#### **Christian Israelite Church**

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# Extracts from the Teachings of JOHN WROE

Prophet – Missionary 1855-1856

# An Abridgement covering a period of two years of the teachings of John Wroe, who by Divine Command was sent as a Prophet and missionary to the Nations.

#### 1855-1856

"Howsobeit, when he the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: For he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come" John 16:13.

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In presenting this little book to the Public, and the members of our Church, we believe it will fill a long-felt want, both as regards its convenient size for carrying, and its contribution to the understanding of the Word of God, and the Christian Israelite Church.

It covers a period of two years in the life of John Wroe, messenger, prophet, and teacher, from 1855 to 1856 inclusive, during which time he journeyed through England, America, and Australia teaching and preaching the Word of God as given to him by Divine inspiration.

His mission and teaching was not along the lines of orthodox religious thought, but in accordance with a promise made by God to His People Israel in Isaiah 11:12: "He (Christ) shall set up an ensign for the Nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

John Wroe "was as the voice of one crying in the wilderness' (Matt. 3:3) as he preached and taught of the promises mad to Israel, the children of Israel, and the seed of the children of Israel, who are mixed by marriage among the Gentiles, and will be restored as a separate people, before the restitution of all things will take place, with the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Acts 3:20,21).

In this little book and the three preceding volumes will be found much food for thought and action, by those discerning readers who look for the second advent of "the Man Christ Jesus" (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy, 2:5).

Surely we should look for His coming, and prepare ourselves for His appearing for "every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (1<sup>st</sup> John 3:3). This can be done only by faith and action, so clearly shown by our Lord in His sermon on the mount (Matt. 5,6,7) and enlarged upon by James in his epistle to the twelve tribes of Israel, "for as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:25).

We are assured of a spiritual life as the angels of God in Heaven at the resurrection of the dead, by the sacrifice of our Lord and His death on the Cross; much more shall we be saved by His Life and instruction if we obey His Word, not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart.

"The Word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

"God hath no pleasure in the death of him that dieth" (Ezek. 18:32) but rather that men should live in righteousness by His love, and power.

"Through envy of the Devil came death into the world, and they who hold of his side do find it" (Wisd. of Sol. 2:24).

"No servant can serve two masters: we cannot serve God and mammon" (Luke 16:13).

This is the Key to the mission of John Wroe and he showed how Israel by obeying the Word of the Lord (John 8:51) according to His promise, would be saved alive, in "Spirit and soul and body" (1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 5:23) to meet the Lord when He comes again.

That this state of Being (the Christ Image) will be attained by Israel, when they are redeemed from death (Hosea 13:14) there can be no doubt, for John the Divine writes of it, as though it would be accomplished in his day, and he wrote for our learning and instruction: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (1st John 3:2).

The glorified body of flesh and bone was manifested by Our Lord, when He appeared to His disciples behind closed doors and said, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39).

The visitation of the Spirit of God to John Wroe, was a literal fulfilment of the Word of God in Isaiah 28:11, that "with

stammering lips, and another tongue will He speak to this people (Israel)", and when that Spirit was on him, he spake not of himself, but whatsoever he heard, he spoke, and shewed things to come.

This caused him to travel for forty years around the world, teaching and preaching the return of Christ, and the restoration of the Kingdom to the remnant of Israel. They will sing the new song – The song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, which no man can learn but the one hundred and forty-four thousand, who will be redeemed from the earth (Rev. 14:1,2,3; Rev. 154:3; Rev. 7:2-8).

He suffered many things during his ministry, and like the teachers and prophets before him, counted it joy to suffer for the truth of God. Some said of the Lord Jesus Christ: "He hath a Devil and is mad" (John 10:20); again "all bare witness and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of HIS MOUTH" (Luke 4:22), though later "they rose up and thrust Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill where on their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong" (Luke 4:29).

As it was then, so today, out of the fiery furnace of persecution and affliction, comes the truth of God, shining ever brighter, as the day of the restitution of all things draws near, and He shall send His Son once more upon the earth (Acts 3:20,21).

We know that, "Surely the Lord will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret to His servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7), but just as surely, unbelievers and scoffers will arise, who will "not be persuaded though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16:31).

The Lord Jesus Christ said: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel" (Matt. 15:24), and it is with the hope they will read and understand the message, that we dedicate this book to them.

Further publications on this subject can be obtained from the Christian Israelite Church Press, Richmond Street, Ashton under Lyne, England.

Note: A similar publication covering the years 1853-1854 is available from any of the above addresses.

The Christian Israelite Church, 193 Fitzroy Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria; The Christian Israelite Church, Singleton, NSW, The Christian Israelite Church, 196 Campbell Street, Sydney, NSW.

#### Sydney, 26<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month, 1851

Michael durst not bring a railing accusation, but said: The Lord rebuke thee Satan. Jesus did not rebuke him.

What profit would it be to me if the evil in you was rebuked, and mine was not? If the evil in me were rebuked, I should be a light to the world. Jesus came a light to his own, and his own received not that light. He then became a light to enlighten the Gentiles. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, there shall be ministers in the house of Israel that shall walk as he walked, and be a light as he was. Are ye to imagine that ministers are more than others, and that they are saved before the flock? When the weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth takes place, and they are shut out through their deeds, then ye shall say: Holy, Holy, Holy, is God that doeth justly. A minister is nothing even a messenger is nothing. It is how they fulfil the office given. If they fulfil it not, death reigneth over the body. Those who die will be happy in the resurrection, as their lives are spent on earth.

There will soon be mighty changes in all nations; and before ye see my face again many towns will be swallowed up. There shall be a mighty earthquake in England, such as has not yet been; and the time is known to some of you, for the sealed shall know it. And some of you shall borrow money of your neighbours to laying store against the famine.

Every man shall love his wife as his own body, and every woman will love her husband, for she cannot love God if she love not her husband; and she will let no one persuade her to do ought against her husband's interest; she will say I will acquaint my husband, and according to what he says it shall be. This is the love which agrees with the Scriptures.

Every married man is to leave father and mother, and seek to his other wife, Jerusalem above, and every man is to set a light before his wife. As Jesus showed a light to the Gentiles, so ought every woman to be a light to all around her, especially to her children and her husband. Let there be no bickering amongst you. Let no man lay the blame on woman - let not the woman lay the charge on God, saying, Why was I not made a man? If woman was not placed in subjection to her husband, she could not attain to that state of glory in the world to come. Every man to his place, the world to their hiding places, but Israel to their tents, which is the Spirit, and the woman to Jerusalem above.

In the mortal life the man is the head of the woman, but in the immortal life, the woman is the head of the man - she is then the glory of the man.

To him that gets the Spirit of God, it is that gift that prospereth, whithersoever it turneth, for if I love God I am to love you, and ye are all to love one another. Oh, that I may love you all as I love the immortal life of this mortal body.

The nations are now gathering together by the power of the Spirit of God; He is sending forth his labourers to sound the physical redemption - to gather them from the four winds of heaven. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thee under my wings, but thou wouldst not (till the fullness of the Gentiles).

Let those who now hear pull one way, and they will get their wishes accomplished, and their enemy, Satan, fall before them.

#### Wakefield, 29<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> month, 1854

Now, if a man gets too much drink, it is the drink that rules; man is no more able to rule his house, that is to say the body. God gives His Spirit for man to inhabit, and they shall inhabit it; it is the house for man to dwell in - Zion for the male, and Jerusalem for the female; though ye cannot handle it - though he is seen to dwell in it, he dwells in the Father through faith.

Then let us not boast, for boasting is now put away; for it is not man that does the work, but God that worketh the work in man, and He will be sought by man to do the work for him.

God has promised that Spirit shall come on the house of Israel, and whoever is of the house of Israel will dwell in the

Spirit. If a man get drunk, God has not done the work in him; for if the work be done, it is Christ that has done it in him and by him.

Every man that does not believe requires the blood of Jesus. Christ gave the blood of Jesus for the incorruptible - for them that do not believe. If he had not offered it, what would have become of the wicked?

Satan will be proved at the final resurrection. God requires the blood of Jesus for every man; something must come to prove man, whether he believe or not: he must believe before he can do the work.

Joseph Shaw, whether was the promise to Abraham's children, or only to the seed of Abraham, to inherit; for the woman was Abraham's seed?

Answer - To the seed under the promise.

Yes, it was without father, without mother - made like unto the Son of God. There are two seeds; I wish I could say I was of his seed. How can we worship him and go about sinning? We cannot see or understand till our eyes are open.

Whoever goes to the meeting, with the evil in him, has Satan with him; but the time will come that he will not be with man. Abraham's children have a different promise to Abraham; the promise is to his seed - they are a seed of sorrow, yet it is said they are free; but until they are free of Satan how can they worship God? Satan, whence comest thou? In man, Satan shall serve God when he is chained down. Some men say that he is chained, but the battle is only begun, both spiritual and temporal; without this the children cannot be gathered. When it is over he will touch the nations no more until the thousand years be ended.

"A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They (the nations) shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done (this)" Psalm 22:30,31.

No man can please God while he is upon Satan's beast, but when he is put upon his own beast he will see his own evil and seek to be cleansed (Luke 10:34).

Sanctuary, Ashton, 7<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month, 1855

If lies and all manner of evil be spoken against me, falsely, ye ought to rejoice that it comes on me the first, and then on the people.

The Gospel clears the law. Jesus said: "Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said: "No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, 'Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more" (John 8:10-11).

Now, it says death and hell are to be cast into the lake of fire (Revelations 20:14). What is death? The wages of sin. "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" Genesis 2:17. There is all these things to overcome. It does not say the Spirit is to go there. The body of man and woman is of the city. Jesus did not free the woman, but said, "Go, and sin no more."

"Let us make man in our image" Genesis 1:26. The woman's seed (Jesus) was made lower than the angels; but those that see, know that he was made higher than the angels. When they went out to take him they did not know him. He was deceived with a kiss. Thirty pieces of silver were for the man that would find him. (Matthew 26:15,49). Now, we will see when he was made lower than the angels. When Christ left him, then he was lower than the angels, and was made subject to Satan's legion.

Then let the twelve tribes seek to be clothed with the Spirit, to overcome the waves and seas, which is in the heart of man, for it is the earth that is cursed.

Those that follow the last word, will carry the law and gospel, and shall have words given to them. They shall be able to answer every man's question. Paul said, "Our God is a consuming fire" Hebrews 12:29, "that shall burn up all their words. The time is come for man to be covered, as a hen covers her chickens under her wings; if one strays away, it gets cold.

So is it with the Spirit, the nearer it is the more heat you receive."

Some say that the time is at a distance. If you had your eyes open, you would say you had hardly time to put your coat on.

It is the spirit of man that is called an angel; and he that believes and does the work, will still remain on the earth. All the angels are subject to Christ. He must rule and reign till all his enemies are put under his feet (1st Corinthians 15:25).

We all pretend to be Abraham's children. Jesus was Abraham's seed: he did the work. Then let us prove ourselves children. Abraham is dead, but his faith is alive. Let us not appear in strange apparel. If we do it he will grind us to powder. Do not let us be lukewarm. The world says, I cannot tell what he is. I am a soldier for immortality; I have to bear the reproach before you.

I have a question to put to myself; do I do that which I do not allow? If I get drunk, and lie on others, surely I shall allow another to get drunk and lie about me. Is there one here that is not as Paul – "I do that which I allow not?" (Romans 7:15.) Members that are not of the right fold want honour, to be called master and mistress. The Gospel forbids that: call no man your master, but he which is in heaven (Matthew 23:10). Should not I say, employer or employed?

#### Wakefield, 12th of 1st month, 1855

There are four winds that breathe on the slain. Is there a man on the planet that can say he is not slain? Until the evil is slain, man is slain by it, while he is yet alive: "Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live" Ezekiel 37:9. When the evil is slain, sin is taken away, then they will live by the four spirits, two mortal and two immortal. Satan slew the world except a very few, the slain being undivided, yet the Lord kept a witness (Noah); all were his

witnesses that received the woman's seed, though they be slain, they having died martyrs.

Do they not say the Israel of God was grafted into both Jew and Gentiles, and they became Christians? Did not Jesus die, and everyone that is grafted into him? But if Christ be grafted into them they will live. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" Romans 8:11. If Jew and Gentile be grafted into Jesus Christ, they still die.

# Wakefield, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 1855

Inquiry on the words: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat and summer and sinter, and day and night shall not cease" Genesis 8:22.

This is the answer from Christ the Lord: While the earth remaineth undivided, that is to say, the living earth from the dead earth, I, the Lord, will fulfil my promise, by sending the Branch to rule the house, and to separate the living from the dead, and the dead from the living. So the living that will not come out shall die, for they refuse me to reign over them. I will bring out the living from both Jew and Gentile, even from among all religions which reign on the earth; and from them that believe it is appointed for all men to die. It is the living that shall know my will, and I will show my power in drawing them from both Jew and Gentile.

On the words: "And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink" Joel 3:3.

Answer - The woman's seed, Jesus, being a boy that was sold for thirty pieces of silver; and the girl for wine being the female spirit which shall purify them.

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# Wakefield, 25<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 1855

The time is come that no man shall buy or sell without the image of the beast (Revelation 13:16,17.) It is now the law of the land that a man cannot buy or sell without it. Yet he who obeys the law of the land, obeys my law during the time appointed by man, until I establish my law in the hearts of the people.

The Godhead is Christ and Jerusalem; whoever is in Christ and Jerusalem is in the Godhead. If a man get a priest to pray for him, the priest intercedes for him, but it is only the salvation of the soul - he loses the body. Christ is ready to save both soul and body. Nothing can be cursed but the body; soul and spirit are infinite - beings which cannot be cursed.

"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him" 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:14.

Woman, being covered, hath power over her head. What is the head? The evil; but if she hath not power over it she may be shaven or shorn. Power was given to the woman - temporal power; but Christ and Jerusalem withdrew, and she lost the power. Where she hath not lost the power, let her not cut her hair. Therefore where they cut the hair it shows the fallen nature.

Everyone whose body returns to the earth belongs to Satan, but are in sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the Soul.

#### Wakefield, 16<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1855

On reading in Communication dated London, 10<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month, 1854, "It was to prove whether the groundwork was in their heart", etc. John Wroe said: We must observe the meaning; it was to believe for the work's sake, because it was of Jesus. Let every man try the work, and prove the work; I say, do not believe me, but believe in the work that God has wrought by me. Trust in Him who came to seek, and to save. There is not a man on earth who can prove he has faith, without works. For faith is proved by works.

# Wakefield, 18<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1855

Joseph Shaw, what heaven was it that Satan was cast out of, for there are many heavens? Solomon, in his prayer, says: "...the heaven, and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee..." 1st Kings 8:27.

Now, look in the Revelation; it says Satan is chained down in hell; that hell is in man. Satan is in the heart of man. Who can stop the rage or passion? Let us lay no coals on the fire, then it will die, and though the soul be in the deep earth, yet the torment is there.

# Wakefield, 23<sup>rd</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1855

Joseph Shaw, I have a question to put to thee. "They knew that they were naked" Genesis 3:7. What is nakedness called? Men say it is being unclothed of their temporal clothing.

Answer - They had lost the spirit.

John Wroe said thou hast answered wisely. Paul said: "...not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon..." 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:4. Man is clothed with Satan, but he must be unclothed of him before he can be clothed with Christ. People understand that it is having the skin uncovered, that it may be seen, but this is ignorance. Anything that is done that no one sees, that is the very time they are naked. They think that they are not naked when in secret, and are then very bold. If they were not naked, they would be as bold before ten thousand as when by themselves.

It is said: "...and the times of this ignorance God winked at" Acts 17:30.

Though they be one thousand years in blood, they will not be in paradise, for Satan is then chained down, having no power.

Now, if parents would teach their children the knowledge of good and evil, they would not remain in ignorance. The time of ignorance God winketh at.

On reading "...the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for and there shall be none" Jeremiah 50:20. John Wroe said to Joseph Shaw: Is not man unclothed of Satan? Ye must first be unclothed of the evil; seek for the evil to be taken away – which is to be unclothed of Satan.

# Wakefield, 30<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1855

While the Jews had the law, the Gentiles were the castaway; and when the Gospel was given to the Gentiles, then the Jews were cast away; they have ears, and hear not. (Psalm 115:6; Mark 8:18). The Jew and Gentile being cast away, they will not obtain, being cast away through their unbelief.

"Dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life" Genesis 3:14. How is it, Joseph Shaw, that man eats the dust of the earth? No man eats the dust of the earth but those that go down into the grave. Now, the soul goes down to the grave (Revelation 6:9), but it cannot perish. Those who go down into the grave, eat the dust, but they that put on immortality live; they eat not the dust of the earth, and cannot perish. This is the true interpretation of the parable.

It is written, "Jesus said, Get thee behind me, Satan" Luke 4:8. Joseph Shaw, how is it that Satan is to worship God? Joseph Shaw said he could not answer.

When Jesus was baptised at the river Jordan he was called Christ, but the world cannot see this. He that abides in sin, the evil is with him, not being removed: tho they are sons of Satan, yet they shall serve God. The evil must die; the evil is called the son of Satan. "Remove the diadem, and take off the crown; this shall not be the same until he come whose right it is, and I will give it him" Ezekiel 21:26,27. Everyone that receives Jerusalem above, the immortal spirit, they are the sons and daughters of God. Then Satan serves God; and that which perisheth is removed.

Those who put on immortality are not as the angels, but the sons of the living God. Satan's dead men worship him, and not the living God. Satan is "...the god of this world" 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:4. And God is "...the God of the living" Matthew 22:32; Mark 12:27; Luke 20:38. In him is light; He made man subject to evil, yet he was subjected in hope (Romans 8:20) to live to God. It is like a man having a piece of land on lease for twenty years, but at the end he has to leave the farm. The farm is the body, the doctor and the lawyer come and carry it to the assizes for trial, and the tenant has to leave it at the time specified.

The law of Moses shows a prophecy before it comes to pass. God commanded them to make likenesses, but Jesus forbade them to imitate the works of God. It was to show by Moses what man would do in the evil state, and by Jesus, what he would do in the good state. The evil state is the image of Satan, and the good state the image of God. On one hand God showed by Moses what man would do by obeying God, whether he would withstand those things that were not given by authority. Some men say they cannot trade without them; but if ye cannot trade without them, ye are not to have them hanging on the walls, and worship them, but hold them in contempt, for they are Satan's works. Man is not to worship Satan, but to worship the living God.

Ye cannot pay two pounds without a likeness under a penalty; this fulfils the words of Revelation: "And that no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" Revelation 13:17.

Wakefield, 6<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

Joseph Shaw, did Jesus choose the death of the body?

Answer - No

Then if a man say all men will die, does he not choose the death of the body? Jesus prayed that the cup might pass from him (Matthew 26:39,42; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42). They that do not choose death will get the body. The woman said, "O my

lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it" 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 3:26, and Solomon decided the matter. "Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof" 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 3:27.

Those who are not of Israel, refuse to see the life of the body. It was but as a little moment before Christ got the natural body; God raised up Christ with the natural body, immortal.

Sanctuary, Ashton, Easter Sunday, 8th of 4th month 1855

There is a very strong word which says, "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood striving against sin" Hebrews 12:4. Jesus resisted unto blood. If a man die, having made a covenant with death, has he not got what he made a covenant for? Jesus refused to the last, the cup, it being death - He resisted death to the last. "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" Matthew 26:39. He resisted till the blood issued out of his side. Some men say we should not to go to law. Christ paid the debt for every man that trusts in Him.

Now, we come to the common salvation of all religions round the planet: will they believe Christ paid the debt for spirit, soul and body? They say all men must die; I am going to be very bold; there are thousands that die with these words in their mouth: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord" Revelation 14:13. These see the soul and no further - in seeing they see, and see not.

I am going to be bolder than that for the body, but am I going to boast against the blind? They were converted touching the soul, but not for the body. I take myself for a comparison: tho I should die, I have fought the good fight for my offspring; but this promise is not to Jew nor Gentile, who are to be raised in the resurrection as the angels of God.

