

spiritualism would sever, for one outgrowth of its doctrines is free-loveism. Surely we may say of it: "They love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." And what do they in the darkness? A prominent spiritualist was seized at times by a power over which he had no control; he could neither eat nor drink for days at a time; his form would assume an emaciated appearance, and his countenance looked like the face of a demon, so that his nearest friends could not endure the sight. Another leading spiritualist deserted spiritualism, declaring to his friends that he dared not remain longer in it, and from being a most zealous supporter of the cause he became so earnest in his opposition to it that he would not allow one of his former persuasion to visit his home. He bore an earnest testimony that "there was nothing good in spiritualism and the less any one had to do with it the better off they would be." Again a Christian man asked a medium, professing to be under the influence of spirits or a spirit, if the Bible was true, asking the question in the name of the Lord; the answer was "Yes." He then asked why people were counselled to consult the spirits. "Because we wish to deceive you." Further questioning called forth the answers that they (the spirits) were not happy, had no prospect of happiness, that their mission was to deceive and their end to be destroyed. Ah! how true the words of Revelation, "They are the spirits of devils working miracles." The above facts seem to carry us back in mind to the days when Jesus was upon earth, and men were possessed of devils, who, nevertheless, were powerless before Him and before His servants who spoke in His name.

To-day infidels and spiritualists are joining hands, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." O, how true do we feel it to be that no one with the least spark of wisdom could entertain such a thought for a moment.

It is no excuse for any one to say they do not know God, and therefore cannot be blamed for not knowing him. "They that seek me shall find me, and unto them that knock it shall be opened," is a promise that never yet was broken nor ever will be. "If any man do His will he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God." This is the test, how many who boast of their unbelief in God, Christ and the Bible, are willing to "do this will" in order to learn of the truth of the doctrine? But many are infidels, not from convictions, as they pretend, but from choice; they wish not to believe in a God and a book which condemns their evil deeds. It is written, "That which may be known of God is manifest in them, for He hath shown it unto them," but of too many it is true that "when they knew God they glorified them not as God, neither were they thankful, but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." "For the spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." "But your covenant with death shall be disannulled, your agreement with hell shall not stand, when the overflowing scourge shall pass through ye shall be trodden down by it." In contemplating those things are we not led to explain. "O, my soul, come not thou into this secret, unto their assembly mine honor be not thou united" When we see the hosts of the powers of darkness increasing, ever increasing, using all their influence to make converts to their *unbelief*, how diligent we should be to use all our influence, however small, for the cause of Christ; and "let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

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Nothing endures but personal qualities.—[Walt Witman.