

If the reader should conclude from these criticisms that I am opposed to revivals, let me inform him that he has come to a false conclusion, and one that the criticisms do not justify. I am not opposed to revivals. No true Christ's man can be, for it is thus, when God willeth, that the Divine Sovereignty, and the Almightyness of the Spirit are made conspicuously manifest for His own glory, and for the good of men ; and even the world is compelled to look on with surprising wonder, and exclaim surely this is the power of God. When God works there is no mistake about it, and criticism is silenced because it is unnecessary, and, indeed, impossible.

What I object to is that human devices, however skillfully and successfully executed, should pass for Divine working. I know that God works through the human—that is, through the human presentation of a Divine message, but when the human is painfully conspicuous, far more conspicuous than the Divine, I have reason, and good reason, to be skeptical about the genuineness of the operations themselves, and of the results achieved ; and I am compelled to accept at a considerable discount their possible ethical value.