The explanations to law 2nd of the Laws of God being read, John Wroe said: Where is this vine tree? There are various parts in the Scripture about the vine tree. Jesus never said He was the vine till he entered Christ, and then he entered into Jerusalem Above, which is paradise. The woman is not the vine tree till she be in Christ and Jerusalem. The body of the woman is the earth, and she brought forth the living earth. He resisted unto death, and is now dwelling in a natural body. Paul said he was caught up to the third heaven (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:2). The first heaven is as Adam was, the second the incorruptible, the third immortal, as Enoch and Elijah.

Now I am moved on to speak upon the way of God and man. When God made Adam he withdrew, then the evil overcame him, and what did Zion require? An acknowledgment, a lamb or oxen for the rich man, and a dove for the poor man; and under the Gospel, "*Pray without ceasing*".

All these God requires for the soul, that they be raised as the angels of God after the death of the body (Luke 20:36).

The spirits were called that which they were to be, and not what they were. Zion descended on Enoch, but the rest were let down into the grave and perished. Zion withdrew, and two thousand years rolled on, and then Zion descended again, and rested on Elijah, and then withdrew for 2000 years; then Zion descended on the woman's seed, and then withdrew again for near two thousand years. Zion is returned to rest on man and woman, and now perishing is done away with: "Where there is no vision the people perish" Proverbs 29:18.

I am going to speak very boldly: none of us have signed to man, for if we have we must perish. Jesus was the father of Jew and Gentile, of the seed of Abraham, Boaz for the male, and Ruth for the female (Ruth 4:11).

And Jesus becomes the middle wall for these two parties. It says, come from the four quarters, and I will cover you as a hen covers her brood. Ye must lose your name of both Jew and Gentile. I do this to show, that as a woman changes her name to that of the man she marries, so must man change his name to Christ. Law and gospel must go together, for the gospel without the law is of no avail for the redemption of the body from death.

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#### Gravesend, 15th of 4th month, 1855

In some parts of Scripture, man and woman are compared to vine trees, or as oak trees whose substance is in them; and though the oak trees should be cut down to the root, still there is life: so is it with the seed of the house of Israel. If a man's father have a house, he leaves that inheritance to his offspring; and if one die, having the faith of immortality then he leaves that faith as an inheritance to his children.

That is the will of the Almighty God of Israel, to the living of the house of Israel, and they will ask day and night for it. He will first cover them with his spirit, and then dwell within them. He hath sworn it unto them.

The Lord has sworn unto me, that the fruits of my body shall sit upon my throne - that throne is paradise. The Jew claims this, and the Gentile - who are called two houses, but the latter house is greater than the former.

Is it to be revealed to the living or dead? For if they are dead they are out of the faith, and have lost the inheritance by becoming blind. They once had it, but have now become blind. I am glad for the revealed work's sake that it has been sent round the planet. It is neither to Jew nor Gentile, but to Israel, who keep the law and testimony; it is to none else.

Then if death stayed with the trees, would they not be cut down - would hell have seen its plagues? The devil is now come (knowing that his time is short) in the kings to the battle, and it shall be such a battle as has never been fought. They have striven for peace, but Pharaoh's heart has been given to them, and they will be the scourge to the whole planet. The everlasting gospel may be heard in all islands that stand out of the water.

A multitude was gathered to the place where John Cartwright preached his sermon. There was great rejoicing among the people when they heard it, and saw that God was no respecter of persons, but that it was unto his true worshippers. It says, "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide" Psalm 37:31. His wife and children hold fast to the faith, and

keep their eyes anointed with eye salve, that eternal faith; but can one's eyes be anointed if he lost it? Man must first dwell in paradise before it will be put into his mortal body. Jesus dwelt in Jerusalem, and is as a man seeing his own likeness in a glass.

Look at this rejoicing among foreign nations for the word, but as for England, having lost her eyesalve, she has become stiff necked. This is as Daniel said, "And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end" Daniel 11:35. Jesus says, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" Matthew 24:12. "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High" Daniel 7:25.

Even if the saints of the most high did fall, are we seeking to be a saint? If they were slain, they held to the faith that their offspring might gain it. The time is coming, but it will not be the Jew or Gentile; the word of the Lord will be fulfilled, which speaks of the dreadful roar of the cannons, and steam to steam, fire to fire, among the nations.

Does the time appear but as a moment to us, because of the love we have to Christ - or are weary? The man that neglects prayer is becoming weary, for that is the anointing of our eyes - it keeps all the laws of God in our remembrance. The love that Jacob had, bound him; is our love to Jesus as great? He was given for our transgression, that we might be justified in him in immortality? Do we believe he is dwelling in the body, immortal? If so our eyes are anointed. Believing is a great trial: Many waver by saying – but not believing what they say.

Touching this visitation, have we sought Him, or has He sought us? There are members who shall arise up and persecute, and there will be great troubles, and ought we not to rejoice among it if we are delighting in the word? These troubles, and these great armies, is the last chapter of Daniel may having its accomplishment.

The Scriptures say, "...blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" Psalm 118:26. The Jews said, "We will not have

this man to reign over us", and they put forth their allegations against him.

The spirit of God produces good fruit; then if the tree be good, is it cut down? - for there are two trees, the first to slaughter, the second the Israelite in whom there is no guile. They submit to be railed on, and rail not again - they submit to have all manner of evil spoken against them falsely, for the sake of the name of Jesus, for he says they are blessed who do (Matthew 5:11).

Mark the words - they are deep; if they be true, they bear upon the conscience, if not, they are as Paul says, seared as with an hot iron (1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:2). If not true, an untimely birth is better.

Now, hear, O house of Israel! Be not drawn to rail through the weakness of the flesh, lest thy bones be made to shake, and thou fear; for if it be the contrary, though thou walk through the valley and shadow of death, thou shalt fear no evil; though thou be in the midst of death, it shall have no hold on thee. But woe, if we fear; that is the time we tremble and our bones shake, if we do not the good while living.

#### Gravesend, 20th of 4th month, 1855

Inquiries of William Rowe, dated Hollinwood, 17<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1855 with answers.

Question - Today a preacher said to me - what did Paul mean when he said "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" Ephesians 6:12. For, said he, what is your opinion on that passage, for another of our preachers made use of it on Sunday, and he did not interpret it to my mind. It is beyond my study, but I have thought of it yesterday and today?

But I told him I was like him, I had not thought much about it, and so I could not interpret it. Then, says he, I will ask some of our leading teachers what they make of it, and this causes me to ask the head teacher of Israel for a true interpretation of it. Paul says again, "Be subject to principalities and powers" Titus 3:1

This is the point: what are the principalities, and powers, and rulers of darkness, and spiritual wickedness that Paul said we wrestle against?

And I include another question upon Jesus' parable (in Luke 15:3-7). The point is this: the ninety and nine that were left in the wilderness and the one that was lost, and when found, brought home on shoulders rejoicing; this is the one, that there was rejoicing in heaven over its repentance, more than the ninety and nine that needed no repentance.

Answer - Flesh and blood is to live; and the two passages which seem to be in opposition, which thou quotes, this is the answer to them:

We are commanded to resist the evil, which may be in principalities, in powers, in rulers of darkness of this world, or spiritual wickedness in high places. Until we have the light of the spirit of truth, we must be subject to principalities, to powers, to rulers of darkness of this world, to spiritual wickedness in high places, though it should be against the truth.

This being permitted till the time they see the light, then the evil shall flee before them, as it was with Jesus and Daniel, and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

The ninety-nine sheep are the incorruptible, who need repentance, being justified by Jesus in the first resurrection. The one which is lost, which refused repentance, being brought back at the final resurrection, so that all in heaven rejoices.

Written from John Wroe's mouth by Benjamin Eddowes.

# Gravesend, 20th of 4th month, 1855

I am moved on to speak, trusting that the Immortal Spirit is with me. Is it not said, "Ye are the light of the world: a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid" Matthew 5:14.

And is it not said unto me, that the whole creation is set to watch me, both by day and night? The angels have a charge over me, and He will make me do the work that He has commanded me.

If we cheat or defraud, can we be an example? We are to be an holy and a clean people, and a zealous people, and wherever we are they will trade and traffic with us. There will be backsliders to prove the others by.

If we do good against evil, we overcome the evil by good, but if we do evil against evil, it is the works of Satan.

We are commanded above all people to keep ourselves clean; and if we be clean in our body, though we be in rags through our poverty, we are equal with those who are not in rags. Let no one make an excuse by saying I cannot be clean through my employment, for people may be dirty in their employment and yet keep their skin clean. Cleanliness is next to holiness. There are these characters in all branches of the church round this planet.

I do not give this as advice, for it is a law binding. And though it be said that we are to be considered as the offscouring, let us be opposite; though it be said we shall die, let us seek to live by seeking unto God by our prayer, that that may be done for us which is promised. A true confession is better than the sacrifice of the fat of rams or he goats. How often have the deeds of others been brought to light, though they have not appeared at first; three or four days have made them manifest, and they have gone and done the deeds.

# Wakefield, 5<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

It is said, "I have put off my coat" Song of Solomon 5:3. The evil; so must everyone be unclothed of the evil before they can be clothed upon. This is a true interpretation of what Solomon said, and was to be fulfilled in his seed.

Think not that the spirit of man will overcome, but that immortal Spirit will overcome and do the work for them. I

know the evil of man is stronger than the spirit of man, and those who have not the other spirit seek revenge, but if they seek to God, He is full of grace and long suffering. The Jew says the Gentile is damned, and the Gentile says the Jew is damned, but those are they who lose the soul and body will be lost. This will prove Satan a liar, when the one that was lost is brought on the shepherd's shoulders, rejoicing, then will all the hosts of heaven rejoice together.

Observe: it is said the Spirit is come to do the work in man; is man to believe this? How are we to believe? We cannot see it nor handle it. This shall prove it, man doing the work by it. Though man be tempted yet he is commanded not to do evil.

Joseph Shaw, I have a question to put to thee. If a man graft a tree, though the boll is not good, if he takes a good graft and put it in, will it not bear of its kind?

Answer - Yes.

Question - Then though the evil is in the man, if Christ be there will not He overcome?

Answer - Yes.

Then why will you fear to take the covenant, before which death shall flee away? Remember, though the evil be in the man, or root of the tree, it will not bear of the root - this is known to all gardeners, it will bear according to the graft; so now the time is come for the good graft to be put into man.

It is written, Day and night they cry unto Me; this is the answer to that; When it is day on this side of the line it is night on the other side, so they are crying day and night mightily to God for that Spirit. He will give His Spirit to them, that the evil may serve them, as they have served the evil.

# Wakefield, 11<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

John Wroe said: I have a question to put to thee, Joseph Shaw, for the information of others. What is that which man has of Satan, which is not his own?

Answer - That which he hath is the evil, which will be taken away.

Question - No, thou hast thy body, hast thou not?

Answer - Yes.

Then that is what shall be taken away, if thou hast not the other Spirit; but to him that hath the Spirit, shall be given immortality, and this is a true interpretation of that passage.

#### Wakefield, 13<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

When they broke up Jesus' house, and the body went to the grave, they thought they had destroyed the work of the beloved city; but they who keep the house will prosper, whichever way they turn, whether to the east, west, north or south; but who is the man that can enter the city John said he saw? It is not the drunkard, or the liar, or the whoremonger: but the Spirit of God will come down and inhabit the body of those who seek Him, and they will be drawn to seek it.

There is three years spoken of, where it is said: Thou shalt ramble to and fro in the earth, and I will then show thee what I will do. It was said, though the whole planet rise up against thee, my word shall stand, and I will fulfil it, saith the Lord.

Observe, it is possible for man always to abide under the law. Now the law says "... cursed is the ground for thy sake" Genesis 3:17. It is for the sake of the soul and spirit, yet they asked for their goods to be divided. They were divided by death, which is the wages of sin, though the soul sleeps either in happiness or misery, till the first or final resurrection.

What shall I liken Jesus to; he was called Joseph's son, but when at the river Jordan He was called Christ; when Christ left him, he was still called Jesus Christ.

So if my wife was alive, and I was dead, she would still be called Mary Wroe, and how much more the living that get the Spirit? Mark, for the lines are deep; Jesus was called Christ, proved by taking up his body. So will everyone that gets the Spirit be called after the Bride and Bridegroom.

Joseph Shaw, I have a question to put to thee; Jesus says, I am the door; if any man knock I will open unto him. What is the door that will fly open?

Answer - The Spirit of God.

Then what is the door that will open, that is the point? The door that is opened is the understanding, and they can see clearly the whole of the Scriptures. But if the door was open to all, would not the world see - both the incorruptible and the immortal? Then it would be no more a stumbling block.

Those that never confess their sins, they never repent, but die in their sins; yet at the second resurrection there is a gift for them, as is said in Psalm 118:18: "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them."

# Wakefield, 20<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

When reading the Commandment of the Law respecting Abel and Seth, text, pages 9, 10, "Who was of the seed of Seth, whom the woman said was given instead of Abel", John Wroe said: The woman spoke the truth, though she was condemned. It proved itself by the body of Enoch, that saw not corruption, though he was not the character then spoken of, yet it was proved to be the truth by Enoch, Elijah and Jesus, as it is said he shall see his seed's seed (Isaiah 59:21.) When the Spirit of God comes upon man, the evil vanishes, and has no power.

On reading text, page 15, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin" Hebrews 9:22, John Wroe said: Joseph Shaw, the Son of man shed his blood twice, when was it, or how did he shed it?

Joseph said, I cannot answer.

Every man that is circumcised sheds his blood. Jesus' blood was shed at his circumcision and at his death. So every man must be circumcised, or he cannot enter that immortal Spirit.

# Wakefield, 29th of 6th month, 1855

Joseph Shaw, I put the following question to thee, that it may stand for a light, to all others. It says: "Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?" Luke 15:8. Is it a natural candle that is to be lit to search with? For does it not say "I will search Jerusalem with candles?" Zephaniah 1:12. For what? Those things which offend, for likenesses, and etc., the things which thou shalt not have: now what is the candle?

Joseph Shaw said he could not answer.

If a man fly to Jerusalem above, and submit to her, then the candle is lit. Does it not say, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord?" Proverbs 20:27. When that is lit inwardly, both in the man and the woman, by the two immortal Spirits (Christ and Jerusalem above) their whole body is full of light, and where is death then? But if the eye be not single, can it be full of light?

Then what are we to do - pray that our candle may be lit, that we may see what offends? If we bear malice, can the candle be lit? Are we to follow the flesh, for this candle to be lit? No! The Spirit will light it in either man or woman, where the evil is not in the flesh.

Paul worshipped the Lord in the spirit, but could not in the flesh; he did things himself which he did not allow others to do. Was the candle of the twelve lit? If it had, would they not have triumphed over death? Would not death have been under their feet? The evil was not removed from them - their candle was not lit. Though I may be charged with blasphemy for uttering this, there is not an island that stands out of the water but what will hear of it.

Joseph Shaw, I am moved upon a second time, to put this question to thee: If the spirit of man be moved upon by the spirit of Satan, and I serve it, can the candle be lit? Can I find the piece that is lost? The woman calls her neighbours to

rejoice with her after she has lit the candle and swept the house? What is she to sweep the house of?

Answer - The spirit of Satan.

Now, thou sees there are two spirits which move upon the spirit of man: if the spirit of man be moved upon of evil, it is by the spirit of Satan. If a man keep the laws of his country, he keeps the law of God, according to the law of the Scripture. He not revolting against them, his candle will be lit - death will be under his feet - the spirit of the tempter cannot overcome him. If I submit to the spirit of the tempter, my candle is lit by his spirit, and I am clothed by Satan. Does not a drunkard pray when he is so drunk that he cannot walk along, saying, "God bless ye", but what is his candle lit by?

Joseph Shaw, it says there are three that bear record in heaven, and there are three that bear witness in earth, now what completes these three earthly bodies?

Joseph Shaw said he could not answer.

There is the Spirit of the Almighty, of Christ, and of Jerusalem above, spiritual; in the first dispensation Enoch, in the second Elijah, and in the third Jesus, earthly; for we must take Jesus as one of the three living witnesses of the earthly; though he suffered death, he says "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11:25. "I am alive for evermore" Revelation 1:18. Then whether they be Jew or Gentile they have to come to him, to swear - to bow the knee - to confess. Does he not say, "Ye in me and I in you" John 14:20. Then if he be in you, will you not be safe from evil, both by day and night, in your living tabernacle? There will be three mortal spirits in man bearing witness, and three immortal; these six are the six golden pipes all fed from one - the Almighty Spirit, at different times. There being a time to build and a time to pull down the stronghold of Satan, that he has over us.

The children of Israel had to look upon the likeness of a serpent to be healed of the bite of a serpent. That was an outward bite; if they did not look, or when they looked they did not believe, it was to be instant death to them. If thou were

bitten by the inward viper, could thou go and look upon it to be healed?

Answer - I could if I understand thee aright.

Question - It says: "Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also" Matthew 5:39. Could thou do that?

Answer - I hardly could do it in this state.

Question - Is it harder to turn thy cheek to be smitten, than to look upon the likeness of a serpent, to be healed of the bite of a serpent? If thy candle and mine were always lit, then we should do good against evil, that we may be healed of that bite.

Does thou understand my speech?

Answer - I do.

Then it is to me the first, then to thee, for we both have to be tried in an earthen vessel, that is, our bodies. For there is no other vessel that the gold is tried in. Then let us be tried as gold, and our candles be lit, lest we be condemned, as they were by Moses in the wilderness. Christ came and was melted down in an earthen vessel, but they could not destroy nor break it(His body). The Spirit refined it in its own earthen vessel; the Lord's people are to be as gold seven times refined. A just thing will never try us, we must be tried by an unjust; we must be bitten to be healed of the bite; for if we seek to defraud we shall be defrauded; if we bite we shall be bitten - if we seek revenge we shall both be destroyed; then let us do good against evil.

#### Wakefield, 8<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

He that has eyes to see and ears to hear for the salvation of the soul, shall have mercy shewn him at the first resurrection.

Those that are of Israel being blind, make their children an excuse for not doing their duty; but those shall come in that that have eyes, in rags and tatters, barefooted and bare legged, and shall put on immortality. Clothing is no excuse. But to him

that has an honest, upright heart, poverty will not hinder him nor clothing.

The Lord put his Spirit upon me at Bradford, and said: Let them leave their children at home round the table, and they shall return and find them asleep in one another's arms, having received no harm, and behold it was so; for can we do ought from the immortal Spirit's sight?

I am moved upon a second time: those that will not leave their children are blind through the evil in their hearts, and the evil of the parents is in the children.

What did Jesus say when they asked him respecting the man born blind. "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" John 9:3.

Now, this is the temporal eye, but can those whose eyes are blind inwardly - can they see inwardly? - can they whose ears are stopped as by wool, can they hear inwardly, whether it be male or female?

Joseph Shaw, I put this question to thee: is it proper that those of the corrupt tree should have their eyes open?

Answer - No.

Question - If thou were of the corrupt tree, and thy eyes were opened, and thy ears unstopped (I mean the inward eye and ear), what state shouldest thou be in?

Answer - More misery.

Let us not rail against those who only have their eyes part opened. I was stopped last night that I should not go to Ashton; then if that immortal Spirit stop me, which is to be obeyed, my spirit or it, Joseph Shaw?

Answer - The immortal Spirit.

A person asked me the reason I had not gone; I answered I was not very well. If that immortal Spirit come upon me, then it gives me strength, because that Spirit is stronger than the spirit of man, or Satan.

There is a people who only believe in the god of nature: but the god of nature is Satan, and the evil in the city serves him in them.

Who will run into the holes, rocks and caves of the earth? None but those numbered in Israel, who have not hearkened - who have not had the eye salve - who have not asked for it; nor for the deaf ear to be unstopped, but who have served the evil in the flesh more than the two Immortal Spirits, Zion.

Those who have fallen have seen corruption, and we must first enter the kingdom of heaven, then the kingdom of heaven must enter the kingdom of God - that kingdom of the living God, the city that cannot be destroyed.

#### Wakefield, 27<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

The laws are for me the first, then to those who will have him to reign over them; and to those who will not, he says: "*Bring hither, and l say them before me*" Luke 19:27.

How many synagogues and chapels there are built by subscription - by the watchmen of the night? These are all for the common salvation. When Jesus was upon the earth, did not he say: "*The son of man hath not where to lay his head*" Matthew 8:20. Was not he put out of their synagogues?

We have received a letter of a preacher holding forth to the congregation, that there is no other devil than the evil in Adam, and that was the serpent. It was not the man that said that, but the devil that was in him.

