



let's talk about the word 'worship' in qism

saturday 13 september 2025 • 90 minutes

0800 pacific / 0900 mountain / 1000 central / 1100 eastern / 1600 utc / 1900 eat

online zoom • free • register @ forms.gle/M7XMhmmm2H2YgX5e6

Many nontheist Friends/Quakers struggle with the term 'worship'.

The 2018 *Institutional Assessment on Systemic Racism within FGC*

Task Force directed FGC to "*Develop a means to **examine and change Quaker traditions, language and process** developed by European ancestors to be inclusive of other cultures.*"

While nontheism isn't a racial issue in itself, it does involve *respect for diversity among Friends*. 'Worship' is a traditional theistic term, and nontheist Friends are looking for something more inclusive. Please join us on zoom to talk about the **use of 'worship' among nontheists.**

Both nontheists and theists are welcome with the understanding that this is not a discussion of the validity of either of these viewpoints. We are LGBTQ+ friendly, & we assume nontheism as our common meeting value. We treat each other respectfully, actively promote diversity, equality & inclusion, & expect the same of all participants. ... If these sound good to you, you're invited to join our discussion. If these don't sound good to you, please enjoy a pleasanter saturday on your own.