

Abraham, Isaac, and Isaiah. There is now no "thus saith the Lord." It has all been said. It is written. It is bound in a book. That book is the Bible. That book interpreted by the Holy Ghost is the "Word of God" for you and me. We need no other word. This is the orthodox conclusion of this whole matter. But is the conclusion a correct one? Does God now speak? Does God teach all things? Does God talk to His people now? Are we all in this the Spirit's dispensation what Moses was in his dispensation—kings and priests unto God? Is the "Word of God" spoken to patriarch, prophet, and apostle all the word you and I need? all the word you and I were promised? all the word you and I can have? Does the Holy Ghost exist on the earth? Is He dumb? Is He the one nearer to us than a brother, and yet speechless? What is the difference between you and me after the Holy Ghost has come upon us, and before? What was it that Peter received when "filled with the Holy Ghost" he caused his hearers to tremble? What was it that caused Peter to obey God rather than man? What was it that Peter and the Holy Ghost were joint witnesses to? Why did they after the inauguration of the Pentecostal dispensation look out for men full of the Holy Ghost to do even the menial work of serving tables? Why was Stephan chosen? Was it because full of the Holy Ghost? Why did the apostles pray that they of Samaria might receive the Holy Ghost? Had they the word? or was it because the New Testament was not yet written and the old was not sufficient? "The Word of God;" what is it? Has God ceased speaking? The Holy Ghost by popular orthodoxy is permitted to speak conviction to the sinner's heart, but any further conversation He must carry on with the sinner who "turns" to the Lord must invariably be through the inspired volume. Who fixed the exact number of words in the "book?" Are all the words there Jesus spake? Paul's epistles are there; what about the sermons he preached? What about the "many other things" that Jesus did the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even

the world itself would not contain the books that should be written. Why were these books not written? What would have been inserted in them had they been written? Would they have formed part of "Holy writ" had they been written? Might any of them have run the gauntlet of Roman council? By what authority did these councils insert in the Bible what they did and leave out what they did? The truth of God is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. He spoke at creation. He spoke by Jesus Christ and He speaks now to those who will obey Him. He is only given to those who will obey Him. He is not dumb. My sheep hear My voice. Ye shall receive power and shall be my witnesses when the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Witnessing what to? That the Holy Spirit is dumb? To something past only? or is salvation a thing of the present, and does the Holy Ghost speak now, and is that word the word of God to you and me instead of the Bible? Are we saved, and do we stay saved by virtue of one act, or must the act be continuous? When we are born again do we stay born when we sin? or does it take us, as some of the creeds would have it appear, all our lifetime to be "born again," and is it only in the moment and article of death that we are ready for heaven, ready for His coming? Does the Holy Ghost use language that can be understood by the individual? Is this what Luther was struggling for when he discerned that the right of private judgment was man's inherent prerogative? Was this judgment man's judgment formed without God, or was it God talking to the individual through the conscience, irrespective of the Church? We are sadly in need in this age of some godly judgment after the Lutheran sort. Not Luther's judgment or the acts of the Roman Catholic Church of his time, but independent judgment moulded by the Holy Ghost alone as to the dogmas of so-called Protestantism which, on examination, will be found to be as faulty as the Papal dogmas of Luther's time. What is being said in these lines may be as much the word of God to certain readers as the Bible. Should the warnings herein uttered not be heeded, then