Does it not say that they shall steal the word from me by the wayside, and they shall keep it and live? It is not them that can keep it, but the immortal Spirit shall keep the laws in them.

Did not Jesus say: "Satan, thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men" Matthew 16:23. Was not he (Satan) a liar from the beginning? (John 8:44.) Was it not said to man: "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die?" Genesis 2:17.

Satan was driven out of heaven (the immortal Spirit) into the earth (the body of man); the woman was the city, and evil was placed therein, and man took not of it before the woman handed it to him.

The evil was placed in the woman, and proceeds from her through the attraction of the devil. Evil was in Lucifer before he was driven out of the immortal Spirit, paradise, and that evil which is of him is a greedy dog; it is never satisfied, but it is compared to the grave or the sea.

Solomon says, "There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: the grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough" Proverbs 30:15,16.

So is the evil in everyone; though they be born rich, yet they are not satisfied. Will not Israel be satisfied? - Is He not satisfied? Christ is Israel. Jacob was called that; the same as my wife, who, before marriage was called Appleby, afterwards took my name, Wroe. When Jesus was overshadowed with Christ, then he was called Jesus Christ, and will bear that name eternally.

Then those who will become as he was to them it is "Ye in me, and I in you" John 14:20. For the common salvation there are many churches, and not two opinions alike in any of the branches, nor yet two faces, they all differ.

The twelve all differed, for they had different gifts, yet after Jesus' ascension, Paul had greater gifts than any of them. One religion says Peter was the greatest, for unto him was given the keys. But Paul, by the immortal Spirit, had greater, for he said: "For that which I do I allow not" Romans 7:15.

Mark, not with the flesh, for therein is the serpent.

Now, give over serving the serpent, and be no longer his meat. I can say of myself at the time present, that I serve the living God with my spirit, but of the flesh I cannot say so, and though hell from beneath be moved against me, yet shall I overcome through his Spirit.

The prayer of the common salvation, does not every mother teach it to her little children? Do not all denominations pray for forgiveness daily and hourly? He said there was something to exceed that, for it only saves the soul at the resurrection. This prayer that we have now, is to forsake the evil, for if we forsake it Satan will forsake us. Jesus said: "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" John 16:24.

Paul said, seek not to be unclothed; I seek to be unclothed that I may be clothed - that I may have the evil rolled away from me - that my blood may be cleansed - that I may have no covering of evil over me.

What do we read they shall do with their riches, likenesses and images, in the days of the Millennium? Their images of gold and of brass - throw them in the streets for anyone to take up and destroy.

Those who have been overcome of Satan, after the thousand years, will, if obedient, come to be in the image of perfect men, but not man and God.

When the disciples heard Jesus say: "Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you" John 6:53. They said: "This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" John 6:60.

Remember, O man, who can tell whether the wife shall save thee, or thee the wife? Much has been written upon this, but it is to show the right way, the same as if I was going to Liverpool, and I be directed right. How often is it that some, when they hear a man asking the right way, direct him wrong? Then if I was going to Liverpool, and they direct me to Hull, am not I sent astray?

Then ought we not to rejoice that his Spirit is given to someone to keep us in the right path? The law says, ye shall not lie. And if a man will give overweight is he not liable to give short weight?

Remember, the Lord's eye watches everywhere; it has been watching for 6000 years; he is the watchman of the day, to give life that ye be not condemned.

Remember this, I may not be of Israel, yet I may be a member in Israel. Let any one ask their natural reason, whether it was Jesus or Nathanael of whom he spoke when Jesus said: "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" John 1:47.

It was Jesus, begotten and possessing a body as others, yet without evil. After four thousand years had passed away, the woman conceived of herself, that her seed might bring life and light; three years the Spirit rested on her seed.

Let us be an example to the world, as He was to his disciples.

# Wakefield, 29<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

Upon these words in the Marriage Ceremony book being read: "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" Matthew 16:19.

John Wroe said: All churches confess, do sacrifice, and take the sacrament for the common salvation. They cry for forgiveness before death - their cry is granted them and they are bound in the grave and raised at the first resurrection as the angels of God. But there are two points, the heart, and the thought, and how often are they different? How often are pleasant words used, but poison under the tongue, as well for the body as the soul?

Jesus came with immortality for Israel, but was offered a sacrifice both for the Jews and heathen nations, though the Jews had offered sacrifice of the animal before.

Many have been expecting in these seventy days to put on immortality. Look at the rain - does it not descend on the just and the unjust? The Lord says He will sow the house of Israel with seed. The seed is his Spirit, and wherever that seed is, that body is free in thought, heart and tongue - all these three.

Does it not say: "Behold, the days come saith the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast" Jeremiah 31:27.

Now, if some seed be sown in moist places, which is the bodies, and some in dry places, who dare say anything of other religions when they are compared to a watered garden? -for if they receive of the moisture, are not their mouths watered, and virtue comes out.

Then if ye drink of the water of life for the body, be ready in heart, and wait patiently till the Lord send moisture upon the dry ground.

The seventy days are set a figure, and those that can wait no longer than seventy days have no moisture in them, but have become dry, and the birds of the air come and take away the seed - the seed of immortality.

Israel are the pure wheat. Paul said he was the vilest of all, but when he had his eyes opened, he received of the watered garden into the dry ground of his heart.

The sun in the firmament is a figure of the immortal. While Paul was of the circumcision of the flesh, he refused to be watered from above with the truth, but the Almighty sent His Son. He began with one, but will end with one hundred and forty-four thousand; for He will send His Spirit to descend upon man. When that is done - when man is watered, will he be subject to man?

Now, when the land of Israel is sown, will it not bear fruit? but not fruit as other churches - not incorruptible, but immortal, having nothing but the life of the body upon their minds.

Paul cried: "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death" Romans 7:24.

Now, I give a comparison in the name of God: if a woman have twelve children, and she be travelling through a wood, and one stop behind, and she lose it, will she not leave the eleven playing in the woods, while she go and seek the one she has lost?

So is it with the immortal Spirit, Christ; He is now seeking the one that is lost. His words are now being heard, on every island - in the woods, groves and highways, for the life of the body.

I ask this question: Can anyone of the common salvation, not free from sin, be content till they be liberated from it? - and what or when is their liberation? At death; then they receive their prayer - forgiveness.

Israel's prayer is to forsake; they ask in a different manner their gift is without repentance. They forsake that which they have done, and do it not again; and the Almighty reigns in them. Where there is envy or malice one of another, we are of him who abode not in the truth.

The sealed number pray - take away the evil from me, both in my heart and mind. They are against the liar - they seek to live by the truth, and the truth shall deliver them into immortality.

# Wakefield, 3<sup>rd</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

We now are all called after Satan, but are we not seeking to change our name to be called after the living God- an Israelite in whom is no guile? - neither in spirit nor flesh. Though evil temptations come, does not Jesus say, "Woe to that man by whom the offence cometh" Matthew 18:17.

Then if we be overcome, is it not woe to us, and to Satan, by whom the offence cometh? But when we have the light in our mind, in the inward man, it is impossible to be overcome, as it would be impossible to drink up the sea at one draught.

When a woman has changed her name, does she not lose her own name, and delight in her husbands? Then when they are separated, either upon the sea or on the land, does she not still delight in the name of her husband? Do ye delight in the name of Christ?

I am moved upon a second time: Is Christ in our hearts and spirits? Does it not say, Rejoice, O Israel? Do we rejoice in the Spirit of Christ in the Church? If I do, I will not miss the

meeting, though I be an uncovenanted member? - for are they not called to open their mouths wide, that they may be filled with spiritual food?

Can we, if we delight in the Spirit of Christ in the Church, endure to sit with public company, who have no spiritual strength? If one's eyes are opened; they can no more endure public company, than a woman who loves her husband, could endure to be called by her maiden name.

It is impossible, if they do not attend the meeting where the word is read, to rejoice in the Spirit of Christ (in the church of the living God). Is not this Church united to God, as a woman to her husband? Then how can they stop at home when the Spirit of Christ is in the Church? Remember, God is a Spirit, and He will do His work in them by His Spirit.

For an idle question am I to give an idle answer? Solomon said: "Answer not a fool according to his folly" Proverbs 26:4.

The life of the body is without repentance, "For the gifts and calling are without repentance" Romans 11:29.

Jacob came to water the sheep (Genesis 29:10); the time of watering the cattle is here, those whose bodies will never die; they shall drink of the water of life freely.

Is a man to take a Bible when the body dwells in the Spirit; for it is able to answer every question.

The number of laws against the soul are very evil, in number as the sand on the sea shore.

Israel is in Christ, and Christ is God. Every man shall bear his own burden, and happy will he be who does so.

A man of the common salvation says: I was happy before, but now I am miserable. It is well when the evil is made manifest.

Now observe this saying: forty days for a male child, and eighty for a female. There were four thousand years rolled over before the woman's seed was purified.

Christ had nowhere to lay his head. Four thousand years had expired, and in six thousand the mankind will be purified; then man and woman will be in safety - no vail over their eyes or heart.

It is written: "How shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14. That preacher is the immortal God. It is to understand what we hear, and there are two kinds of saints; none can be a saint but whose blood is shed, and they are called saints because they were valiant unto death.

Now, there are saints of the soul, and saints of the body, and if there are any here that will not venture their life, they are not of Israel, and something will take them out.

### Wakefield, 10<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

If the prayer was used in the meeting, would it be a secret prayer? It says, enter the closet, that is the heart - pray in secret.

Does not a woman, when seeking a husband, go blindfold? Does she know whether he will deceive her or not? Is she not on trust to him till it be proved? The woman who is deceived by her husband, is blessed if she keep the secret.

These things will take place among the members, but they are not members, and never will be members, though they be called Israel.

If I be tried and am found standing, have I not overcome by Him who has guided me these last thirty years? Often I have said I should like to give up, when I have seen men breaking stones on the high road, who seemed happier than I.

Wakefield, 12<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

Question - If a man go and preach against being drunk, and he becomes drunk himself, can he bear witness against the drunkard?

Answer - No, he cannot.

Question - Then how many witnesses has there been since the days of Adam, who have preached and not done the evil?

Answer - One.

Enoch in the first dispensation, Elijah in the second, and Jesus in the third, these have been witnesses, and it says: "At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall be that is worthy of death be put to death" Deuteronomy 17:6.

## Wakefield, 31st of 8th month, 1855

Upon this passage in the Commandment of the Law being read: "And God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it" Genesis 1:28.

John Wroe said: At first man was commanded to multiply and replenish, and then subdue, but the command is now to subdue before he replenish.

When I was in the Sanctuary, and the light was given unto me by the Spirit, that a man was to have two wives – one mortal and one immortal, through the words then spoken many walked out of the Sanctuary, offended, because of the truth.

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" John 14:6? "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" John 9:5. Then if that light that shone in him shine upon you - that immortal light, could you do evil?

There is a spiritual wife for man as well as a temporal, and without her, man is overcome with evil, this is the truth. Then if the light shine upon the man, has not a woman two husbands - and every man two wives, one temporal and the other spiritual? These words are put into my mouth by that immortal Spirit.

Upon these words being read: "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose" Matthew 17:52. John Wroe said: Do we read that anyone handled those men that arose from the dead? They who saw them, saw their soul raised to be united to their spirit. We have an evidence, a further evidence. Jesus said to Thomas: "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing" John 20:27.

Jesus said further: "Thomas because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" John 20:27. Israel has not seen him, but they believe. How will they see him? By their prayer. Jesus said: "Hitherto have they asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" John 16:24. They must pray, to be kept from asking amiss; for the Spirit will keep the law in them.

Then blessed are they, in whom the Spirit does the work; no man but those of Israel will. Israel will do the work, for their light will not diminish; the vail will be drawn from their eyes.

Those who have fallen, the immortal Spirit shews mercy unto them. They are spiritual, as a shadow before God. Israel will be united to God in spirit, soul and body, because the love of the Lord Jesus Christ has shone in their hearts.

Then comes the seven thousand years, when the witnesses are brought against Satan, and all return to their former place. The law says: "At the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death" Deuteronomy 17:6. This puts aside all religions who preach eternal damnation; for the law itself is life; but the transgression of the law is sin; the wages of sin is death - the death of the body.

# Wakefield, 7<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

Jesus' body is as pure oil, to be poured on the house of Israel; and when this is in action, the house of Israel will be clothed by that immortal Spirit. But the spirit of all Adam's race is mortal,

and unless I am healed by that oil, I am deaf, and blind in heart, with no understanding.

Jew and Gentile see for the saving of the soul; their deafness of understanding is removed for that. They are both equal, and both without that Spirit of Jerusalem above, which came after four thousand years, with Christ. They are as the multitudes of the Egyptians, who were blind to the Spirit that was with Moses. Does it not say, "Ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew?" Zechariah 8:23.

Who is that Jew? It is the Jew that I am striving to be of, an Hebrew of the Hebrews, that is Jesus.

That beast must be first slain and cast out of us before we can be like Him; the messenger of Satan that buffets us, must be removed from the body; for we like Paul, cry out for deliverance from the death of this body.

Then what do we want with one another's opinions? Will the house of Israel judge of their neighbour's opinions, or will they seek to him for the truth? Then with whom is the truth? God, who has sent the Spirit of Jerusalem above to guide ye into immortality; he has sent it that ye may be washed; that ye may have the truth clothing you in your hearts. Seek it, and ye shall find it, and I will keep it on your hearts, saith that immortal Spirit; but if a man cheat or defraud, and will never acknowledge it, then he is destitute of that immortal Spirit.

## Wakefield, 21st of 9th month, 1855

When God calls a spirit from the body, they must depart as a tenant from a house. Belief is nothing, but when they that receive that Spirit which cannot be handled, it will keep the law in them; this explains the parable; but will it keep the law in the harlot, the drunkard or the whoremonger? - it keeping the law in them is a secret between God and themselves, and they will receive their reward in secret. Outward reward comes from what is seen one of another. Then do not let ye and me seek

this outward reward, for it says, "Ye in me and I in you" John 14:20. That is in secret, not to be seen one of another.

### Wakefield, 5<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

If I owe a man a sovereign, and do not pay him, is not that as an image to me - is not that as an image in my heart, Joseph Shaw? And if a man vow an oath to keep that secret, is it not an image in the heart and mind?

Behold! an image is whatever the heart or mind fixes itself on. If a man be moved upon by that immortal Spirit, and acknowledges to it, then his likeness is seen; so that there are three likenesses; one saying but not doing, one having likenesses contrary to the command, and one who keeps them hid. No man can keep the covenant or the Scriptures, unless he put away false swearing and defrauding. It is not the picture in a house that can do any harm, it is the picture in the heart, lest ye corrupt yourselves.

I say in the name of God, I being in the immortal God, which is as a house or habitation, who says: "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you" Matthew 7:7.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me" Revelation 3:23.

But what difference is there between those that have likenesses and those who believe they should not have them? - and yet they have them, they being lukewarm. These are of Great Babylon, they are not of that city or building whose length and breadth and height are equal. (Revelation 21:16.

When the law came; it was, Keep my law and thou shalt live; the soul that sinneth shall die (Ezekiel 18:4).

There is the law of man unto death, but the law of life is greater. Jesus came that you might claim life - that your house might become glorified, garnished with all manner of precious stones.

It says, Satan, whence comest thou? (Job 1:7). He walks in the stones of fire, and Israel has to pass through the fire to discern what spirit they abide in, whether the spirit of Satan or the Spirit of Christ and Jerusalem above; that is the state man will be brought into.

If a man be in Christ and Jerusalem they are as one, and his conduct proves it. If a man owe anything, will he keep that in his heart by not paying it? If a man stole he was to restore sevenfold, even the substance of his house (Proverbs 6:31).

Jesus said to Zaccheus: "Make haste and come down, for today I must abide at thy house." He made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. Zaccheus said: Lord, if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. Jesus said: "This day is salvation come to this house" Luke 19:5-9.

Then if a man be in the fire, and he seek not revenge for that which is done unto him, if he seek not to defraud when he is defrauded - the Spirit of Christ says to the body - come down from the tree. He found Zaccheus willing to receive the law of life.

#### Wakefield, 7<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

It says: "A stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offence to both the houses" Isaiah 8:14. They are in the houses of both Jew and Gentile. Jesus is that stone unto the Jew; Christ was in Jesus, and was that rock of offence unto them, and Zion is Christ and Jerusalem. Now that Christ and Jerusalem have come with the law and gospel, it is a stumbling stone to the Gentile, so that is fulfilled - a tried stone - a rock of offence. The words of the Lord has now come, that the law and gospel may be found in the heart of man; this has been hid in Zion till the appointed time.

The time is coming for the rock of offence to be rolled away.

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#### Wakefield, 12<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

There is Zion above, which is Jesus Christ and His Bride. Abraham took two wives, one bond, the other free, from whom came two sets of people. The bond woman's child was Abraham's seed, but not the heir, because it was not Abraham's lawful wife. The one is a Jew, the other a Gentile; and the seed of Abraham seek to possess the land which was given to the Jews as a possession. The children of Abraham seek the body, of which that land was a figure.

Jew and Gentile have sought revenge one of another, but we must forsake revenge before we can obey the law.

### Wakefield, 14th of 10th month, 1855

In the Scriptures, Joseph Shaw, it speaks of the widow of Zion; every denomination of religion speak of her, but who is this widow?

Answer - Jerusalem above.

Jerusalem above cannot be a widow; that widow is the house of Israel, having lost her husband, the devil, and all her children are fatherless.

Zion below becomes a widow when her land is forsaken of both her kings, which is Jew and Gentile. The Lord saith he will seek her as a young man seeketh a virgin. The Scriptures say how she shall be decked - how her body shall be transparent, that mortal cannot behold her; but her husband, Zion above, meets Zion below, he will clothe her (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:2).

#### Wakefield, 19<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

Question - Joseph Shaw, suppose thou ask the Almighty in prayer, to keep the law in thee, art thou guilty if thou ask him?

Answer - No.

Pray according to knowledge, not according to that which is another man's. God would not send his Spirit because they asked amiss - they asked not aright, having things which they had got honestly. How can your prayers be heard if you are caught with things got dishonestly?

If you pray, not having unlawful things on the mind, though God keep not the law in you, you are free, though you are not a chosen vessel.

If a man pray for immortality, and should die, yet his child shall inherit the promise through the father's prayer. The child is brought so that God keep the law in it, and the child shall sit on its father's throne. Before this time they could not ask for it, but the time is coming.

Ask any of the clergy round the planet if they have what they ask for - if their thoughts are free, or have they things dishonestly gained in their house? If so, they ask amiss.

I say in the name of God, the time is coming that knowledge will be given. "*Knock, and it shall be opened to you* (Matthew 7:7) and the Spirit shall enter and dwell with you.

It was said of myself, that I should dwell among and see lying wonders, and that lies should be brought against me falsely for the work's sake.

I rejoice that the time is come, and I have strength given me to understand them. Remember, it is not me that can make it so - it is a light that darkness cannot put sideways.

Joseph Shaw - I am moved upon once more to put this question to thee. Question - If the sons of the corrupt tree should have to come to put on immortality, how many seeds will they have to be sown with before they can arrive at that state? There are two seeds which man has to be sown with - what are the two seeds to spring from?

Joseph Shaw said he could not answer.

Man is now the son of Satan, poisoned with his seed.

There are two seeds, which are the two covenants, God will make with man. The first is to bring him from being the seed of Satan to be the seed of the Son of man; the second is for Christ to descend and rest upon him (which is the seed of God) to be sown in man; there is the seed of God and the seed of man.

### Wakefield, 21st of 10th month, 1855

The Lord says he will not always be threshing, and I say in the name of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, that this is to none but those who stand still. Those who have signed, and say they are sealed, but who cannot understand, stand still. It shall no more profit them seeing they do not believe.

Why does man be in opposition, and yet pretend to ask aright, and has doubts of that he has asked for? His portion will be with them that go down to the grave.

Blessed is that man or woman, who is spoken falsely of, and yet found true; they shall be a race distinct from others among the one hundred and forty four thousand.

Is God a respecter of persons? No; but because they have taken the yoke Jesus bore. Woe unto that man who, if judged, and it be not false, is condemned.

