University of Macerata English 2M-1 reading 29/09/2022

Analysis and Interpretation of the Quakers “Declaration”.

* What is the form of the document?
* What was its intent?
* In the “Declaration”, what pairs can you find?
* What is the second paragraph, starting “Our principle is...”, for? Can you summarize it briefly?
* What words are uncommon or unfamiliar to you?
* Why did Fox write using these words?
* Who were the authors and who was the intended audience?
* Why do you think the section beginning with “And whereas it is objected:” is structured in this way?
* What is the section labeled “First:” and “Secondly:”?
* Consider the quote “And as for the kingdoms of this world, we cannot covet them, much less can we fight for them.” Explain the logic of this statement.
* The word “Truth” is used on a number of occasions. There is “his Truth” and the “plain truth.” What is the difference between these two? What subsequent words reflect upon the idea of truth?
* What is the difference between the words pray and prey?
* How are the quotes used in the argumentation?
* Why did the authors choose these quotes?
* How did the authors interpret these biblical passages?
* Is this a satisfactory document?
* How would you argue if questioned whether Art. 11 of the Costituzione Italiana was better than the Quaker Declaration, or not?

**Articolo 11**

L'Italia ripudia la guerra come strumento di offesa alla libertà degli altri popoli e come mezzo di risoluzione delle controversie internazionali; consente, in condizioni di parità con gli altri Stati, alle limitazioni di sovranità necessarie ad un ordinamento che assicuri la pace e la giustizia fra le Nazioni; promuove e favorisce le organizzazioni internazionali rivolte a tale scopo.