

stolic method. It has not adopted the terminology of any of the Churches, and hence when the same experience is expressed in different terms, men who are not broad in their outlook, listen with suspicion and object, although the experiences are often in harmony with their own theoretical teaching.

Again, language can be used in so many different ways, and the same word often conveys different meanings to different minds, so that when these new expressions are used, they are liable to be misunderstood and provoke opposition.

A casual student only of the New Testament will see that a large share of the opposition which Jesus Christ received, was because He used language His hearers did not understand. For instance, when He told them that except they eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, they had no life in them, they said, "This is a hard saying, who can bear it," and many from that time ceased to follow Him. If these persons had been sufficiently spiritual, or even keen in their intellectual apprehension of the Master's ideas, they would have found cause for admiration and not for disgust.

To my mind, Jesus often used strong language on purpose to test the faith of His followers, for those who really loved Him and believed in Him would not be driven away by language they misunderstood, but would certainly seek a private interview with Him, or wait an opportunity of having the language explained.

Human nature is the same to-day as then, and the Holy Ghost, Christ's representative, often leads His disciples to adopt the same method in their teaching, or in the relation of their experience, as He did, so that persons who are not supremely in love with the truth, may have an opportunity to be tested, and thus have their own characters revealed to themselves, and incidentally to others. Hence, I think that misunderstanding of terms is one of the reasons why this way is so opposed.

It is not for me to decide as to the exact moral or spiritual quality of these misunderstandings; whether the persons

are guilty or innocent before God, I do not now attempt to settle, but simply state a fact which must be patent to all who have had any experience in this matter.

Another reason why this way is opposed, is on account of ignorance of the Bible, and of the power of God as related to these experiences which are the most bitterly assailed. A person who professes to be guided by God in all things, and to do the will of God, is denounced by these opposers as a fanatic, and with professing an experience contrary to the teachings of the Bible; when the fact is, that those who make such a profession, certainly do profess what the Bible teaches, as the privilege and duty of all, whether they personally possess it or not.

No man can read the Bible without seeing, that in all the ages, God has had some way by which His people might know His will and be guided by Him in all the affairs of life. Solomon said, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." David states, "He will be our guide even unto death," and many other passages of similar import are to be found in the Old Testament, while the New Testament is crowded with them.

Jesus said to His disciples when He was going away, that He would send another person to them to abide with them, who, when he came, should guide them into all truth, and communicate to them all necessary information concerning everything in the universe, for this is really what His language means; and Paul says, "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God."

We learn that the apostles and primitive Christians, when they did not know what to do, prayed to God concerning the matter, and waited until He gave them an answer, and after receiving the answer, went on with their work in the full assurance of faith, nothing doubting.

Now, if the Holy Ghost is a person and not a myth, and if He is always present, and it is His business to guide the Christian, how easy it is to see that He does guide, and that all who put their trust in Him as guide, may depend that they will be perfectly guided in all