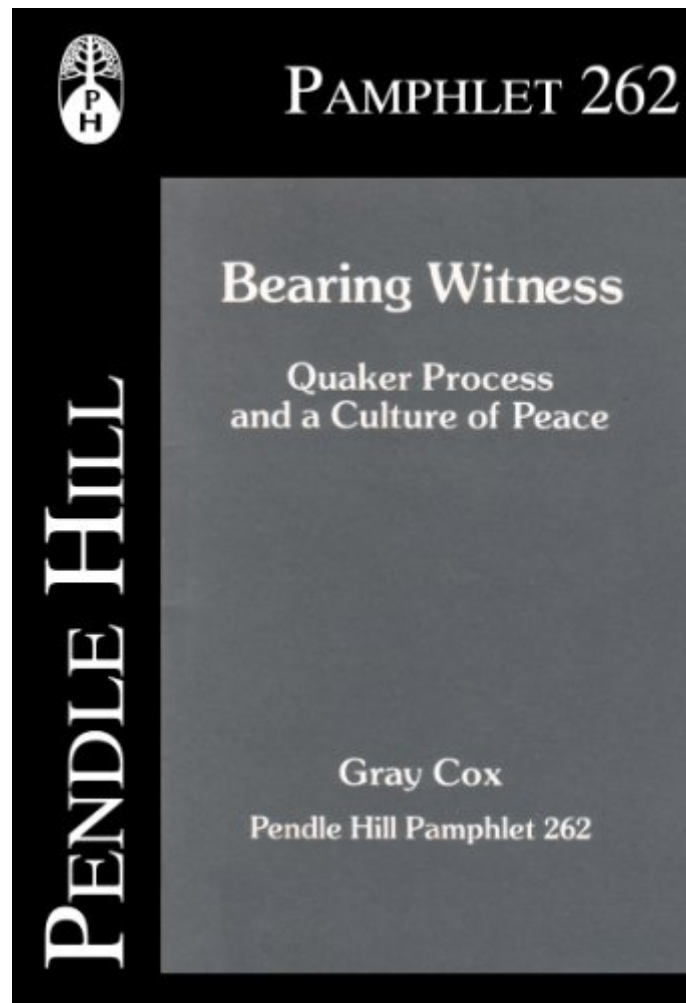




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Quakers are cultural mutants with odd ways of talking and uncommon ways of behaving. Like Kenneth Boulding, I think this mutation in the phylum of Christianity has an important evolutionary potential. Quakers have a mutant ethic based on a mutant conception of rationality; these provide the seeds for a new culture â€” a culture of peace. To speak of this ethic and this conception of rationality as â€œseedâ€• serves to indicate both their dynamic character as processes and their organic character as parts of a growing whole. It should also serve to recall the power of a metaphor that early Quakers used frequently, a metaphor that spoke to their experience of the ways in which inward leadings led to outward action: the â€œseed of Christ.â€•

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