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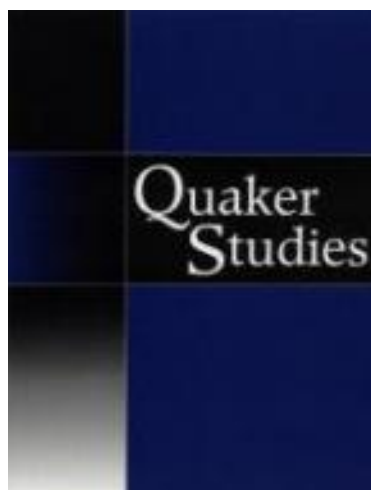
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Abstract

In this paper we explore the communicative function of silence in British Theravāda Buddhism and British Quakerism. Both examples link silence to a spiritual implication that non-activity is a means of evoking sacred presence; such an evocation is achieved through attaching aesthetic and performance of stillness and silence. Furthermore, we suggest that the defining characteristic of these religious communities is, in many respects, defined through their shared practice of silence.

placed on the existential and moral significance of silence.

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