Why should mortal man fear man, in lying or speaking that which is not true - uttering that which is false, for ought man to live in fear? He has been subjected to fear, for fear cometh upon a man because the lion (of death) is hungry. But ought ye not to seek as David sought, to slay the lion and overcome him? The lion is a figure of Satan on one hand, but of the Lord Jesus Christ on the other.

Upon this passage in the communication dated 15<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month, 1852, being read: "I will rise now, and go about the city in the street, and in the broadways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not" Song of Solomon 3:2.

Does he shew himself in the broadways? A wicked man walks in the broadway, but does it lead him from life to life? for in the broadway he (Christ) is sought but not found. Where a man is walking in opposition to the broadway, he finds the narrow path which leadeth unto life: broad is the way which

leadeth to destruction; narrow is the way which leadeth unto life. (Matthew 7:13).

"There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother", Satan will be one alone at the final resurrection, for he then will only be alone with the evil; the evil in every man and woman differs - there is no supporter for the evi.

But this Scripture will not have its accomplishment till the day of the final resurrection. Let the evil in man answer, and that in one man will differ from others, but he will not have no supporter with him.

To the evil there are two deaths; the first is the death of the body, the second the death of the soul. But those who are his (Satan's) will they arise free from evil at the first resurrection? No!

# Wakefield 28<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

Write these words: God made man subject to his own will and purpose, that he might bring forth his own act - his strange act, and this is what he requires of man. He is subjected to that which he sees, that which he hears, and understands with his heart, and that is the thing which mortal man shall give an account of.

That which he sees not, hears not, nor understands, is subjected to Satan, and it is written that he shall yet serve God (Matthew 4:10) when evil is put in subjection. When God, by man, has subjected him then shall man be free. The body is cursed through that which he was subjected to, by the influence of Satan.

Upon these words in the Laws of God, page 44, being read: "For without are dogs". Mark, those without the immortal Spirit. The whoremongers, idolaters and murderers and liars. These are all under death, being overcome of the evil.

Write these words, that they may go to the ends of the earth; for it is truth - the words of that immortal Spirit, which rested

on Jesus for three years, which formed the heavens and the earth, and put the spirit of man therein.

Christ, at the resurrection of Jesus, showed the prisoners out of prison, living, who walked in Jerusalem, their souls forming the spiritual body, being a transfiguration of the resurrection. They were under no transgression of the soul, but of the body, and the evil was proved false. Jesus justified the just, but not the blind, which deal treacherously - who say they see when they see not.

To what can the mercy of Jehovah be compared? There is nothing which mortal can see, hear, or understand, to compare to the love of Jehovah, who has now set life before you.

Wakefield, 4<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

Joseph Shaw, I put the following question to thee:-

Dost thou not think thou knows more than those of all religions round the planet who are believing in something?

What name of a religion has asked in his name, for he says: "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name" John 16:24.

Answer - I do not know.

They did not ask for the immortality of the mortal body, but only the salvation of the soul; and if there are any here this morning that hears these words uttered, and do not believe them, go your way, for ye cannot hear. If I hear a thing I must believe it, else I have lost my ear.

The prophet speaks of a half-ear and one eye (Amos 3:12.); that is, the salvation of the soul they asked for, but not in his name; they were to repent, for repentance is for the life of the soul (else ye perish). This proves they did not repent at his first coming, but his latter coming is without repentance. If I repent I hear what the Lord has said, and these words are even unto myself. If I do not believe, I hear not; but if I hear, am I a doer of what I do hear?

Let all bear in mind and remember, that it is "Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" John 16:24. "For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" Matthew 7:8.

At his first coming there was a vail over Israel that they should not hear or receive him. The vail no more clings to them when the time is up, the same as the womb when the time comes must deliver up.

The Scriptures say: "Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee" Ezekiel 40:4.

Israel will seek him to draw them, for unless a man seek through Him, he deceiveth himself. Many times when at sea, I have heard one say to another, Dost thou not see that ship? and through being persuaded, have said they saw when they saw not.

## Wakefield, 11<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

Upon these words in the communication dated Wakefield, 5<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1855, being read: "There is a law of man unto death, but the law of life is greater", John Wroe put the following question to Joseph Shaw-

Question - If a man die now this morning, is it that death?

Answer - No.

Then there is another death, for that is but the parting of the spirit from the soul and body, if it died.

There are two deaths to overcome, by every man who triumphs over death. If a person be separated from another, two or three years, that is as a death. There is my housekeeper, she has left me, that is as a death.

Every righteous soul that dies does not die the second death. The spirit is separated from the soul, which lies in the chambers of the grave, until it arise to give an account of the deeds done in the body. The man who has his eyes opened to see both

deaths, and tries to overcome them, will he fear them? Thus saith the Lord: he will overcome both deaths.

Question - If a man overcome the first and second deaths, is he burned in the fire?

Answer - No.

Question - If any of the common salvation die the first death - the death of the body, though they die the death of the righteous, are they burned?

Answer - Yes.

Question – The body dies. If their soul escape the second death, is it unburnt?

Answer - No.

There are two furnaces to pass, and Israel will pass them without the smell of fire upon their raiment, or a hair of their head touched or singed, as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, for these three were thrown into the fiery furnace, and behold! the king in vision looked and saw four men (Daniel 3:25).

Then the form of the fourth he saw was beautiful and glorious, like those that shall be immortal; and thus saith the Lord, he will lead Israel through the fiery furnace three times, and they shall pass through not singed, or the smell of fire upon them. There is the fire of the first death, the fire of the second death, the fire of this lifetime - these are the three fiery furnaces to pass through.

But there is his protection, who says: "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions" Isaiah 44:22.

"The iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found" Jeremiah 50:20.

### Wakefield, 23<sup>rd</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

I am moved upon as the old prophet, and am commanded to rehearse this in your ears; then though ye may be weary of my rehearsing it, who shall give an account, if I do not? That immortal Spirit will meet ye when ye are not aware and show it ye as well as to me, both by night and day.

Millions, as the sands on the sea, are righteous as touching the soul - they are carried away, having repented. Why am I moved upon, to rehearse the words touching the prayer? - because there is something wrong among ye here - ye neglect this. "Hitherto, he says, ye have asked nothing in my name" - John 16:24 - and "...he that asketh receiveth" Matthew 7:8.

Ye may say, I am weary of hearing him utter this. Why does he continually rehearse it, over and over? But the prayer contains the substance of every verse from the first of Genesis to the last in Revelation, and it may be written on the thumb nail.

Why will ye say in your heart ye are weary? Why will ye neglect? Daniel cried to the Lord three times a day (Daniel 6:10), and the Lord delivered him from the den of lions. I have warned you that we are in a den of lions, surrounded by them, ready to tear us to pieces, and devour us.

This is a fearful battle, for the heart of the world is hardened saith the Lord, and ye are now surrounded with lying wonders.

Are ye not to pray in secret to be kept? Ye that have signed to the living God? Are ye to honour one another - one as servant and the other master? This is pride; call not one another so. I may be the instrument of employing many but am not master; call one another employer and employed. Ye are under the banner of Christ, who is your Master.

### Wakefield, 25<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1855

Upon reading the latter part of the explanation to Law 1<sup>st</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of the Laws of God, page 46, John Wroe said:-Touching the thrusting of the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly (Numbers 25:8) and the giving of the covenant of peace to Phineas; Moses gave God's word to slay the man and woman, and through obeying that word, the

covenant of peace would be made to his seed. The man of Israel had taken the woman contrary to the seed and the law.

Are the house of Israel to fear the reproach of man? or what man can do, that he should not execute the Lord's words? Let us, every man, slay the evil that is in us.

I have carried a command for weeks, and have not gone and executed it. I have been ordered to go to a person's house who has fed me, to tell her that her office was rent from her by God.

Gifts blind the eyes of men - they breed nothing but wickedness and darkness.

Every man must slay the evil in his own body before he can make that covenant of peace. Why should man fear man, though he should be sent of God? Obey the Word. Why should man fear man his equal? David says: A man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company (Psalm 55:14).

The natural man is compared to Lucifer, son of the morning; if a man hire a servant for six years, when he has served the six years, and his wife and children are with him, he may say unto his master, I will not go out free. Then the master is commanded to take an awl, and thrust it though his ear unto the door, and he shall be servant forever (Deuteronomy 15:17). That is so long as he remains in the mortal life.

If we fear man, have we pierced and slain the evil?

Every man must overcome his own evil - slay it in his actions and thoughts. I am justified through Christ, if I have overcome the evil in myself. How often have I been tempted, but found another power with me, that though tempted I could not do the evil.

Let us not say we love our master of this world; for there is an hedge made - a wall they cannot climb over; that immortal Spirit hedges them in, and meets them as it did Balaam, in the ass.

Then if the eye be single unto God, we have spiritual guidance and an angel is sent to prepare the way before you.

Suppose I was tempted to go and murder Joseph Shaw; to follow him tonight, and carry the weapons to do it, but when I meet him I cannot do the deed. In my temptation have not I overcome, through another power being with me? So will it be with everyone – in the Spirit - they would, but they cannot.

## Wakefield, 9th of 12th month, 1855

The blind cannot lead the blind, nor he that hath ears to hear, give hearing to him that hath not, nor sight to him that seeth not; and I am as dead and blind, to the things I am commanded to bring forth.

Are not all things ruled by the sun in the firmament? - and why? Because it is a figure of the Son of God, who ruleth over all.

#### Wakefield, 6<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month, 1856, Sabbath hour

Are not the unclean spirits compared to frogs (Revelation 16:13) coming from the mouth of man? These spirits are substance, and yet not substance, because they are lying spirits? How long has a seed to go before it be cleansed? Ten generations before they are purified from that thing that is done – before the seed is purified. What are these generations? Ten lives; so that they have to pass through these, before they are removed from corruption; and if it is not removed in those ten, it has to pass on through other ten; this has been from the day of Adam and will be till the last day.

Is not the Spirit now crying to the nations touching this matter? Is it not saying to the spirit of man: be thou clean, for thy spirit is the watchman of thy own body. There is Jehovah's Spirit to minister unto thee, if thou look unto it when thou art moved upon of the evil. If thou look not unto it then Satan is permitted to overcome thee by a lying spirit. For if thou look unto the Spirit of Jehovah, that Spirit will be the life and light of thy body. Satan sends a lying spirit; then if my own spirit be

carried away by it, I obey the evil spirit and that is taking advice as the young prophet did.

Look unto the seed as well as the spirit. If a man have a lying spirit fall upon him, and he be overcome of it, as the young prophet was overcome by the old one, he will be brought down to hell, that hiding place which is the grave. all that die the death of the body go to one place till the resurrection, whether they be of the righteous or the wicked (Ecclesiastes 3:20; 9:2)..

I am moved upon by the Holy Ghost to charge you by the Spirit of God, to guard against that lying spirit – that old prophet. Let your own spirit watch the Spirit of the Lord, and let not your spirit watch the lying spirit that is sent in the old prophet, to try you. Then watch; lest both fall asleep; because you suffered yourselves to be persuaded by the lying spirit in the mouth of the old prophet. (Remember your private prayer.) For if the young prophet had made supplication to the Spirit of Jehovah when he was fainting for bread and water, which caused him to perish? The evil in man is cursed: Then put no trust in the lying prophet, for if a prophet prophesy contrary to the Spirit of God and your spirit, throw it out of the house of God. Let not the old prophet persuade you contrary to the Spirit of truth, which is in your own hearts, but serve ye the truth for that is immortality.

One man shall conquer, but is it the man of sin? No; it is the man of God, Jesus Christ. There is the spirit of Zion below, and the spirit of Zion above, and the spirit of Zion below cries out to Zion above, and Zion signifies two persons, mortal and immortal. If ye look to Zion above, ye will have protection both by sea and land.

This shall prove to man he is in that spirit – when tempted to do a thing and cannot, but he shall never declare it. Though he be tempted to go to the slaughterhouse yet shall he overcome. The evil spirit is sent to try, and prove the way of God; and the house of Israel shall be tried. The world shall be happy and slumber, but when the vail is drawn back, their misery shall appear.

There is the spirit of man, which is the life of the body, and the Spirit of God. The Lord saith, I will clothe man afresh, and he that seeks him will be clothed afresh by his private prayer. He shall be clothed by it, and shall speak all languages; for he shall be clothed with that which dwelleth in light, which darkness cannot cover. If the soul of man turn not to God, it lies till it returns to give an account of the deeds it hath done; death divides the spirit from the soul and body. Is a man to make long prayers – to be seen of man – to have man's praise, that he may be considered as a head?

Remember Jesus' parable: "Whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all" Mark 10:44. Then see that ye submit to the Spirit of God, and be not under the man of sin, for if you be of the man of sin, ye are the sons of Satan, and not the sons of the living God. The man of sin cannot overcome by long prayers, but it is to pray in season – to pray against the evil spirit.

A man sought the disciples, to cast out a spirit from his son, but they could not, for the Scriptures say, "And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not" Luke 9:40. It must be by fervent prayer; but it cannot be fervent prayer if it be heard of man – it must be between God and man, so that no other man know of it; the heart of man with the Spirit of God.

If a man has lost the smell of his nose, can he smell anything? Is not anything clean unto him if he smell it not? When Noah came out of the ark all things were made clean unto him, and if a man go out into the market place are not all things clean unto him - if he smell not or taste not?

When the law was nailed to the cross, all things were made clean. In some countries they labour on the Sabbath day, for it is made lawful to do so by the priests, after they have done worshipping.

To the house of Israel the law is un-nailed from the cross, after signing in the name of Christ, to be numbered in Israel.

Remember ye have signed for him to keep the law in you, with the prayer. No husband shall let his wife know when at

prayer, for the they be one they are separate, for the evil divides them, and they being one will not be fulfilled till mortal has put on immortality; in the mortal life they are a figure of what they shall be.

Paul said, "For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law" Galatians 5:3. He cried this unto the Gentiles and this has been a terror always! What does it require to keep the law, though a man be circumcised? Jesus says, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name" John 16:24. They had not asked for it in the name of the Son of man. How many that are here present, who are circumcised, have asked in His name, for Him to keep the law in them? How can they keep it by His Spirit, unless they ask it of Him? The Gentiles have a law, but do they believe the law of Moses or his writings? For He spoke to Moses from the flaming bush – he spake from the midst of the fire, and gave the fiery law. Paul and the disciples called it a yoke which neither they nor their fathers could bear (Acts 15:10) because they had never asked. Are there any in this room that have not asked? I am moved upon again by the Holy Ghost, to ask if there are any in this room that have not asked for this – who have not entered into their closet and prayed that Christ would keep the whole law in them? Ask it in private, for they that keep it not, have never asked in secret, for his Spirit to overcome the spirit of Satan that has overcome their spirit. The Spirit now has come to draw them, to lead them from being the sons of the man of sin, for while they are the sons of the man of sin, they are the sons of Satan. Then it is for us to cry out unto that spirit of Christ, which is stronger than our own spirit and the spirit of Satan, that our eyes may be opened. The Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, then he could see the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand (Numbers 22:31).

Then let us all try to have our eyes opened, to see that other watchman; let us not say, my neighbour persuaded me so and so; neither let us hearken to the lying spirit, or unto another man.

I am moved upon to speak and must speak – It was said unto the children of Israel: Keep my law and thou shalt live. They having their eyes opened: to see they kept not the law, had to offer up sacrifices as a sign of their repentance, to receive the salvation of their souls. The law was for the life of the body: Keep my law, and thou shalt have the life of thy body. Seeing that none kept it, the Lord took the life of the body out of the way of both Jew and Gentile; and handed to them the salvation of their souls; for he said, "All souls are mine...the soul that sinneth, it shall die" Ezekiel 18:4.

Does a man die a sinner, if he has true repentance? Is not he forgiven, even though it should be at his last breath?

Paul speaks of leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, of laying on of hands, of baptisms (Hebrews 6:1).

How is this to be understood? Does not the Lord say, "Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes?" Hosea 13:14.

What! Is repentance to be hid from the Lord? When is it to be fulfilled? For he says: "Whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified" Romans 8:30. There needs no repentance when they are called of him, nor the laying on of hands, for the law Is the life of the body, and where he keeps that in them, they need no repentance. He will abide with them both by day and night: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" John 15:7.

Then let men remove all boasting, for it is by that other Comforter which he said he would sent to abide with them forever (John 14:16).

My words are now swallowed up, but there are men in this room that will see them fulfilled; for the time is now come that he that offers up the sacrifice of a lamb, is as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation as if he offered up swine's blood (Isaiah 66:3).

Joseph Shaw, I am moved upon to put this question to thee: What are the three matters which were formed by the Almighty, for there is the good and the evil, and man was commanded not to touch the evil? Now, I want to know thy answer, that it may go to other nations.

Joseph Shaw said he could not answer.

There is the immortal, that is the good; and when the woman was brought to man, in her was good and evil. How many have there been conceived and born in the uncleanness, who have sought for the salvation of their soul at the first resurrection? There is the good, the good and bad, and the bad, and the bad never repent.

Man was immortal, and when he had taken of the uncleanness, the good left him. Christ and Jerusalem withdrew - then he fell to mortal man.

Now, Joseph Shaw, I am moved upon again: Were ever these three conditions shown before, these three parts?

Answer – Not that I know of.

Question – Was not Enoch a perfect man – immortal?

Answer - Yes.

Question – Was not Elijah? Was not Jesus made immortal? - three living witnesses; and is not that law fulfilled in them? "...at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" Deuteronomy 19:15. These three have been witnesses of that good part that is of God. The good and evil was so many generations running; then came Enoch; then so many generations to Elijah and to Jesus – these are the thee living witnesses.

Question – Joseph Shaw, it says, "They knew that they were naked" what is that nakedness; for were not Enoch, Elijah and Jesus clothed?

Answer – Yes

Nakedness is this: being destitute of that immortal Spirit. The world says, being naked is brutish; that its attraction is to lust. Would it, if it were not for the evil? A thief attracts another to steal; one law breaker attracts another to break the law; and I declare in the name of God, I have never done anything wrong but it was measured back to me again.

#### Wakefield 25<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month, 1856

Upon these words "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire", John Wroe said he was moved upon to give the following explanations:

If the seed of Abraham, called Jews, enter the Gentiles' law, do they not deliver up their former inheritance, and are in bondage to it? If a man has a farm or land in his possession, and no one claims rent of him for twenty one years, then he can claim it.

Then what have they to redeem – they come in free? I am moved upon by the Spirit of the Holy Ghost to send this into all nations, and this is the command to the dispersed among the Gentiles. Were not the Jews blinded, till the fullness of the Gentiles? This was to put away boasting from both Jew and Gentile, but if their body died their souls might be saved. If a Jew forsake not his law, which is, for the body to be made alive, then he can redeem his body in one year; this is to the wandering and lost sheep of Israel, mixed among the Gentiles, that they might remain among them till the end.

Concerning the dispersed among the Gentiles, the Lord has said unto me: "They shall hear my words by thy mouth, and shall come out; and to those that will not come out, let the dead bury their dead, but follow thou me" Luke 9:59,60, turn unto me. "Because I live, ye shall live also" John 14:19.

He is now returned unto Israel, and those who pierced him will be condemned if they return not. When the Messiah was here, they knew him not – for they could not pierce him till the Messiah (the Spirit of Christ) had left him. Satan could not have conquered, because Zion, which is Christ and Jerusalem above, was with Jesus. Any who have these two immortal Spirits, Satan cannot conquer them, but they shall conquer him.

How are they to do this? Why, Zion below must look unto Zion above, and cry out unto Zion above by their prayers.

It says, How shall they hear without a preacher (Romans 10:14)? Who is the preacher? The immortal Spirit. Many labourers have been sent out to various parts, and have been overcome. Satan has been the end of them; he has been permitted to conquer them, that man should have no power to boast. For the power is in God. Then if the power be in God, why should there be any honour due unto man – the man of Satan? The man of God will conquer – he will have a single eye.

Where is prayer, when a man is praying and his mind is on this world's affairs.

# Wakefield 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 1856

Are not those that are reviled, and revile again, equal? Revenge is the evil spirit that resteth upon man, which is stronger than the spirit of man. Then if a man serve it, is not he a servant to the evil? - or if it be the good, and he obey it, is not he a servant to the good? The spirit of the life of man is subject to evil, but there is something else.

