

in Christ so was his triumphant end, his presumed faith in the narrow tenets of the faith-cure movement having been shivered to atoms on personal trial. Hence it is but a panegyric on the "good physician" to relate how he refused to let his former attachment to dogma imbitter his last days.

But, now, since the doctor's death by heart disease, for any faith-cure teacher to quote him and his work in connection with the narrow dogmas of the faith-cure movement, with any other words than those of repudiation, and with any other emotion than shamefacedness, is to sin against logic and common honesty.

THE WORD OF GOD.

"Oh, earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." Did Jeremiah wish them in his day to hear the Bible read, or read it themselves, and by so doing hear the word of the Lord? Or was it his desire and cry that men should become acquainted with God, so that they could each hear the word of the Lord—God speaking directly to the individual? Can we hear the word of the Lord now as Jeremiah wanted the people then?

"Already ye are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you." Does John's record of what Jesus said about the word refer to the Old Testament—the New not yet being written? Or does Jesus declare they are already clean because of having recognized Him as God and being willing to let Him talk to them; they stand a good chance of being kept clean if they take heed how they hear?

"Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth." Does John make Jesus here refer to the Old Testament scriptures, as the New was not yet written? Or does he refer to the truth that Jesus was then speaking while personally upon the earth? If so, and Jesus having gone away and having sent another, is that other whom Jesus sent possessed with a voice or is the Holy Ghost dumb? Does he speak to you now?

"For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged

sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart." What was this "word of God?" It certainly could not have been the New Testament, as the Epistle to the Hebrews was of local interpretation and was not bound in a book till at least a hundred years after the ascension? What word of God was it that was active during this hundred years, if it was not the word of the Holy Ghost, the sent of Pentecost, who existed on the earth to will and do His own good pleasure?

"If ye call them gods unto whom the word of God came, say ye of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God." What "word of God" was it that came here, and did not the Jews take up stones to stone Jesus, simply because, as they said, He, "being a man," made Himself God. If the Holy Ghost, in this day, can "do His will" in man, is it not true of such, that as Jesus was, so are they in this world?

"Making void the word of God by your traditions." Does Mark refer here to either the Old or New Testament by "word of God?" Is there any danger of people of this generation making the word of the Lord Jesus spoken in Mark's time a tradition and thus making void the word of the Holy Ghost? Mark said of this class of people in his day, Isaiah did well in prophesying of you hypocrites that "Ye teach as your doctrines the commandments of men"—"ye learn the commandments of God and hold fast the traditions of men"—"and many such like things ye do." Can this be said of this generation?

"The word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness." Was this word of God the Old Testament? It could not have been the New, as it was not yet written. Is God a respecter of persons, and would He come to John in the wilderness and speak to him so that it could be said that he heard the word of God, and not come to you and to me?

"And Jesus answered him (the devil) saying, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of