

country and kindred and to become a pilgrim under a new series of divine revelations. But as this begins a new chapter in the patriarchal age, we shall reserve it for our next essay.

Before closing the present essay, there are a few things which deserve our particular attention. In the first place, all the antediluvian patriarchs, except Noah, were born before Adam died. So that all the information which Adam had acquired in nine hundred and thirty years, was communicated to all the patriarchs, or might have been communicated, from the lips of Adam. Noah was the only renowned personage of the antediluvian patriarchs who learned from Adam at second hand. But it is worthy of note that all the information which Adam possessed was no more than second hand to Noah. Multitudes who conversed with Adam conversed with Noah. Again, Abraham was more than fifty years old, according to the common version, when Noah died. So that Abraham might have had all the information which Adam possessed at third hand, and all that Noah possessed either from Noah himself or from Shem. So that all the communications from heaven, as well as the history of the world, were transmitted through not more than three or four persons to Abraham.

Now as human language was confounded at this time, and all the nations of antiquity founded, the founders of these nations had all the knowledge of God which Adam, Noah, and Shem possessed. Hence all nations had either oral or written traditions containing divine communications.

MODERN GOSPEL.

That our readers may form some idea of those systems called "Spiritual" and "Evangelical" at the present day, we publish the following criticism on a prominent point in the prefatory remarks of the *Christian*. We promised in our prospectus that our readers should see both sides of all questions discussed on our pages. By perusing the article under consideration they will be more fully convinced than ever that it is very necessary that many loud professors of spiritual operations should read the Living Oracles with more attention and care than heretofore.

SAINT JOHN, N. B. 13TH AUGUST, 1839.

MR. EDITOR,

Sir,—As the chief motive in the publication of the *Christian* is the restoration of primitive Christianity, your pages should be open to individuals who wish to assist in this glorious and laudable design; upon this presumption I venture to offer you my mite in aid of the cause. In your prefatory remarks, page 6, line 6, you state—"we expect no new sun, no new revelation of the spirit, no other than the same Gospel and the same Religion, only that it shall be disinterred from the rubbish of the dark ages, and made to assume its former simplicity, sublimity and majesty. The demons of party must be dissipated, and the false spirits cast out. The human mind must be emancipated from