All God's creation will be bound unto that. Where is boasting, or what honour is there due to man? But those who have that Spirit, the angels will have to bow to; and all in heaven and upon earth will have to bow, because that honour is given unto them by God, it is he that will do the work for man.

The book is the law and gospel – the book of life; he that obeys it not, it is a book of death; and he that believeth, and doeth it not, but boasts, has not the Spirit of God; and he that believes not, and does not, but is a servant to the evil, the law, the Lord will have his honour of him at the final resurrection.

# Wakefield 8<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 1856

Joseph Shaw, from what has been read, I put the following question to thee.

Question – If thou had a good stock or stem of a tree, and thou had a better graft of the same kind, and it grew out at the side; if thou also had a wild olive, and thou grafted that into a good olive stock, but the tree sprouts out below the graft, which bears the fruit?

Answer – The stock.

Question – Not the graft?

Answer – No.

Thou hast answered wisely.

Now, when Esau saw that Jacob had obtained the blessing, he said unto his father, "Hast thou but one blessing, my father?" For Jacob was twice blessed. Remember there are two blessings; they had but one father, one mother. One son had come dishonestly by one blessing, because he was the younger, and had deprived the elder. The old man, though in his mortal life, spoke by the Spirit of the immortal life – that which is made known this night, and that which is to come. The Spirit returning upon the father, he said unto Esau: "It shall come to pass when thou shalt have dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck".

Now then, bear this in mind; thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. Was not this fulfilled when the woman's seed broke down the middle wall of the partition (Ephesians 2:14)?

Remember, these two sons had but one father, one mother. Have not the Jews been servants to the Gentiles, from the day of the woman's seed until now, and will be till the day that mortal puts on immortality.

Jacob had one blessing before Jesus came, which was put sideways when the Jews became servants to the Gentiles. I say by the Spirit, that those who put on immortality are twice blessed – gathered by the branch under the graft. Those of the graft have borne but incorruptible bodies, for there has been death in the pot. And those born of the stock, bear the same fruit as Jesus; there can be no death then.

Then has come the full end to the mortal, and they receive the other blessing of the immortal tree.

Rebekah stands condemned in the eyes of the world, because she obtained the inheritance by craft and deceit. Is it not at this day (1856), that if a man have a freehold estate, and die without will, that the elder may claim the whole; but if it be copyhold, is it not then divided? Was not this so with Esau and Jacob? Jacob obtained the estate, but when was the accomplishment of it?

When Jesus came, begotten not of man but of the woman, he took away the middle wall, and by the branch gives it to the whole one hundred and forty-four thousand. All shall be clothed and dwell in that house, the house of the Spirit; it shall do the work in them – the work of the law and gospel. The Spirit of the Lord in the old man (to the eyes of the world by craft and deceit) worked that which shall fulfil righteousness.

So will it be with Israel for they will appear to be as deceitful to the world - yet true. Does he not say, My people shall be as though they were deceivers – as though they worshipped not, yet shall they be found true. True worshippers of the living God. When the woman had obtained the blessing for her son, Jacob, what did she say in answer to his words: "I shall seem to him as a deceive;, and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing". Her reply was, "Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice..." Genesis 27:12,13.

Question – Joseph Shaw, I demand of thee, in the name of the Holy Spirit, an answer. When the curse was accomplished, did not the mother of Jesus receive the death of the body?

Answer - Yes.

Question – Was not that curse then fulfilled upon her?

Answer - Yes.

Wakefield 29<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 1856

Can any man have a piece of money of any nation, without having a likeness upon it? This proves to those of the common salvation, that the time is near at hand.

Will not all Israel rejoice with me, if the Lord keep us all from the evil? How are we to be kept without prayer, yet it must not be seen of man?

Woe, woe, woe, unto that man that prays to be seen of another man; and whatever a man's mind is fixed upon when he prays, that has the strongest portion, like as a young man's mind fixed on a young woman, an image or an animal – is not that at times very strong? The mind that is fixed upon God, is always at prayer, and it overcomes all evil thoughts, because it is fixed upon that immortal Spirit. Daniel prayed to be seen of man, but what was it for? To shew that he was not afraid of man (Daniel 6:10,11), yet he was chosen for a work - a guide unto man.

Jesus says: "Enter thy closet" Matthew 6:6. Let no man know but him who gives thee the power of prayer.

If the mind when praying, be fixed on wizards and witchcraft, can it be upon God? Has he God in his heart, or are not they his gods? Are not they the light in him, and he refuses the living God?

My glass, to the view of man, seems nearly to have run out; but God shall prove it. But this is done that Satan should not understand the work of God. It is my first and last saying, whether I am for the salvation of the soul, or of soul and body.

Let a man have the desire of his heart, when he prays, fixed on God. How often, at many places, has the Spirit of God fallen upon me to warn them of this, to let no man know, when they pray - not seek to be seen of men.

### Wakefield 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1856

When the Jews disobeyed the law, the Lord turned to the Gentiles with a new way – the gospel. Then they were as a city unforsaken, for he says, "I am found of them that sought me not..." Isaiah 65:1. The law and gospel is the church

unforsaken; for the Gentiles say, "We are not under the law", and the Jews say "We are not under the gospel." The Lord now is putting forth his hand a second time, the law with the gospel. Israel is to reverence the Jews when they are among them, also the Gentiles, according to the law and statute of the country or nation they may be in. Israel are to keep the laws of the country where they live.

The law and gospel is as the city, and when Israel are among one another they are in the city. When among the world they are out of the city, and must render them homage where they require it, but not to each other.

Question – Joseph Shaw, if a member come to thy house, sitting in it day by day, hearing what farmers, thy neighbours, and the world have to say unto thee, how should thou like it?

Answer – I should not like it.

Question – Can thou savour them?

Answer – I could not that kind.

The Lord's house is thrown open to every man's heart; but if they be of the city, they will not carry anything out of the city. What saith the Lord? He calls it a garden enclosed (Song of Solomon 4:12). Solomon said "A man he had found" Ecclesiastes 7:28. It was Jesus in the immortal Spirit. The Lord's visitation is called the garden – a garden enclosed, the undefiled one (Song of Solomon 6:9).

### Wakefield 9<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1856

Question – It says, "If the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through" Luke 12:39. "But when a stronger than he shall come upon him... he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth the spoils" Luke 11:22.

Now, many members doubt; are they watching? If not watching, they are divided; he divideth the spoil, and the house is broken through, but can it if they be found watching?

Answer – No.

Thou hast answered wisely; for without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie, the fearful and the unbelieving (Revelation 22:15). These never enter the city.

Many do things to be seen of man, and not of God. Thousands die in faith, but are they found watching? If I myself die, I am off the watch. There is the watchman of the day, and the watchman of the night. If a watchman of the day see not the light, he doubts, and is in darkness, and darkness is as the night. It now is coming to pass with many in the house of Israel, for man is born blind.

Question – Then if one seeking the common salvation see the light, and another in the house of Israel see the light and yet doubts, which of them is the blinder?

Answer – They are both alike.

Wakefield 12<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1856

Dr. Zimpel,

Thou art labouring under the idea of an error, or a misunderstanding of the Word. That is to say of the Lord's Spirit resting upon the people which thou refers to; a doctor, or lawyer, or parson.

Now, I will tell thee what has since been revealed unto me: Every man is commanded to trade and to traffic, as though he was to remain in the mortal life for ever; and every man to follow that occupation he can do the best at, in honesty and uprightness of spirit. And the Word thou refers to, as a doctor, it signifies those who have not made a covenant with the Lord, of the immortality of the mortal body, and in no other case; because he that goes to the doctor doubts of the Lord's Spirit. And that which the world want that they are to have, so there is no tie on thee rendering that which they believe.

#### Wakefield 16<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1856

If a man keep not the law, but doubts, it were better that he die than live to add more sin unto sin. The law was given as a type of what should be, till the time the Lord should fulfil it in man. When the second law was given, punishment was laid upon the soul; the soul that sinned should die if it sought not unto the living God to be made free. The law punishes the body as well as the soul - but to the Gentile it is only in the mind. The soul that sinned had to offer a sacrifice, under the law as well as under the gospel. This was to both Jew and Gentile, who seek to be made free of their sin.

So that those who come to take the sacrament of bread and wine, if they eat and drink it unworthily, Paul says they eat and drink damnation to themselves (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:29). How many in the house of Israel are there this day, who now hate that which they once did? Are they not fulfilling the law, not they, but the Spirit of the Lord working in them?

Jesus said, "I can of mine own self do nothing" John 5:30. The Spirit of Zion above is given for Zion below to dwell in, to them who look to it – eye unto eye, face to face, as a man looking in a glass.

# Wakefield 21<sup>st</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1856

What saith the Scriptures, "... Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma..." Romans 9:29. They would all have perished. That seed is Jesus, who is made the heir of the world; there is a graft from him, and whoever is born of that graft will put on immortality. But are the uncovenanted born of that? For we must keep that in view. Jesus said, "I can of mine own self do nothing" John 5:30. It is not possible for any, either temporally or spiritually.

The incorruptible are for the grave, and if we go astray we destroy our children's inheritance. Adam and Eve did this, but a seed was promised them, which came after fourteen generations, the seed of the woman. He became the heir of the

world in the flesh – he gained that immortal victory, and is in heaven.

Are they not, when married, one body in Christ? And if they keep one, do they not hold the inheritance of immortality? Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" John 10:30. That is Christ. Then if a female have the three Spirits is she not three persons - or if a male have them, is not he three persons? - then they are the six spirits, and God is the seventh.

Question – If thou had a building in a walled city, and he that it should return to dies without issue, and it is given to another who was not an heir, but because he bought it: that within the walled city if sold, could be redeemed within a full year. If not redeemed within the space of a full year it would be established for ever to him that bought it throughout his generations – it would not go out in the jubilee (Leviticus 25:29,30).

It is not gained in one year, but after six years, which are a figure of six thousand. Many will get their freedom, and how ill they purchase it? By prayer, because their inheritance has been sold, for God has left it out of the power of man to purchase it. It can be purchased without money and without price from God.

Does not the word say, "Son of man, thinkest thou to put a parable unto any of Israel?" It will be impossible - for they will know it. Observe, that city is the immortal Spirit – it is paradise that shall descend from Christ, and they that it descends upon will be as him, and he as they; it is that Spirit which rested upon him at the River Jordan; "I and my Father are one" John 10:30. We will come and make our abode with that man who asks, that is one in three, and three in one, whether male or female, and that Spirit makes the seventh.

Question – Now, tell me, Joseph Shaw, if a man tell anything out of the city or garden, does he abide in it?

Answer - No.

That garden or city is the immortal Spirit; and whosoever, male or female, that dwelleth in that city, are as a garden inclosed from the world. Then is it right to beat the blind because they seen not? - is it right to rail on the deaf, because

they hear not, nor understand, though in a moment they may, were they in the garden or Spirit of Christ? This garden mentioned in the Scripture. Solomon says, "My sister, my spouse, my undefiled one" (Song of Solomon 4:12; 6:9). Ye may say I am always warning you of your prayer, but it is to me as well as you; and if you are warned here, will not they be in Italy, and in Africa, and elsewhere.

## Wakefield 28<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1856

Question – Joseph Shaw, when that immortal Spirit speaks, it says, Son of man, say so and so; is that son of man spiritual or natural?

Answer – I think it is the spiritual.

Now, we are called sons of Satan, but when we are freed from being sons of Satan, we become sons of men. When it says son of man, it speaks of that Spirit I hope to inherit, and should I receive it, the remnant of the house of Israel also will receive it.

# Wakefield 30<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 1856

It says, "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life..." John 6:54.

Question – Joseph Shaw, can they give that eternal life to another person?

Answer – No.

The eating of the word is not sufficient, but if they keep the secret of God they will digest it and it will bring forth life in them.

Let us eat and drink that which we can digest, for this did the prophets, rightly dividing the word of truth from error.

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Oh that I may be kept from throwing a stone at any mortal man, but be able to eat and digest that which I have eaten!

## Burnley, 6<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

We are all to observe, when God uses the name of a person, it is nothing; it is the Spirit that is on the person.

If I go to another nation, and the Lord does not prepare the hearts of the people, will they receive me? My company is gone before, and I am left with the living, and mean to wrestle till the break of that immortal day. It is the Lord that will work in and by us, for we can do nothing; let the dead bury the dead – the dead in faith.

When we pass through darkness, we must say, who brought me here? - the jailer that keeps the prison door. When a man walks through fields and woods, if he has company, then he has evil with him, but if alone, then he has angels' company. If a young man and woman are in love with each other, they always, day and night, are on each other's mind, till they get married.

Women cleanse a house, which is a figure of cleansing the physical body. As women who have little room carry all that offends till they have cleansed the house, so the Spirit of Christ and Jerusalem will come to man - not to take the man away, but to take possession of his house – the body.

If I have an house in the city of London, and it be mortgaged, would it not belong to him that found the money? To him that has it in mortgage, the Lord will come in the sixth thousand year, and say, I have paid off the debt. It is as me meeting a friend in my travel, and that friend redeems my house. Then if he has paid the debt for the dead, the debt of the soul, how much more for the living, that their bodies should not die? – they being the one hundred and forty four thousand.

A man in Gibraltar dreamed he had gathered twelve stones, and a man came from England and took the stones; the man was brought into my company, and he laid his hand on me, and said, "This is the man".

There will come things which we do not understand, but let us hold fast that which we have, and wait the event. If we turn back to corruptible things we must perish.

The forty two months are forty two years that I was called forth for – they are not up yet. In Gibraltar the priest put his fingers in his ears, but the women from the loft said, hear him; and they said, if they would not hear him they would build a place. How can ye expect them to receive law and gospel who have not a house in the city? Remember, I am not the character that is to gather the people, it is the immortal Spirit that gathers them.

John Wroe required the following passages quoting: "And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth" Luke 11:5-8.

He then asked who the friend was? It is Christ, and by continuance of prayer in the heart they will get the three loaves – spirit and soul and body.

## Wakefield, 11<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

I am moved upon to speak: It is evident death is the wages of all sin, and everlasting and eternal is one. Now, from the day of Adam this boundary has been formed by the Almighty for man, that life should be carried from generation to generation, and he has brought forth three witnesses of immortality of the mortal body. Whether they are found righteous or wicked men, death is an enemy. Yet life has been carried from one man to another, for man to pursue by faith and hope - though in the world it is dead; but the life of Israel is not dead.

Now, for the house of Israel, there is death on one hand and life on the other; and till the king of death be dethroned there is no peace. The Lord has said unto his servant there shall be no peace this year, but next year there shall be peace, and even this year the earth shall give its increase in all the seven nations. The famine is not yet, for the words of his servant are swallowed up; mortal life is to be swallowed up in immortality, and the sword is not to return to its sheath till there be peace.

# Wakefield, 13<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

If we see a sign upon a cart, we can read what the sign says; but if I call to a painter to paint the sign upon my cart, have not I to pay him wages? He that is sent to paint the board or sign expects his wages, but he would not have come unless he had been called. If the Almighty had not called us, we would not have been here this morning.

The painter is sent to the house of Israel; but would he have come to paint unless he had been sent for? He that asks for his wages gets them – the body. But every letter upon the sign must be perfect. Does not the Lord say, that he will write his laws upon their hearts, and impress it upon their minds? Will a master, if he send for a man to paint a sign upon his cart, pay him if he does not do it?

What is the use of us coming here this morning to hear the laws read, if we are weary? Better to have stopped at home; but if we had done so, would we have them written upon the heart? It is Jehovah who will write his laws upon our hearts – it is he who will write it upon our signboard when we are at private prayer. All religions round the planet are called for the soul, and it is, Take, eat this bread, this is my body; drink ye, this is my blood of the New Testament (Matthew 26:26-28). But there is something besides the soul.

The house of Israel, in whatever nation they may be in, will be called, if they are not weary of the invitation.

What ye are to do? Accept the invitation, but let not man think he can be willing without perfect obedience to the Lord's

word, for He says he will have a willing people in the day of his power. Has there not been three live, witnesses of obedience and immortality?

Many in this room may have the mark upon them, but there is the inward and outward mark. A mark was put upon the door-posts of the children of Israel, that when the destroying angel passed by he might not destroy them (Exodus 12:23), but did they doubt or did they believe?

The Lord's mark is inward and outward; then when it is so they are as Jesus. So "Cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also" Matthew 23:26. When we are clean within and without, it is evident the law and gospel is with us. It is no use hearing the laws unless we digest them and if we digest the laws no man can take them from us.

There are two stomachs, the stomach of the body and of the spirit, and of the spirit, and as the stomach of the body digests the natural food, so must the stomach or mind of the spirit digest them spiritually, then death will have no power.

This have I had transfigured before me, that though there is likely to be peace in the nations, there is not peace in the house of Israel, and there is not peace in the nations yet.

The spirit of man (not the flesh) must digest the laws; and those who stay not away contrary to his laws, though they be in poverty, yet if they come they will have them engraved upon them. One sits at home having their luxury; is it not misery to them that have their eyes open, to see the gaiety of this world?

Then may we digest that we hear this morning – that the Lord may destroy death in us – that it have no power; and if the body is saved the soul is also. From the fall of the first Adam, life has been handed from issue to issue, but death has prevailed. He that labours will get it for his children, though he should not for himself. If he gets it, the child also will get immortality as well as himself.

Though we have been in sickness, we are asked in the name of that Almighty Spirit, whether we have read the laws while in that state? Then if an illness fall upon any that they cannot read, yet there are those that will read them, having the laws written within them. This has been my case.

This last three months, through an illness in my head, I have scarcely been able to see for dimness of eyesight. Then if no one read the laws to me, and I have them inwardly, have not I digested them? Behold, I then am free!

Jesus says, a greater work than he did would they do. Jesus had the life of the Spirit, free from evil and corruption. But in us, there is our own evil to contend with, as well as the evil of others. The Lord has this greater work to do, in every man who put on immortality. Jesus had to leave the body, but these will not, though they are adulterated with evil at present. A man through this adulteration, may, when he has gained his ends of a man, arise up and slay him.

Ye are brought together this morning, to see if ye love the laws – so see whether ye can digest them spiritually. If ye digest them spiritually, then the devil, and hell, with all his hosts, cannot divide ye. As I said on Friday night, the soul cometh at the first resurrection to give an account of the deeds done in the body. If it does not then receive its reward, it receives its punishment until the second resurrection.

If a man be walking with another, and through evil they quarrel, and one should be smite the other that he die, the law of England and the Bible is, that he should be put to death; but though he is not put to death, is not there still the mark of the murderer upon him? In David's time did not he have to flee to a city of refuge, lest the friends of him murdered should find him out of the city of refuge, and should slay him? Then there is a law by which it is possible that a man, though a murderer, may escape, for all things are possible to God.

Now, what profit will it be unto me to rehearse the laws in the ears of others, if they are not in mine? If I be a member, and my evil overcome me - like two men on the road disagreeing in their opinions, shall I not be as a murdered man? - for what saith the law regarding a false prophet? "The prophet, which

shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die" Deuteronomy 18:20.

That woman that overcomes the evil, overcomes the evil in the spirit of man which is overcome by the evil in the flesh. The spirit condemns the flesh.

Paul, in his spirit condemned he evil in the flesh. Peter boasted, and after he had denied the Lord, and the cock had crowed, wept bitterly (Matthew 26:75). Judas, who betrayed the Lord, repenting, went out and put an end to his life (Matthew 27:3,5), rather than live to add sin unto sin. This will be recorded in the heavens, either for or against me.

I am moved upon again to speak: When the laws are rehearsed, are not the two armies gathered together, both in heaven and earth? And as there is a tax to support the army for the wars of the nations, so is there a tax the war of the spiritual army.

# Wakefield, 25<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

Our word is, that we are to be subject to the laws of the nation we are in; we are not to fight against their laws. This is the answer of the Spirit: Ye shall not fight against their laws, but keep their laws; for if ye keep the laws of Israel, ye shall keep theirs. If I go to Turkey, and they want me to worship Mohammed, if I be in that immortal Spirit, I shall not fight against them. I shall keep the law of the Lord, not the law of idols; do not interfere with them, but wash yourselves from them all.

#### Wakefield, 27<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

When Jesus came he broke down the middle partition wall between Hebrew and Gentile – he opened a way contrary to the Hebrew, a way that they would not have, because they had made no agreement – had not signed to it.

