized by [Shakespeare's Julius Caesar](#) (1599), the quotation is widely used in [Western culture](#) to signify the utmost betrayal. *Wikipedia*

"To be or not to be" is the opening phrase of a [soliloquy](#) in [William Shakespeare's play Hamlet](#). It is perhaps the most famous of all literary quotations but there is deep disagreement on the meaning of both the phrase and the speech. These are fundamental uncertainties that make an objective account of the speech's meaning impossible. ^[citation needed] Even so, the speech is regarded ^[by whom?] as Hamlet's most significant and as a jewel of [world literature](#). *Wikipedia*

John 3:16 (chapter 3, verse 16 of the [Gospel of John](#)) is one of the most widely quoted verses from the [Christian Bible](#),^[1] and has been called the most famous Bible verse.^[2] It has also been called the "Gospel in a nutshell". *Wikipedia*

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* KJV**

Words have so much impact, but as in these famous quotations, they show us the possibility of pain, confusion or life. Those who have gone before us, who have lived a life of transformational conversion, thru Jesus Christ, have written and testified extensively to the real truth of Jesus Christ alive and living within them. The demonstration of God's true love surpasses all the other religions or famous writers because it brings life. Life that is real and changing from the inside out. I would hope and pray that Friends will never give into the notion that we should alter our faith belief, change our understanding of faith in Jesus Christ or deny the reality of the Living Christ within.

My internet connection shows me that atheists and other non-believers go to court every day to deny the existence of God or the life changing faith of our forefathers and mothers. Their desire to wipe any reference of God and particularly of Jesus Christ from the landscape of this country is continuous, ever wonder why? Why do some people work so hard at denying that God exists, or that a higher intelligence is above our ways has created and brought order out of chaos? Does chaos seem to make more sense? Making more laws doesn't seem to change the human condition, does it? Does more education seem to be the answer to every condition of man? How well did that work in the reeducation camps in the communist countries? Why do people in the most oppressive societies still seek a personal relationship with a God who cares?

I am persuaded that the answer to why, is because in our egotistic pride we don't want to submit, to humble ourselves, or to fall on our knees and cry out to the God, creator and sustainer of this universe.

I am concerned and have been now for a few years that the universalistic approach to a god, is no more than a modern version of paganism. Worship anything or anybody that seems to make me feel good or important or brings me human pleasure. But the real question for me is, is that sense of pleasurable happiness only a fleeting moment, or is it genuine joy that comes from having a peace with God found thru His Son. The Son that went to the cross willingly, in obedience to His Father, in order to make a way open for each of us to eventually join Him in a heaven created for all who will become disciples of that Son. That is love and that is more than famous words.

United Society of Friends Women

IOWA YEARLY MEETING

ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX FELLOWSHIP

In the late 1800's while living in Western Yearly Meeting, Eliza (Clark) Armstrong Cox caught a clear vision of the part Quaker women should contribute to the Master's great plan of world evangelization. Through her untiring efforts she initiated the movement which developed into the Women's Missionary Union of Friends in America which is known today as the United Society of Friends Women International (USFWI). The Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Award was established many years ago as a way to recognize and honor the special efforts of selected women in the local USFW societies.

If you wish to honor a woman in your society who has given outstanding service to USFW, please follow these steps:

Have someone in your society write a one-page biography outlining the contributions of this woman to your local and state USFW and to other missions efforts in your community.

Send \$25.00 through your local treasurer to Iowa USFW Treasurer, Charlotte Mosher, 23385 McKinley St., Milo, IA 50166. If you wish to award a pin to the recipient, please send an additional \$8.00.

Send the biography and a photo of the individual (in color if possible) to Iowa USFW Recording Secretary, Jacque Wilbur, 18684 Erbe St., Carlisle, IA 50047. The photo should be small enough to fit on the same page as the biography. **DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2012.**

The biography and photo will be added to the permanent record in the book, "Iowa Recipients of the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Award". The biography will be read and the pin (optional) will be awarded at the next Iowa USFW Celebration of Service as part of the Iowa Yearly Meeting Ministry Conference. This year's Celebration of Service is on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at College Avenue Friends, Oskaloosa, IA; time to be announced in the next issue of Iowa Friend.

If you have questions about this process, you may call Jacque Wilbur at 515-989-4129 (home) or 515-205-0692 (cell).

Friends United Meeting

Mission Focus May 2012

AMO Staff

The Africa Ministries Office in Kisumu was established in 2005. The staff coordinates activities of the 17 Africa Yearly Meetings, 16 in Kenya and one in Uganda, and works to encourage and empower leadership, and oversee the seven FUM partner Projects.

North American Ministries: Summer Mission Project (VBS)

2012 Project: Cash for Classrooms

When Samburu Friends Mission first came to Loltulelei in 1995, the **missionaries were given use of a four-room school that had been built of mud and wattle in the mid-1980s. Such a building is not meant to last more than a few years, yet Friends are still using it today. Our goal is to replace at least two of these rooms with more durable, safe, and hygienic cement block classrooms. In addition to providing much needed learning space for the 1,900 students at Loltulelei, the new classrooms will also be equipped with solar lighting to allow shepherd children to attend night school.**

Goal: \$20,000



Make plans to Join us for Yearly Meeting 2012

August 1-4 at William Penn University

The 2012 IAYM Annual Ministry Conference will be hosted at the MTC Building at William Penn University. This is a fantastic space with ground level access to the atrium, convenient parking with access to the city bike trail, handicap restrooms and easy access elevator to the upper level!



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Royce Frazier

President of Barclay College

Run for Missions

A 5k or 10K Run/walk to raise funds for missions. This event is scheduled for Saturday morning!



Children's Yearly Meeting

will be Featuring MOBILE CAMP (a ministry of Quakerdale)!! They will be setting up to serve on Thursday and Friday at the Yearly Meeting Park.

Why do I need you? ● Why do you need me? ● Why do we need each other?

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"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." -Ecclesiastes 4:12

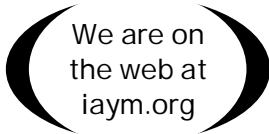
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Iowa Yearly Meeting Schedule

May 2012

- 5/6 Barclay Graduation
- 5/12 White's celebration supper
@ Mesquakie Friends Center 6:30 pm
- 5/13 WPU Graduation

June 2012

- 6/1-3 Winnesheik Qtly Meeting

Summer Quaker Camps at CQH

- 6/27-30 FUM General Board Meetings

August 2012

- 8/1-4 Iowa Yearly Meeting Annual Conference
@ William Penn University

- October 30-November 2 National Pastors Conference

Registration forms available online! Payments can be received from Paypal

Young Friends 2012 Camps

Little Fry Camp (K-2) June 8 - 10

Fry Camp (2-4) June 3 - 6

Fox Camp (5-6) June 24 - 28

Jr. High Camp (7-8) June 10 - 15

Sr. High Camp (9-12) June 15 - 20

College Weekender (9-12) June 1 - 3



Important Changes...

- Choosing which camp to attend is now determined by **the last grade completed.** (exceptions may apply)
- Students who have completed 2nd grade can choose to attend Little Fry with a parent OR independently at Fry Camp.

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Cuba—Linda Garrison