

Woolman, the world, & God

Woolman's experience that God both brings him low and presents him with a cross, yet also upholds and supports him in his private and public acts of conscience, lead me to this picture of how Woolman saw his relation to the world:

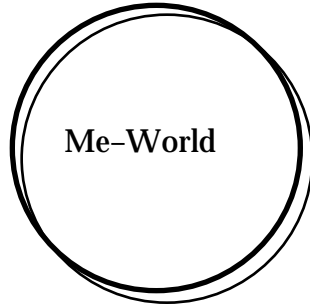
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separate and distinct, acting against each other



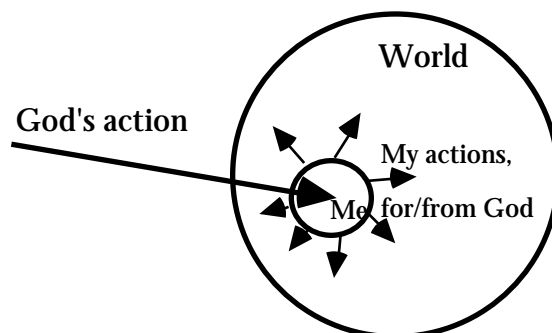
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an ongoing mystical union, no boundary between self and world



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self, acted on by God, part of and participatory in world, acting for God



You have to be a self, before you can give the self away.