It says evil was found in the kingdom of heaven, and that Satan was driven out. Now, he is called by various names in different languages; he was cast out of paradise, the throne of God. When man was created upon the earth, the Lord made a woman, and placed in her a machine to divide the evil from the good, and the good from the evil. There was life upon one hand, and death on the other. When Satan was driven out, the disobedient spirits were driven out; this was before they had taken bodies or souls.

Upon the sixth day he is to be chained down in the earth - which is in the heart of man, till the seventh. The time cut short in the sixth he is to have after the seventh, when he will rise in rebellion again.

# Wakefield, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

Joseph Shaw, I put this question to thee: Jesus says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches" John 15:5. Whether is it while mortal or immortal that they are the branches?

Answer - Mortal.

The Spirit saith unto me: Thinkest thou to put a parable to one of the house of Israel, and it is fulfilled. "I am the vine, ye are the branches", the Gentiles were grafted into the vine, but the Jews refused, though some of them were grafted. Whether did they bear olives or grapes, they being mortal?

Answer - Olives.

Two thousand years were to roll on, that the Jews and Gentiles might bear olive berries, and they all have died. But now the vine is to be put within Israel, that branch which is Shiloh, and by that branch will Israel keep both law and gospel – they will be more in love with that branch than a man in love with a woman.

Joseph Shaw, Paul says, the Gentiles were grafted into a good olive, for they are the wild olive, the Jews the natural olive. He says, consider if thou art a wild olive branch, grafted into the natural olive, and bear of the same tree, take care lest ye

be rooted up. They both bore death – were gathered into one – and were grafted into one spirit to bear of the root of the olive. Paul speaks of them grafted into the fatness of the olive tree (Romans 11:17).

This is to both Jew and Gentile; they are grafted into the vine, and shall both bear, receiving of the fatness of the root of Christ, yet the body dies. Is it not the salvation of the soul by the blood shed upon the cross? Did not Jehovah say, "...shall I give...the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" Micah 6:7. This was the blood of Jesus – and is the fatness of the root. The Jews refused to be grafted in with the Gentiles, to obtain the fatness of the root; and do not all that die refuse his second coming? They that refused his first coming, but set their hands to the second, perhaps they will not get Christ; yet Christ is going from east to west, from north to south - unto those hungry, who are among the Gentiles, partaking of the fatness of the root. They are the offspring of the remnant of Israel, who were grafted in with the Gentiles, and they may have that Spirit of Christ given unto them, if they seek it. Behold, saith the Lord, they shall have it!

It says can a man obtain peace?

Question – Joseph Shaw, can a man out of the Spirit of Christ be at peace?

Answer – Not if he knows it.

A man of himself cannot prevail, it is that Spirit which he is in that prevails.

#### Wakefield, 4<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

Now, this is a command of God; that every man act upon his own principle. No one ought to seek another for advice, whether to good or evil, for if they sought to God, they would be kept from all evil. The evil spirits Jesus cast out were the attraction of evil thoughts; for every thought proceeds either from a good or evil source.

This prophecy respecting debts being forgiven, was given to me before it was brought forth in any house of parliament round the planet. Afterwards that Spirit overshadowed the parliament, and they passed the new insolvent act, by which a man shall be allowed twenty pounds if there be it, to begin business afresh. The date of the prophecy will prove it to be before the act was passed.

Sanctuary, Ashton, 10<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

When I was brought forth at first, by the two immortal Spirits, many were healed, by me just laying my hands on them; would to God it were so now.

I have many things shown to me, but not unfolded; they must remain parables, and are trials to me. Every one must be tried. Circumcision was a very great mountain, but has now vanished. A man in temporal business has great mountains to climb over, but they get broken through. The vail is to be over Israel for a time, but the work shall them.

Many are boasting, but look to the boasting when the year is up. No one in the house of Israel can condemn another without witnesses; so if none come against me but Satan, he shall not prevail. There is no repentance unless we have sorrow of heart.

Many thought that the Spirit would drop on them, but it is the inward work that is the work of God; for we must inwardly give up that which destroyeth us. Satan is to serve God. There are separate times to receive that Spirit; they seek to their lovers, but shall not overtake them. As long as there is evil in me, shall not I fall out with my fellow? If we seek after our lovers, and cannot overtake them, then we must turn back. Where to? To the Almighty, where that enemy cannot come; he cannot come into paradise, for paradise consists of three characters: The Father, which is God; the Son, which is Christ; and the Holy Ghost, which is Jerusalem above, they being three Spirits, yet one.

And there are three on earth – man, woman, and Satan. Then if man and woman get the three Spirits, have not they got the six lights - each of them having three, and Satan being cast out?

This is the time of the seventy days of purifying, not the temporal purifying, but the spiritual; and if a man looks to that, as he has sought after a woman, he is sure to get it. There is a people lusting after that which was never given to them – the ways of the world This is the greatest portion of the work I have to do – to overcome that which overcomes me. He says, I will give you my Spirit – this is the day, why cannot ye get it? Because we want this world with it. A man may give ninety and nine gifts, and be overcome afterwards. We are come here to receive it. Are we come her to worship John Wroe, or that which comes from him? Are we not come here to worship that which the Scriptures uphold? We are come here for the Scriptures to be our support and guide.

We cannot ask aright unless we be in the Spirit of Christ. Then will ye ask for that ye have? A man may be clothed and not dwell in it. A man may lease a farm, but still lose it.

Seek to search the inward house. Before the Sabbath, a woman that is inwardly clean removes her temporal furniture, and all that offends. These seventy days are for man to search his house – the inward house. God has made man the searcher of his own house by him seeking to the Spirit of God. This war has made a way for the word to go into many nations. Ye want the Spirit, but ye cannot have it till your brethren be gathered, that ye may rejoice together. The Lord said that I should overcome that which overcame me – the evil in the flesh. When I am weakest then most is given to me.

When ye get into that Spirit never depart from it; so when the candle is lit, ye will crucify the flesh. Let us seek to do right, and do good against evil.

Where there is not peace he abides not, nor in the midst of the rebellious. God is not a god that will be mocked.

When it speaks of England being stiff-necked, it means those that are not of Israel

David says, "For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: but it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance" Psalm 55:12,13. And Jesus says, "...a man's foes shall be they of his own household" Matthew 10:36.

Every member has been called after Satan, but we are to come from being sons of Satan to sons of men, and from sons of men to be sons of God. The seventy days are for us to ask.

Jesus says, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" John 16:24.

They had not asked for the life of the body. I must get rid of Satan, or death will get hold of me. After three score years and ten Satan begins to get weaker, his power begins to die. I can speak to the church in the name of God; and to the world around me it is as a parable to them. Condemn nothing till it be proved.

When we come to sign the covenant our deeds are buried; we enter into a covenant to be guided and taught how we should walk. I say in the name of God, one penny got dishonestly will take ten with it.

#### Ashton, 11th of 5th month, 1856

God placed a machine to divide the evil from the good fruit, and if Adam had taken of the good fruit he would not have fallen. When God brought the woman to conceive, she conceived, and brought forth a good olive plant. Jesus was that good olive plant. What did Paul say, "Boast not against the branches" Romans 11:18. The body of Jesus was the good olive tree, being grafted into Christ at the river Jordan. Was not the body of Jesus the seed of David? He was to taste death because sentence was passed. We are all wild olive plants, fallen – subject to the evil power.

The point is, how shall we overcome this? Jesus was grafted into Christ – he tasted death that he might live. The former

Hebrews thought that the Messiah would descend – they expected their bodies to be redeemed.

Mary Stanley, thou hast borne olive plants, hast thou not, trusting they are grafted into Christ?

Answer - Yes.

Question – If thy children be grafted into Christ, and Christ into them, what will they bear, vine or grapes?

Answer – The pure olive.

Now, if thou graft a good olive into a vine it will bear olive berries, because it bears of the branch. I do this that it may go into all nations. If we sow impure seed, how can we expect anything but evil? Observe, whomsoever abides in him, whatever they ask, it shall be given to them. When we go to prayer, it is whether we be grafted into Christ, or Christ into us.

The woman was overshadowed to bring forth her own likeness, the seed of Abraham; being purified from the evil seed. "Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" Micah 6:7. Living men fell down as dead men before him. The devils were subject to him. There were three in one, and one in three. The body of the woman's seed (Jesus) became the boll of the tree.

Death abides in the body, but the soul is saved. If our eyes were anointed, and we are not cleansed, should not we be in misery? Judge righteous judgment; the house of Israel is a widow – she looks for the life of the body, the others for the salvation of the soul. There is a struggle with the house of Israel for their bodies.

It is for the mother to seek before they are of age, for it is the father and mother that claim the inheritance. How can the children if they have no right to it? It was to be ten generations, and Jesus was fourteen generations. His seed was all that time among Adam's race, being unclean till purified.

Jesus was circumcised – his name was registered in the book of life, and registered according to the laws of his country and the laws of God. When baptized at the river Jordan, the

heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended and rested on him for three years. He was grafted into the root, and the root shot forth a branch. He was the Son of God, but remember he was also the Son of man.

We read, but do we understand the meaning of it? Remember, when the fruits of your body bring trouble are ye not especially sorry, when one is taken to prison or transported? Then why will ye find fault, seeing your children are of the evil that is in you?

Hear, O man! the hour is here, the minute when the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father. The immortal Spirit is here, to enter into thy body, and all your children under twelve years of age.

Your first covenant is for the soul, the second for the body; ask what ye will and it shall be given you (Matthew 7:7).

What! Shall I say there is death in the sanctuary today? but if grafted into Christ, one will save their soul, and if they die in faith their offspring will sit on his throne, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord…" Revelation 14:13.

The soul sleeps in the earth, and the spirit returns to God who gave it, but there is a great prize (the body).

If all the world had their eyes open, and could see, would not they be in misery? But men are happy, because they cannot see the immortal life of the body.

Ye are compared in suffering to the pangs of a woman travail; he invites the olive tree to come and take of his life. Why is our burden so heavy? Because we have not taken his yoke upon us; I have been contending to get it.

When the body of man is cleansed, God will bring it into that Spirit; these are true sayings from the Almighty.

God is a Spirit, and Satan is set to prove the works of God. Men are called sons of Satan; as long as ye abide in him, ye do his works.

The Lord says, Come out from his works, and I will make peace with you; give no offence to Jew or Gentile, and keep the secret of God, and ye shall live. It is the actions that prove whether we are in the house of God or not, for there Satan cannot abide. The house of God is life, but the house of Satan is death.

I am seeking to get my name changed; they say I am not a Jew, but what proof have ye that I am not? They may be Jews and not Israel; a Jew is of the tribe of Judah. The angels were subject to Jesus. The disciples saw in part, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" Colossians 2:9. He was in heaven, in the Spirit of Christ.

## Wakefield, 16<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

A man said to John Wroe, "What makes you differ from all other religions?"

I then put this question and comparison to him: "Is not iron iron?" He answered, "Yes." Then I said, all men are as iron, but if steel be put into iron what is that, would it be iron still? would you call that iron? He said, "Do you preach now, that is my question?" I said, I do not preach. He said, "Do you not believe that you must die?" I said, "It says it is appointed unto men to die, and I suppose ye believe that Jesus died? But I will put this question to you, as I am led to understand you are a preacher. Did Jesus' body die, or is it dead?" He studied for awhile, and then said, "I believe not." I then said, "Ye say ye believe the dead will rise, but Jesus says, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" John 14:12. There are two deaths, one of the body and one of the soul, and there is death in one hand, and life in the other. I said, "Why do you call me a prophet? - does it not say, ye shall all prophesy? He asked me again, what difference there was between us? I answered, "As the iron is iron; if ye get that which is as the steel, then ye will know". I trust that I spoke from that immortal Spirit, for that is what I told him I looked for; still I was but compared to iron, and yet seeking to be as steel, for iron is as the mortal life of the body, but he steel as the immortal. If the steel fly out of the iron it is

the death of the body - for there are three parts yet all in one. I talked to him about Paul's words, when he said there are various gifts of the Spirit, but all worked by one and the selfsame Spirit (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:4-11).

I said to him, "You believe Jesus was a prophet, do you not?" He answered, "Yes," and said, "But you will die".

I then said, "Now you are prophesying, but take care lest your prophecy turn upon yourself".

Many in the house of Israel may say, what business had I in a public house, but I did not go there to drink, I went to meet a man I had to see. I told the man that there was another life besides what he was believing in, but that it was hidden. The Lord said, that glory he would not give to another, nor that righteousness to those that know not of it.

Question – Should anyone speak of that which they know would cause ridicule?

Answer - No.

Question – Then if they speak of that which they should not declare publicly? - what does it bring?

Answer – Ridicule.

Question – What do we pray for – the life of the body, do we not?

Answer – Yes, pray for the life of the body.

Then I told the man that that was the difference between our preaching and theirs; theirs was as the iron – the death of the body; ours as the iron and steel, for the life of the body.

Jesus, at his first coming, was as iron; he came to justify, and said, "Because I live, ye shall live also" John 14:9.

Jesus preached the life of the body; the immortal Spirit is the prophet, and there is nothing due unto man.

The purpose of God is that Satan who now overcomes may be overcome; he (man) will overcome the evil by a contrary way. Therefore utter not that which will cause ridicule, nor speak that before a man which he cannot believe. If we do we lay a stumbling block before them, because they are as parables to them.

If I go and rail against any man's deeds, and publish them, I am a partaker of his deeds, the same as if one man steals, and another receives that which is stolen, both alike are guilty.

The very day and hour is here, the last day of the last two thousand, when the iniquity of the house of Israel must be made bare. They must bear their own burden by declaring their evil deeds. Does not Satan say life for life - and he would have the mortal life of all, had he the power. He has not that power, or he would be equal with the Almighty. All that are seeking that immortal house must give up land, houses, silver, and gold; then shall the son – the son of man, be subject to the Father, the Almighty God.

Every man should act upon that inward monitor, and not from another person; for if he act from another ma's opinion he deceives himself. Then act upon that inward monitor – look unto that Spirit, the Spirit of the living God.

Why should a man be led by another man? Let no man follow me, but follow the Spirit, and that which is received from the Spirit of the Almighty, that ye may be cleansed from being the sons of Satan.

#### Sanctuary, Ashton, 13th of 7th month, 1856

Every member in Israel, is to be subject to the laws of the country he is in, and if not subject, he shall perish with the law; and if he be subject to the laws of his country God shall be with him.

I am this day as a man driving a herd of cattle (Gen. 32). The Lord requires this at my hands: he that handles the sword shall perish with the sword; I do not mean the spiritual sword but the temporal.

There has been in other nations, he that has been breaking the laws of the country. That man said he was weary of types and shadows, he wanted the substance, and he has got the substance of a spiritual body. He wanted a natural body without labouring – he wanted other men to bear it.

Do we expect to gain this worldly life and the other. Can a man remain in his mortal life? Israel will, and be as though they bought not, and sell as though they sold not; the truth will be their guide, knowledge and strength; that is how everyone within these walls should be. We have not asked aright touching that immortal Spirit. Short weights and measures are far from him. If a man be ever so wild or wicked, and forsake that life to sign the Lord's covenant, all his former ways are buried.

I am come here to gather up the stragglers; they see with an inward eye, the outward eye gets dim, but the inward eye never gets dim.

We find that Jacob put his beloved last of all when he went to meet Esau. Rachel was a figure of Jerusalem above, that he might have his strength for the last, for Esau became subject to him. So will this old world be subject to Israel in immortality. If a man be subject to the laws of his country, there is hope of him being subject to the laws of God.

If I break not the laws of the Queen, and another come against me, and break them, she is bound to protect me. Then how much more God? What have we to do with the world? Shall we always remain among thorns and briars? Are not we married to one? Is our covenant in vain? Ye cannot see Him with the outward eye, neither handle Him. There is an inward eye, and I hope I am one with ye, but I never can be if my mind be fixed on the world.

If man and woman are loyal to each other, great is their love, and great is their wealth; turn it to that immortal God, who has made a covenant with us - a just weight - a just measure. If we abide in the covenant, lies will be under our feet.

God looks down upon those that wander. I cannot keep ye, but let us remember our prayer – and his words: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" John 6:44.

Are looking for an incorruptible or immortal life? If we are looking for death the covenant is broken.

Anything obtained wrongfully is the world's goods. It was said to me, every penny not come honestly by, would go. The house of Israel is unchangeable in mind, and in clothing.

Every one that gives up this world's goods, which are come wrongfully by, their blood will become flesh.

To try the house of Israel, there will be many sights to see who will stand; there will be many prophets which will be heads of churches – there will be twelve churches, which are a figure of one.

If thou see one drunk, and rail on him, thou art liable to be like him. If I rail on another member's deeds, and that member rails upon my deeds, are we not both alike? If I begin to rail, am I not liable the next moment to fall into the same snare? If I preach, let me act according to my preaching – let me do as I say, then I am protected.

If I be a preacher, let me not go to a public house – but let us bear one another's burdens, that is the state we should be in. Let me avoid what I find fault with.

Jew and Gentile find fault with each other because they are transgressors – they find fault with each other because they do not what they say; put law an gospel together, and it will be our shield. We are not all Israel who are of Israel. I do not believe in any prophet but one, and He has a body like you and me, but without blood. All that go down to the pit are thorns and briars. Let us seek to that one immortal Spirit. If I be a defrauder, let me do it no more, and if I have been a thief, let me forsake it.

The Lord has caused me to appear as though I were breaking the law, but I was keeping it. Let us not be easily offended, for Israel are not. Law and gospel is one, as man and wife are one. If we be dead drunk, can we be a light? He has declared, every one that does wrong will be taken away. I rejoice to know he has set a watchman over me; this is what I am above my fellows.

Jesus' blood was offered, first for the incorruptible, and that Israel's blood become flesh. There is death in the pot which is the house of Israel. Meal was cast in, and death cast out (w Kings 4:40-41). If we walk according to law and gospel, which is as the meal, death is cast out.

# Wakefield, 25th of 7th month, 1856, Sabbath hour

Upon reading these words in page 796 of the second volume: "I will not marry meat or drink, silver or gold; nor them that go after the world," John Wroe said: I am moved upon, and must speak upon these words, that Israel may have understanding.

Question – Joseph Shaw, does this mean going after the world trading and trafficking?

Answer - No.

It is going after them in gaining stolen goods – things wrongfully obtained; it is going after their evil that is meant; it is now revealed unto me, that we may act in all their courts the same as the Jew and the Gentile. We are to act according to the laws of the nation we are in; and this does the Lord demand by his servant. Those that do not act according to the laws of the country, the sentence will be passed, and they shall perish by the laws of the country they are in. If we do right, shall not we be an example unto all religions the way in which we walk?

## Wakefield, 3<sup>rd</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

If God had said, Today ye shall put on immortality - are ye prepared? They that shall put on immortality will do so at the Lord's appointed day; but some are not willing to wait the Lord's day; they say they are weary of types and shadows - they want the substance, and have got their substance, death, the separation of the spirit from soul and body.

The spirit of man is of God, and is eternal. It will be united to the Spirit of God, in those who are willing to wait his time. Then let us not be weary; let us not say we are weary of types and shadows; but let us wait God's time.

If they eat of the word of knowledge it is light and life.

I myself have said many unguarded words through evil thoughts which have arisen, and many evil thoughts may arise daily. A young man and woman may say I am weary of courtship. If they are not willing to wait do they not get dissatisfied and lukewarm? But if they are willing to wait are they not happy? That Spirit is here this day that will guide all who look to it – the Spirit of Shiloh – Immanuel – the immortal God, and all who are guided by it, rest. They will not weary, but will eat of the tree of knowledge – and await the time. When evil thoughts come they do not put them into execution, for the Spirit which they are dwelling in guides them. That is the proof - being tempted, but not being overcome.

This shows they are dwelling in light, in the Spirit of Shiloh – Immanuel. He is their light, and they need not the light of the sun or moon when he dwells in them, and reigns there. They need no prophet, or law, or gospel, for he that gave these dwells in them. The time that they will be put into that Spirit, and that is that peaceable time spoken of.

Question – Now, Joseph Shaw, it speaks of two grafts being put into one tree. If a man go out to trade and traffic with another who has stolen stuff, does he not go to a worse graft than himself?

Answer - Yes.

That is the world then - not that which a man has come honestly by, for that come honestly by is of the world to come. That which is not come honestly by, in trading and trafficking with the world, is going after them in their evil dealings.

