

it would lead us to subject our hearts, and minds, and feelings to the fatal influence of "false doctrine, heresy, and schism," preached too in the name of Him who is "the True Light;" and especially, "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy," that it may ever be occupied in the "Communion of Saints;" "in the Tabernacles of the Most High;" in the Courts of His Holiness!" "O cease, my son, to hear the instruction which causeth to err from the words of knowledge." Beware of the plea which your heart may bring for this gratification of idle curiosity. I must "prove all things;" yes, dear friends—but there are many ways of testing a poison, thank God, besides drinking it. We are not called to run after every Johannan Southcote, or Mormon, or Swedenburg, &c. &c. &c., and to waste our precious time, especially Sabbath time, by attendance upon their wild rhapsodies. What would you think of a child who, after having been warned by its parents and friends not to touch the poisonous contents of such a vessel, should, under the pretext of "proving all things," take frequent and copious draughts of the pleasing, but fatally injurious, narcotic? O for grace ever to prove by experience what is *right*, and to leave the unhappy experiment of what is *wrong* to those "who love darkness rather than light." And let us pay much respect to those who are "over us *in the Lord*;" and who we know are "watching for our souls as they that must give account." O for the childlike spirit of the sons of God, equally remote from the childishness, or rather servility and abjectness, of passive obedience, and from that perverse and proud contempt of authority and government which sets light by the counsels and opinions of superior age, experience, learning, talent, and piety, and counts for *nothing* "the anointing of the Lord," to the Chair of Office! The spirit of Elihu (see Job 32d) may well consist with the devout respect and awe of David, who would not dare to stretch forth his hand against "the Lord's anointed," though that individual was hunting him "as a partridge in the mountains." Let us cultivate their society; seek their counsel; and, in weighing their sentiments, when opposed to our own, let us endeavour to give them all that weight due to them, from the above considerations; but, for the honor of Him who is jealous of his honor as our *Supreme Guide, Counsellor, and Teacher*; "who teacheth as no man teacheth;" who may make any one now, as David aforesaid, "wiser than his teachers;" (Psalm 119,) and who "will not give his glory unto another,—let us, then, *judge ourselves*, and for ourselves. This we must do, if we would not put the foot of the Pope