

expressly that they "who separate themselves from the Church, have not the Spirit."—Jude 19.

The world is filled with religious lies and delusions, and the greater part of them arise, probably, from mistaking the mere feelings and passions of our fallen and sinful nature for the motions of the Holy Ghost in the soul. See Quakerism, Mormonism, Quietism; epileptic and hysterical affections in excited religious meetings; the retirement into hermitages and monastic cloisters; the self-imposed bodily tortures; the fervid worship addressed to saints and angels, and the extatic enjoyment arising from imaginary fellowship with them! All those who are deluded with such things are supposing themselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, whereas they are led by their own passions and imaginations. I heard Mr. Gallagher, the Cumminsite, say in Toronto, that it was the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Evangelical Alliance, at New York, which led Dr. Cummins to leave the church, and to begin his present crusade against it. The truth is, that there were many "seducing spirits" in that meeting of the so-called Evangelical Alliance, and these, with Dr. Cummins's own feelings, have led him into a most unwarrantable and wicked apostacy. Let him and his coadjutors beware of charging the Holy Spirit with violating the commandments, and disregarding the warnings of Holy Scripture. In that same city of New York I have heard a man, who called himself the prophet

Elijah, declare before a congregation of his followers that he "felt the Holy Spirit thrilling through every nerve of his body;" yet that man was in the habit of denouncing all the pastors of the city, without exception, as "hirelings," "hireling shepherds" and "wolves in sheep's clothing;" and this false prophet's followers believed him! and believed that the Holy Spirit was speaking to them by him, and was leading them to leave their several denominations, and to follow the prophet Elijah! I have seen, in the same city, a considerable congregation, chiefly, though not exclusively, of coloured people, called, I think, Jumpers, who, in their usual mode of worship, took their frantic excitement and violent bodily gesticulation for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit among them. Their pastor, an immense negro, had only to vociferate for a few minutes, and exclaim, "Now the Spirit of God has come!" when the shoulders of the congregation would become agitated; some would leave their seats, and spin pirouettes like tops in the passages, while, all over the congregation, heads could be seen jerking backwards and forwards, and flying from side to side, as if ready to fly from their shoulders. And all this was ascribed to the presence of the Holy Spirit, who absolutely forbids such unseemly conduct and confusion in the assemblies of Christians, and requires us to "do all things decently, and in order!"

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