Wakefield, 8<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

I shew this a temporal figure of a spiritual. If I rail upon a thief am I not liable to fall into error? But we find that he who was the pattern for all railed not – he did not bring a railing accusation against him whose name one of the planets bear; though he assumes various names in different languages; and in one language is called "devil", which is but a figure of that which spiritually is the evil. Then if I have evil done unto me, and I rail not, is it not a hard fiery trial? When one has taken the covenant, his deeds that he formerly did are buried in oblivion. If one is a transgressor, and I speak of his faults, not secretly to himself, but tell it to another, that is railing.

## Wakefield, 10<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

Question – Joseph Shaw, has thou ever had two thoughts when about to do something?

When a man has two thoughts, they are of different spirits, and they work at the outside of the body, and thus man stands in danger. When a man is buying goods, has not he sometimes two thoughts, whether to bid or not to bid? But this is the command of the Lord: Let no one speak, till they have weighted it well, then decide. And this is the command of the Almighty, to weigh, to see whether ye are clothed upon by his Spirit, or the spirit of the devil.

And the Spirit of God is now dividing the old and new, as Jesus' parable of the new piece of cloth and old garment (Matthew 9:16)). Is there a man living that has not had two thoughts through Satan working in him? The Spirit of God is causing us to seek that which was lost in paradise, and that is the whole substance from Genesis to the book of Revelation.

Does it not say, "What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?" Luke 15:4. Also, "Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?" Luke 15:8.

Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost, that ye might not have two thoughts.

Question – Has not a man two thoughts when his temper is raised up into a passion, and hast thou not been so?

Answer – Many a time.

Question – Does that man reason then?

Answer - No.

Israel are commanded by the Lord to rest, and try a matter by weight or measure, then they will be safe. The spirit of man is good, but the evil spirit in the mortal life suffers Satan to enter; for when he was driven out of paradise he was driven to the earth, but he cannot enter the mortal life which attains to immortality. He was set to try the spirit of man, whether it was good or bad. These are true sayings, revealed from the Almighty to Israel. O Israel! rest, rest, rest from thy wandering thoughts!

Question – Then if a man rest not, and try not his thoughts by weight and measure, whether does he stand in good or evil?

Answer – Evil.

Then that man that rests has studied; if ye do this passion ceases, because ye have patience to rest. When a man rails upon you wrongfully, by resting, patience crowns you with the truth, which no light can exceed.

He that judges his thoughts, rests – he abides in law and gospel, is fed, and seeks that helper who was lost by the tempter.

It is possible, that the tempter will come and cause the offence, but does it not say, "Woe unto him, through whom they come!" Luke 17:1. He that suffers evil patiently, rightly divides the word of truth from error; he has divided the truth from the letter, by the power of the Almighty. Behold! Be that man whom he will, law and gospel is with him, his evil thoughts are divided – they perish from him, and are as the waters which the earth receiveth, which cannot be gathered up again.

Can I do this myself? I that am an instrument in the hands of the Almighty to teach his words unto others? If I do them not, an untimely birth is better for me. What is a preacher if he act not according to his preaching? But if that man be clothed, and acts as he preaches, then that man is blessed in his deeds.

A man that is found in one thought, and abides in that, will abide in His tabernacle and dwell in His holy hill (Psalm 15:1).

If a man bears evil when he has not done it, it tells not of him, because he cannot see it, but if he has done the deed it tells of him.

Has not man borne the burden of the reproach of falsehood for three generations? - it meets every one that can bear it; when they come to maturity, it continues in types and shadows till he gets the substance.

Did not the woman's seed compare man to trees, sheep, and cattle? The seed of the woman's body he compared to wheat - the pure wheat, the seed of the land; then if the wheat sprout is it not damaged?- and if the seed of the woman's body be damaged, does it come forth to birth?

Though called Israel, ye are not Israel yet. Ye may say ye lost not the inheritance - it was your forefathers. Does not many a one save money, that the fruits of their body afterwards spend, and their inheritance becomes lost? Then much that has been obtained thus goes wrongfully. Everyone not leavened by the Spirit of God remains unleavened, and is in the power of the evil spirit, but he that is leavened by the Spirit, the evil power can do him no harm.

Now, I will give a likeness, and I will take that man opposite me, if he will take no offence; it is woe unto him by whom an offence cometh; if one is seeking that which is lost, he will never put evil thoughts into execution; though he should be tempted to murder me through something this day. If we be tempted, and put it not into execution, we are rightly dividing the words of truth from error, and no one will have power over our inheritance. How often it is, that an inheritance is lost to the rightful owners for years, by its being thrown into the High

Court of Chancery? (At last - by seeking, the owners are found.) Though the inheritance be lost to Israel through their forefathers, their descendants are the owners of it, and now is the time they shall receive it.

How often, when passions have arisen, have I had to put on my hat and go out of the room, and have lodged in barns and stables, and in the fields, that I might flee from it; but I did not flee to the public house – they did not find me there, though they have searched, and there is in this room, that know of this.

#### Wakefield, 15th of 8th month, 1856

Upon reading, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth..." Revelation 14:6. John Wroe put the following question to Joseph Shaw.

Question – Are there two spirits, or only one, in that passage. I do not want to entrap thee, for that Immortal Spirit will entrap no one. And is it living earth or dead earth that it is preached to, or a multitude of people?

Answer – Living earth.

Question – Then if the Spirit comes to preach the everlasting gospel, and there are two spirits, which of the spirits is it that preaches it?

Answer – The Spirit of God.

How can a man preach? And if a man preach, and says, I have preached, cursed is that man - he is cursed of God.

No man can preach unless he dwelleth in the Spirit of God; and no man that has his eyes opened will say, "I have been preaching".

Let this boasting spirit flee from every man that preaches. The spirit of man dwelleth on the body, the body is the earth, and if it dwelleth in the Spirit of God it is living earth.

Upon reading, "That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" Luke 16:15. John Wroe put the following question to Joseph Shaw.

Question – What is it that is highly esteemed among men?

Answer – All manner of evil generally.

Anything contrary to the commands of God is the state man was subjected to, and is abomination to the Lord; but man will be brought back to reign over the evil. Then the evil will be subject to him, that he may be highly esteemed of the Lord.

Wakefield,  $22^{nd}$  of  $8^{th}$  month, 1856, Sabbath hour

Joseph Shaw, the Lord has said He will do great things for Israel, and He will destroy for them. Now, what is it he will destroy?

Answer – The evil in them.

We find there is Israel by name as well as Israel by nature. Now, those that refuse him to destroy the evil out of them, refuse being Israel, and will have to go to the grave. These are those who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart; they do not believe that God will do those things which he has promised to do. They have surnamed themselves Israel, and have subscribed with their hands. What shall I liken them to? Paul says, "For now we see through a glass, darkly;, but then face to face: now I know in part..." 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:12.

But will the seed of the twelve tribes that go on, see darkly? No! Israel will go on from day to day, till they put on immortality, and they will put on immortality by little and little, till they receive the fullness of the Spirit to dwell in.

Question – Joseph Shaw, it speaks of the house, and entering into the house - what is God's house?

Answer – The body.

But there is the body of immortality, and the spiritual, and the temporal house; and the immortal Spirit is God's house.

The Spirit saith, Call out to those that are dim – that see darkly, that they may dwell in that one immortal Spirit, which is yet two; for there are the two houses, yet one, which is Christ and Jerusalem above, which Israel is to dwell in.

Then will those that enter that Spirit refuse the commands while they are mortal? - will they get more blind?

Israel will obey them – they will give that due to God, and God will give them honour of man - the man of evil, he being subjected to him. Is there anything due unto man, when God doeth the work in them? If man could do the work without being in that immortal house, Satan then would be equal with God.

If ye are hungry, the Spirit saith open thy mouth and I will fill thee; we must all dwell in one house (that is the whole hundred and forty-four thousand) and yet they will differ – every tribe will differ, just as there are not now two faces alike now, nor two flowers of the field.

If we cry out, and put mountains before us, saying the road is narrow, we cannot get to enter the house because of this mountain; the door is shut, I cannot open it. Will such be able to enter? Does it not say, knock, and it shall be opened? If I wanted to go to Ashton and did not know the road, should not I enquire? Who inquires the road? Israel. Israel will knock till the door be opened; they will not doubt, but throw doubting thoughts away. For he that dwells without the house, his work is of Satan; but if ye dwell in that immortal Spirit, then by dwelling in it, it doeth the work in ye.

## Wakefield, 5<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

Now, Joseph Shaw, I will put this question to thee: If thou put a new piece of cloth unto an old garment, will not it be rent? This truth is a new garment, put it to a falsehood to make it true, are they not both alike?

Answer - No.

Question – Understand me: if thou put a new piece of cloth upon an old garment, will not the one rend the other?

Answer - Yes.

Question – Then if I put the truth to cover a lie, to make that lie truth, will they be one garment?

Answer – No, it will be rent.

So is every one who tries to make lies the truth; it is like putting a new piece of cloth unto the old garment. What do I mean? I mean those who turn and twist the truth into another meaning, for the truth often is turned by twisting, to evil; and this twisting is of the cunning serpent. They that twist are of him, and there are these in the house of Israel - but they are not of Israel.

Now, I will tell you what I saw this morning before it was light; Israel will not twist. If a question is asked, they will not answer wrongly, for if they turn and twist that is wrong, and is of the serpent.

If any be given to this that are joined in the covenant, let them cease, and me also. I am bound to link myself with the vilest of the land, to bring the vilest out. I am to do the work of Israel, and not do the wickedness of the world. The world put the piece of new cloth into the old garment, and this is to many. What shall I liken it to? What did the Lord mean when he spoke to Moses of the mixed raiment? "Neither shall a garment mingled with linen and woollen come upon thee" Leviticus 19:19? It is as mixing evil with good, and the good with the evil, and the raiment is but a figure.

Now for types and shadows. If Israel meet a man speaking falsely, and turning and twisting, why should he fear that man?

Jesus did not the things laid to his charge, and those who have not done the things laid to their charge will be bolder than the lion and fiercer than the tiger. Jesus railed not against the tempter, but overcame temptation. Let us not enter into temptation, lest we be overcome by it.

Then one that is seeking for that immortal life, he will be able to bear the fiery reproach, and though the tempter come, he will not be overcome, because he will be in the Spirit of God.

The house of Israel will have to dwell in Christ before Christ will dwell in them, and they will not render evil for evil, but overcome it with good. Both Jesus and Paul spoke of this. Paul said, "...if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head" Romans 12:20.

Now, Joseph Shaw, I will put this question to thee. Now, I am not speaking to a carpenter but a gardener.

Question – If a graft is put into a tree, whether is the tree in the graft, or the graft in the tree?

Answer – The graft is in the tree.

Question – If the graft is in the tree, does it not partake of the sap of the root of the tree?

Answer - Yes.

Question – Are not all denominations seeking for the salvation of the soul? bearing of the graft of the tree? Are there not two saps, the spirit of man, and Christ? And the virtue of the Spirit?

Answer - Yes.

Do not these receive of the fatness of the root? I in you, and you with me; when we are as that then we will rejoice to bear the reproach. How often have I been tempted, and tried by the vilest? And though ye may be, if ye come out from the rebellious, then ye will be as I have been - as a brand plucked out of the fire.

Question – Are all called after Christ of Christ?

Answer – No.

All sects and parties are grafted into him, and are called after him, though they differ in name, and are different in forms.

Question – Now, if there be a thousand of different religions grafted into Christ to bear fruit, can they do the work of Christ?

Answer – No.

Ouestion – Then who is to make them do it?

Answer – His Spirit.

If the other spirit, with the Spirit of Christ, be joined together in the sap, are not the two saps united in the graft? Do not the two barks meet and unite together?

When Jesus was in Christ, he was called Christ; it was said Christ had died, and overcome death, and all were brought under that graft. Those who are of that graft, when the two saps meet and unite unto life, they dwell between the two grafts, and the Spirit which is life bears the fruit.

Then when a man is sent to preach, how can he preach unless he be sent of God? How could he do any of the acts we read Christ did, unless Christ do the work in him, and by him?

Question – When Jesus was grafted into Christ, was not his body Christ's body?

Answer - Yes.

When Jesus was grafted into Christ, his body had to die, that it might bring life. Israel may be grafted into that Spirit, and dwell in it till they get into that immortal Spirit. Then they will know all this, and see as the Spirit sees; they will need no prophet, because they dwell in the prophet or spirit, the same as the inoculation of a child, or flower of the field.

When man dwells between the root and branch of Christ, the body is alive. We all shall die unless that branch of Christ is grafted into us, and that is what this faith is to bring us to.

Question – If the air get between the two barks, will they unite, or die? (They will die.)

Man is called an olive plant, that is the wild olive. Jesus' body was called the good olive plant before Christ was grafted into him; when Christ withdrew from Jesus, he suffered the sentence of death.

The Spirit afterwards came and shewed his body alive, that ye may see how to overcome death, and be of the living, but not if ye be moved by the twisting serpent who will deceive us by his twisting.

If men gather against you, do good, and they shall flee from you - they cannot stand before you. If a man begin twisting when thou ask him a question, should he answer thee not, but puts another question, answer it not, but say, answer me my question, and render not evil for evil.

# Wakefield, 14<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month, 1856, Sabbath hour

Now, the man that is in the Spirit hearkens – his thoughts are after his lover. Who is his lover? He that formed him at first – Jehovah. Then why is not man immortal? Because he is out of the Spirit, and seldom has it on his mind, or if it is, it is with a self view. The world is in his mind.

I have been sorely punished this last week, in body, and have thought I had stolen stuff in the house, which caused me to have it searched, because it is said, "As long as there is anything on his premises which is stolen, or come dishonestly by, the plague shall be on the house, as the plagues was unto the children of Israel; even his own house shall be plagued – the plague of destruction shall be on it". But if a man has stolen goods on his ground, is that ground free? For the ground is God's – man's body is the temple of God.

While a man desires to do what is right, though in the old world yet is he undivided.

He that is divided, is as the house which was built upon the sand, "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it" Matthew 7:27.

Those of the new world, who are in the old world, see their burden, and have no rest day nor night, yet their mountain cannot be destroyed, because they look to their beloved who bears them till they get to full strength. But, behold! she hardly bears them. The old world is very pleasant to the view of those that are of it, with its gambling, horse-racing, etc., but to those

of the new world this is vanity; to the old world it is their staff, their glory, god, and confidence.

Now, to all whose eyes are opened, who are undivided, their house can stand, and the Almighty is the king of that house; but those divided, their house cannot stand, and death and the serpent are king of them, because their house is a divided house.

## Wakefield, 19<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month, 1856, Sabbath hour

The Apostles said, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? Acts 1:6. They witnessed what the building was, and though they died, yet they are alive in their seed, who are born of women; but there is another birth for them - a graft will be put within them. As there was a graft put within the body of Jesus, so will it be with the house of Israel.

Paul speaks of the olive being a wild olive, grafted to partake of the root and fatness of the good olive tree (Romans 11:17). Now, do not all these that call themselves of the vine, receive of the fatness of the root? I now will utter a parable, for I am moved upon by that immortal Spirit working within me. Though all these be grafted into Christ, they only receive of the root but still bear according to the graft. If thou graft a thorn into an olive root, it still bears of the thorn though it receives of the olive root. Though the Jew be grafted, he will still bear a Jew, and though a Gentile be grafted he will still bear a Gentile. Though these bear of the fatness of the root, why will mortal man boast that he can keep his laws and walk in his steps? – for he cannot, and this boasting is of Satan. But if Christ be grafted into them, and they receive also of the fatness of the root, and have the virtue thereof, will not they then bear fruit of him? Now, dost thou understand, Joseph Shaw?

Answer - Yes.

Then tie it round thy neck, and nail it upon thy heart. Man being fallen, must have the graft of God within him, else he bears of the tree of death, which is the tree of evil.

If I be grafted into life, and life grafted into me, then I am dwelling between the root and branch of Christ, and have become the boll of the tree; and may I abide there.

Jesus said his Father was the husbandman (John 15:1). What is a husbandman? A tiller of the ground. And does not every root and plant need the husbandman before it can produce fruit? Behold, will thy garden, Joseph Shaw, produce fruit unless thou dress it?

Answer - No.

Then Christ is the dresser of the garden – the body of man. Paul says of the wild olive, that they are grafted in with the natural olive, to bear of the fatness of the root. They bear of the same kind, which is to all, whether Jew or Gentile; but to Israel, they first are a Jew, then afterwards the Israel of God.

## Wakefield, 5<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

Now, Joseph Shaw, I am moved upon to put a question to thee, upon what has been read of the son of man and the Son of God; for whilst man is doing wicked works he is called the son of Satan, and when he ceases from wicked works he becomes the son of man. When that immortal Spirit is in him he will be the Son of God. Jesus' body not having any evil in it, he was called the Son of man, and showed what man was to be.

Now, Joseph Shaw, it says Jesus was tempted as all other men, yet was without sin (Hebrews 4:15. When was this – when did he bear it?

Answer – From his birth till he was overshadowed?

When man dwells in the Spirit of God there is something else to bear it.

The Son of man dwelt in the Spirit of God, and was the Son of God; when the Spirit of God dwells in him he is the branch.

Question – When Christ withdrew, then Satan came. Did not they smite him on the face, and spit upon him? yet he bore it.

Could thou bear that as thou now art, or would thou smite? if thou did not smite, would not thou think it was evil?

Answer – I would.

Jesus bore it from the time Christ left him, and he then bore the sin of the world. But he did not revenge, though he was left to the judgment of men. When Christ left him, then he tasted death for every man (Hebrews 2:9.) He was under the power of death, that he might free all men from the power of death, that he might free all men that they perish not. He bore all men's sins, then afterwards he bore life for the living.

Hast thou not read in the New Testament, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me" John 15:4.

Answer - Yes.

Bear in mind, no man can bear fruit. If a million persons of different religions are grafted into one stock, and it says the branch cannot bear fruit of itself; I put this question to thee. How is it that they are all grafted into him, yet do not bear fruit of him? They die, and as it says, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours" Revelation 14:13. Their spirits rest from the labour in their bodies. Now it says, the branch cannot bear except it abide in the vine. Those grafted bear of their own kind.

If thou was to graft a thorn into an apple tree would not it still bear haws? and if thou had a million of grafts of different trees, and thou grafted them all into one stock, would not they still bear of their own kind? Remember, these all are under the sentence of death, though they are grafted into Jesus.

Question – Now, Joseph Shaw, it says, "Abide in me, and I in you" John 15:4. If thou art grafted into Christ, and Christ into you, what art thou dwelling between?

Answer- The root and the branch.

Though a million have been grafted into Christ, and have repented, yet they are not in the Spirit, but are under the

sentence of the death of the body – they are given to the earth. They die the death of the righteous, as Jesus died the death of the righteous for them; but he is now alive in the body for evermore, having the keys of hell and of death (Revelation 1:18.)

Question – Then is it not better for thee and for me, to seek for both grafts?

Answer – Yes, seek for both.

Question – May the Almighty graft this explanation into thee and me, and all Israel; for if they only seek to abide in him, it is only repentance.

Question – Will they repent if they do not abide in him?

Answer – No, they will not.

But if they break a command, have not such sorrow of heart? and if they abide in him, are they not always repenting till they die, and their bodies turn to dust, being given to Satan? But I trust that thee and me, and all Israel, will go on from strength to strength, that our body go not to the dust. We shall press onward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Phill. 3:14), being of his graft, and not of the man of sin. If the Spirit abide in man, does man do the work?

Answer – No, the Spirit.

Question – Then is any honour due to man?

Answer - No.

Question – Then as man is commended for abiding in him, can we rail upon those of other religions?

Answer – No, we cannot.

The Lord says a railing spirit he hates; and why should we rail upon them, when they bear of their own kind? If they abide in him they are ready for death, because they know only that graft. Then if they know no other, and they sin ignorantly, are they chargeable?

Answer - No.

When we do the sin of ignorance he bears it, and if it be a sin they know of, through repentance they are prepared for death.

Question – Hast thou not grafted and the graft thou hast put in bore two kinds of fruit, good and bad?

Answer - Yes.

Question – If thou has a cracked vessel, will it hold wine?

Answer - No.

