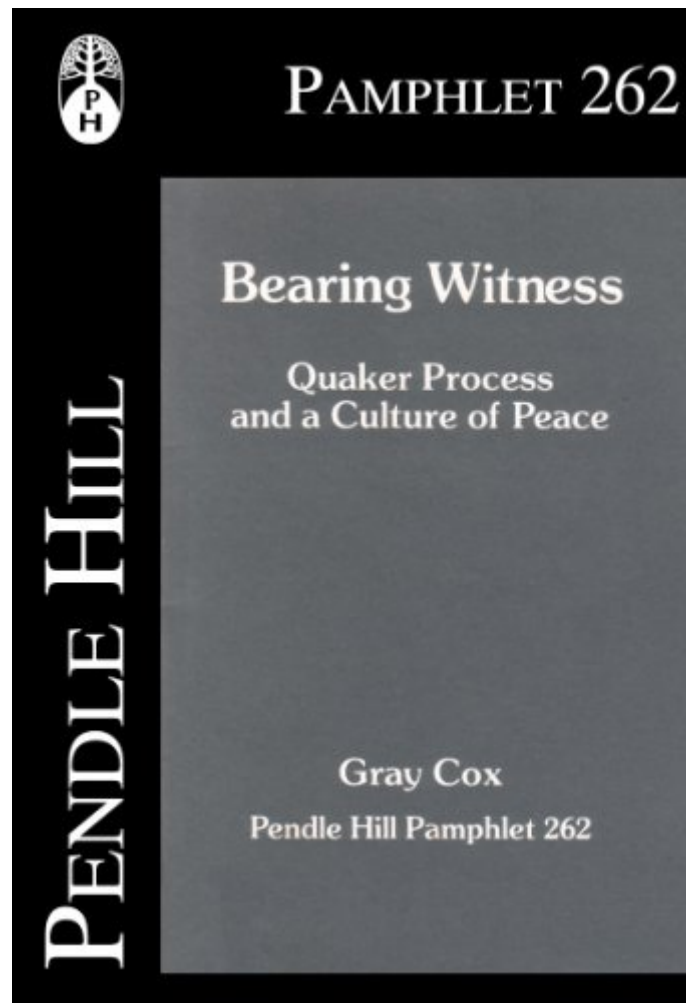




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Quakers are cultural mutants with odd ways of talking and uncommon ways of behaving. Like Kenneth Boulding, I think this mutation in the phylum of Christianity has an important evolutionary potential. Quakers have a mutant ethic based on a mutant conception of rationality; these provide the seeds for a new culture – a culture of peace. To speak of this ethic and this conception of rationality as “seed” 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 “seed of Christ.”

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