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Q: In Appendix II of the Big Book (page 570, on the topic of "Spiritual Experience") there is a quote from Herbert Spencer. Where does this quote come from?

A: Herbert Spencer was a noted English philosopher who died in 1903. Over the course of his lifetime, he wrote numerous books, and the quote which appears in the Big Book, "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance — that principle is contempt prior to investigation," is said to come from his book *Principles of Biology*.

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