Then write that down, for it is a great light unto us all; for if Christ be grafted into us, though we are all now called cracked vessels, yet will he make us able to hold wine.

Now then, thou has made a mistake by not knowing the Scriptures: the Articles of Israel's faith are these: The woman's seed, Jesus by name, purified from that in which man was conceived (he being the only one born into the world without sin for the new creation – first for the incorruptible earth, afterwards for the immortal earth) made possessor of both heaven and earth.

The reader is to observe, that the blood of animals was required for the fall by the transgression, but this did not satisfy the immortal Spirit. He required the blood of a sinless man for the transgression of man, even the blood of the woman's seed whom he had brought forth without sin; he being offered for all transgressors. The woman's seed, Jesus, showed the power of the celestial body, and later the power of the terrestrial or earthly body.

Now then, he calls himself the vine (John 15); let the reader observe that he never called himself the vine but when Christ rested on him; without the Spirit, Christ, Paul calls Jesus the good olive tree, and sinful man the wild olive, grafted in contrary to nature (Rom. 11:24), that man might bear fruit of the good olive. "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptised into Christ were baptised into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death" Rom. 6:3-4. These are raised in the resurrection with celestial bodies, for Jesus himself says they are raised as the angels of God.

Now, the Scriptures tell us to go forward, and not to stop at heavenly bodies; but go forth for both a heavenly (spiritual) and an earthly (physical) body – one that can be handled – the same as that possessed by Jesus. He said, "Handle and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" Luke 24:39.

"For I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" Rev. 1:18.

Now, if thou be grafted into Jesus, and has not Christ grafted into thee, thou art prepared only for a celestial body; but if thou be grafted into Jesus, and abide, and Christ into thee, thou then art prepared to be made a terrestrial body.

Now then, the house of Israel are grafted into Jesus, the good olive plant, and when Christ is grafted into them, they will bear immortal fruit, Christ being possessor of both heaven and earth.

#### Wakefield, 17<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

Christ is called God, and God Christ. For two thousand years the Messiah had been looked for. At first he was not immortal, but put on the nature of the olive plant, and all mankind are called olive plants. The Jews abiding by the law were called the natural olive, and Paul called the Gentiles the wild olive. The house of Israel are of the natural olive, but Jew and Gentile are both found of the wild olive. Jesus remained a natural olive, being grafted into his own stock, then afterwards Jesus was grafted into Christ.

Now, Joseph Shaw, I will put a certain question unto thee, and if thou hast the Spirit of God, by abiding to it, thou wilt be able to answer. There are three grafts: Jesus was grafted, and bore of his own stock; then Jesus was grafted into Christ; then Christ grafted into Jesus. If a tree be grafted and bear fruit, is not the fruit called after the name of the tree?

Answer - Yes

Many of the natural olive are mixed among the world of Jew and Gentile, who are as the wild olive, and they are ruled by the laws of the nation. Jesus kept both the law and the gospel, and the laws of his country. The Israelite will keep the laws of every land – for the laws of nations cannot condemn the laws of that immortal Spirit.

Here are the three classes, the Jew, the Gentile, and the Israelite. Then if a man come to an Israelite, and ask him a question, let him answer the man; but if the man answer not a question put by the Israelite, but puts forth another, let not the Israelite answer the man's second question till the man has answered his question. If the man answer not the Israelite's question, it proves that he is only grafted by man.

We are to be ruled by the laws of the nation we are in. Jesus kept all the laws, because he kept the laws of that immortal Spirit before it dwelt in him. When that immortal Spirit was upon him, he could condemn the world, but the world could not condemn him. Those who the laws condemn not, will be found upon the right hand, for they are the Lord's own – his chosen, and anointed ones; but those the law condemns will be found upon the left hand.

Now, there are three grafts all grafted into one - Christ, who is God. Jesus came of the flesh of the children of Israel, called Jews, he being of that graft; the Gentiles are another graft – the Israelite yet another. Now, how many grafts are there, Joseph Shaw, grafted into one root?

Answer – Four.

Question – Christ is the root and branch, being put within them is it not?

Answer - Yes.

Now, thou sees the necessity of the Jews being grafted in with the Gentiles; but if a plant be not grafted into a good stock, does it produce good sets?

Answer - No.

They all bring forth of their own kind. Paul sought to be of the good olive; he partook of the fatness of the root, and they were called after him (Christians). As I said to a priest today, "Why should those grafted into Jesus, strive one against another? Do not they all bear of their kind, whether they be grafted as thorns or briers?" It is God that shall prove his laws just, holy, and true.

Ephraim and Manasseh are now squandered among all the religions under the heaven, and yet when they are called out, they will be called by their name.

Now, it is said who is to call them out, and who is to name them? When Christ comes, will not he gather them, and call them by his name? When Jesus came at first they were squandered – they had lost the power of their sceptre – the Gentiles had ruled them. Did not Joseph's brethren refuse him, which was a figure of Jesus? Did not Jesus Christ say, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

The laws of all lands will justify Israel; Israel cannot be condemned by them. We are commanded by that immortal Spirit to submit to be ruled by the laws which rule the land we are in; the world is of many kinds - as there are many kinds of animals, and they have many gods – many pictures.

#### Wakefield, 24th of 10th month, 1856

Regarding the passage of Scripture: "If the root be holy, so are the branches" Rom. 11:16..

Question – Is that passage fulfilled, or is to fulfil?

Answer – To fulfil.

Question – Then, except as Jesus says, it abide in the vine, it dies, does it not?

Answer - Yes.

Question – Then if they abide in the vine, though they die, and do not put on immortality, are they holy branches?

Answer - Yes.

Question - But if they do not die, and the vine abide in them, will not they be holy branches?

Answer – Yes, they will.

Question – Then if thou deliver up thy mortal life, but has kept the word, and died in the faith of immortality, has thou not died for thy children?

Answer – It appears so.

It is so – it is a fact. The twelve disciples have died for us if we are of the seed; if we are of their seed we shall put on immortality. But remember, "...except it abide in the vine..." and "Abide in me, and I in you...and ye abide in me" John 15:4.

When he comes a second time, it is to be the life of the body, then that will be fulfilled, "Ye in me, and I in you" John 14:20. Christ the branch being grafted into you. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" Revelation 1:18. When he sends his Spirit to be the life of the body, then will that passage be fulfilled. Those that die bring forth incorruption, those that live immortality, which is life unto life (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 2:16). This mortal shall have put on immortality (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:54).

Question – Then if a man have not that faith, could he live, or his children?

Answer - No.

The children are saved through their father. Jesus grafted into Christ the vine, while he dwelt in it he was the vine, and showed immortality, but when Christ withdrew - incorruption.

Unless we are grafted into Christ, and receive a second graft for him to abide in us, then it still is incorruption. When he bore incorruption he paid off the debt for the dead. If I was to die this moment, these words would be found alive.

Children are saved through the faith of their fathers. Though Jesus is the pattern and waymark to go by, God made him a little lower than the angels (Psalm 8:5). He was made of the seed of Abraham, and became the pure vine through dwelling in Christ. During his mortal life, Jesus Christ shewed to mankind what they would be when Christ is grafted into them.

Jesus was the son of man, and yet the Son of God, and man must come into the state that Jesus was, before Christ can become the root and branch of him.

If thou hast Christ the vine, the same is the root and the branch, and man is to dwell between them. He who overcome death will make all men as himself. He said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame" Revelation 3:21.

Why will they overcome? Because they will dwell in that in which Jesus dwelleth. Jesus, as man, bore the sins of Adam; and though he died, he arose for their justification – he showed his natural body alive.

Question – When man becomes as he is, both root and branch, will not they be as him?

Answer - Yes.

I cannot say why it is that I am moved upon night after night, wrestling over this grafting, but as I am moved upon, that must I speak, and these words spoken tonight, will be heard round this planet.

Wakefield, 26<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1856, Sabbath hour

Now, for this passage which says, "For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living" Job 30:23. Were not all men under the sentence of death, and did not Jesus bear it for them? He also laid another foundation - the foundation of life for the living – which is the life of the body.

Now, Joseph Shaw, I put this question to thee: "I am the vine, ye are the branches..." John 15:5.

Are those grafted into Jesus branches of the vine?

Answer – It appears so.

How can that be - thou hast answered contrary to what thou did before.

Question – If thou graft an apple into a thorn, will it bear the same as the thorn? Or if thou graft the thorn into the apple tree, will it bear the same as the apple tree?

Answer - No.

Now for the branch of the vine. I will put it to thee in a contrary way, for thou has spoke as if though thou had not yet the Spirit abiding upon thee: "I am the vine, ye are the branches..." John 15:5. When the house of Israel has Christ abiding in them, then they will be the branches of the vine, and will bear immortal fruit, not incorruptible; every graft will bear of its own kind.

When Jesus was only as the seed of Abraham purified, he was free from transgression; but Jesus being grafted into Christ, and Christ into him, was the Son of God. If the vine be grafted into the olive, will it bear of the olive? No, it will bear of the vine

Question – When Jesus was called after the olive, he was the olive – he bore of it, the same as thy wife bearing thy name, is not she called after thee?

Answer - Yes.

Jesus was called what man should be when he is grafted into man, and when he is grafted into us, then we all will understand by that immortal Spirit, giving knowledge from God.

When Christ is grafted into us, we shall bear of that graft, and bear his name.

### Wakefield, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

When our eyes are opened by that immortal Spirit, then we can see, but with our natural eye we cannot.

Question – If thou get married unto Christ, and Christ is grafted into thee, who sows?

Answer – Christ sows.

Question – Now, understand me; if thou be grafted into Christ, and Christ into thee, thou being a man of Satan, who is the sower?

Answer – The Spirit will be.

Question – Then will thou be the son of man or son of God?

Answer – The son of God.

Question – If Christ be grafted into me, it will be the Son of God. Weigh it over; what was Jesus before the Spirit of immortality was put in him?

Answer – He was the son of man.

Question – Then if thou be grafted into him, thou still are the son of Satan?

Answer - Yes.

Question – Then if Christ be grafted into thee, what art thou?

Answer - The son of God.

Question – When Jesus had the Spirit grafted into him, he was the son of man, he being without evil; and we first must be as the son of man before we can become as the Son of God. Now, does thou see the difference?

Answer - Yes.

Now, do not let Satan get the advantage over thee; and do not imagine that I think myself any more than thee, for without that immortal Spirit, I am one of the weakest of men, though the Lord has chosen me out of dry barren land, that he may shew his power.

Now, I am moved upon to shew a comparison (which he did with four books). I will call one Satan, one man, one the son of man, and one the Son of God.

First, here is man grafted into Satan - he then is as the Son of Satan; second, here is man and Christ grafted together into one flesh - though Satan be therein. For Jesus Christ is then the root of man, and stands between man and Satan. When the blood is cleansed, and changed, with Christ grafted into man, then that is

immortality; then man will dwell between the root and branch of Christ, and will be as the Son of God.

Why should we find fault with, or rail upon any religion? Are not they all as the grafts, grafted into one tree, which is Christ? And do not they bear of their own kind, and are as Paul says, partakers of the fatness of the root (Romans 11:17)? Man is then grafted into Jesus Christ, but Satan is in his heart, and he is grafted into the laws of all kingdoms through that graft. A man goes to chapel through that graft, and thereby he sets a good example to his children, but they cannot bear of the vine except they abide in it (John 15:4). When Christ is grafted into man, he then is not the man of Satan, but is in God's kingdom; then Christ the root is the top of Satan, and Christ the branch is the top of man, so that man dwells between the root and branch of Christ. Man then is immortal, and no longer is the son of man, but the son of God. Then he is as the willows by the water course (Isaiah 44:4), and comes to the perfect knowledge of God

# Wakefield, 9<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1856, Sabbath hour

Jesus said, "I am the vine"; and the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, and he will abide in me, and I in him – when mortal shall put on immortality.

Without they abide in him they cannot bear fruit for incorruption, by the saving of the soul at the first resurrection. The vine is the law and gospel, but if we only abide in Christ, the body will die. Jesus' body having no uncleanness in it, he was called Jesus Christ, and was the Son of man, afterwards the Son of the Living God.

If a woman conceive in her uncleanness, or before the number of her days are up, the body of that child must return to the earth.

There is the son of man and the Son of God. Observe, the Scriptures say, "Know how to give good gifts unto your children" Matthew 7:11. That is, unto your offspring.

Well might the Messiah say, "For this people's heart is waxed gross and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed..." Matthew 13:15. Now, he says, the evil shall be removed from before their eyes (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:16).

Then hear, O house of Israel, and understand! How are the ears of the house of Israel to be unstopped? Who is to open them? Does not the Lord's word say the newspapers shall gather Israel? What is a preacher, who preaches to be seen, that he may get honour of man; who preaches, and is not a doer of that which he teaches, is he fit to be a teacher?

The Lord said unto me, Thou shalt prophesy! What am I, if I do not according to the prophecy; do not I bear of the evil fruit? What shall I liken it to? It is like a man plowing the ground, and sowing the seed, and then turning it all back again by the plow.

## Wakefield, 30<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

If God created Adam, was he not his father, and ought not he to have been subject to his father's law? For, if he had, could he have died, or seen corruption to put on incorruption?

God withdraw his Spirit from him, and placed evil in the woman to see whether his son Adam would choose good or evil. If we know good, and do it not, but do evil, then that is of Satan.

It is the father's faith that saves the child, and this is to God the first, for he entered the body of the woman's seed Jesus. First it was the earthly body, of the earth, earthly, joined to the heavens, afterwards the heavens joined the earth; then it was the Lord from heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ bringing peace to the earth, a figure of that which shall be when mortal puts on immortality.

How often the poor widow cried to the judge to avenge for her (Luke 18:5)? Daily and nightly should we use our prayer; for if we continue to say our prayer, are we not looking unto that Spirit to be within us? How often does the spirit of man condemn the flesh? If I be not overshadowed by that immortal Spirit, what am I? It is that which is the guide and light of Israel. Then if it come upon me first as it did upon Jesus, will it not also come upon ye? Will not the branches of the tree be as himself? If all be grafted to one tree? But there is the incorruptible and the immortal tree. My being grafted into Christ is not immortality, but it is for me to persist by prayer while mortal, till I receive immortality by Him being grafted into me.

Question – How many names was the Lord called in the Scriptures, from the beginning to the time of the coming of Jesus?

Answer – I cannot answer.

Ouestion – Did not he call himself the God of Abraham?

Answer - Yes.

Did not he call himself Isaac and Jacob, and was not Jacob called Israel? Now, thou sees four names put into one, for Israel is God, and that is as putting ten thousand words into one; for when we are in that Spirit we shall be called after that Spirit. If we be found not doing according to that Spirit it is evident we are not in it.

Then let us be doers of that we are called after. If we be of the new world, let us not be doers of the old world. Remember the new world is Israel. When man has signed a marriage contract it is to be made as one. It is so with the covenant, when a man has signed, and entered the covenant, with that immortal Spirit, it is to be as one with that Spirit; to be called after that Spirit, which is God.

Question – Was Jesus grafted into the olive?

Answer – I cannot say.

Jesus was the pure olive – the pure plant. Adam was a pure plant, but became the prodigal, for Jesus and Adam were the first two sons of God – Adam of the old world, Jesus of the new world. Jesus, the son of the living God, had to be slain for

Adam, that he might be saved. Though, the mortal life was slain, his body did not see corruption - it is alive now.

Question – If a man be grafted into Christ, and be joined to any religion, and goes not to his place (church), can he be receiving of the virtue of the root?

Answer – I think not.

Question – Can he be any example to his family?

Answer - No.

Thou shalt worship him who gave thee thy first breath. If a man go to worship - does he not set an example? Then if this is done by those of the common salvation, how much more should it be done by Israel who have signed the covenant. They seek to keep the royal law – to enter into immortality, into that life where we shall see evil no more. Remember, it is not for this life to perish, but it is to add life unto life.

Question – If the root be one, and thou art grafted into it, and God be grafted into thee, will thou not be three persons then?

Answer - Yes.

Wrenthorpe near Wakefield, 12<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

Explanation of the Parable of the man which had not on a wedding garment in Matthew 22:11-13, "And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, Friend how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth".

When a man dies the death of the body, is not he bound hand and foot, and carried away to the grave, into darkness. And is there not weeping at his death, of those who belong to him? But those who have a wedding garment on are in the immortal Spirit, as Jesus was when in Christ, dwelling between the root and branch (and do not go to the grave).

## Wakefield, 15<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> month, 1856

Question – Did Jesus die when Christ left him?

Answer – Yes.

Let the whole house of Israel know this, that when the Spirit of Christ withdrew from the body of Jesus, the body of Jesus died. Though Jesus in the Trinity was the Son of man, and when the Spirit of Christ was with him he was the Son of God. That Spirit that ministered to the body of Jesus never was the son of Satan.

Upon these words: "God said unto Moses, Let me alone, that I may destroy this people, and I will make of thee a greater nation".

John Wroe put the following question to Joseph Shaw:

Question – What did God mean when he said, "I will make of thee a greater nation"? What is thy opinion?

Answer – I cannot call to mind just now.

Question – Give thy opinion.

Answer – Jesus was of Moses' seed.

Jesus was of the priesthood according to the flesh of the woman, but not according to the seed of man. What shall I liken us all unto? We are like unto Satan, who is as a butler to a great lord, or parliament man; and this butler gets friends and tells them of every secret place about his lord's building, and where he keeps his most precious and secret things, even of all his household.

These things being known, the butler with his friends agree to rob the house. The butler being one of them turns and tells of those who have done the deed, that he may save his character, though he has been the cause of it by telling his lord's secrets. The men being tried are taken and hung. So Satan is permitted to be in the hearts of the people to try them, until the eighth thousand year, when he is to be cast out of the blood and heart of man, and his influence will be no more.

### Wakefield, 21st of 12th month, 1856

Question – Joseph Shaw, if a man continues to eat the bread and drink the wine of the sacrament, and go to his place of worship, yet gives not God his heart, and another man does not go but gives God his heart, which is nearer?

Answer – The man that gives God his heart.

An offering is not acceptable without a broken and a contrite heart - a heart broken from Satan, and from the evil of the world. For can a man give his heart unless he hear with the ear, and enlist to keep the laws of God? Is not the crown put upon a king's head that he may have power to rule by his laws? Do not the soldiers who enlist under him help to maintain his power to rule by his laws? Did not Bonaparte first gain the hearts of his people, and then of his soldiers? And did not he reign by them? If this be to an earthly king, how much more should it be with you who have enlisted under the banner of the Lord, to be his soldiers and to keep his laws. He says it is either for life unto life, or death unto death.

So that there are two deaths, the death of the body and the death of the soul. The mortal life of the body can lead to life unto life, but the death of the soul is unto the wicked who are hid from the life of the soul till the final resurrection, that is, their spirit is separated from the soul till then, which is as a death. Though the spirit of Jesus left the body for a moment, yet he conquered death – he gained the victory. The fatted calf had to be slain – his blood had to be shed.

Question – If man had given God his heart, would the fatted calf have had to be slain?

Answer - No.

Then is it not said, O man! O man! O man! Give me thine heart? Three times is it said, and I will give thee the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession (that is the life of the body).

Now, if a king has soldiers, are there not certain laws which they are put to death if they break them? Does not the Almighty put the crown on the king's head, to give him that power that he should reign by his laws? How much more then by his (God's) laws which he has given by his own mouth?

Now then, O house of Israel! Consider a little moment! When Abraham had his eyes opened to see his two sons, did not his bowels yearn within him, when he cried for his first son? "...O that Ishmael might live before thee!" Genesis 17:18. What was the answer of the Lord? "Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful" Genesis 17:20.

And because he was of Abraham's seed he will have a life even with the aliens who dwell in their mortal life to the end of the time. Who can measure the depth of the mercy and knowledge of God? Who has handled him? Or who has seen him but in vision? By having a glance through that immortal Spirit.

No man can handle him as a substance, and his form is brighter and more beautiful than the sun in the firmament. It is like a man coming out of a very dark place, and beholding all at once the sun in its brilliance. This is the sight unto him who hath given God his heart, and this it is that giveth man understanding of that immortal Spirit. This is that which giveth to man an understanding which makes him as firm as a rock in that which he understands, from generation to generation. But is this to the bond woman's son? No! It is to cast him out, for the son of this bond woman shall not be heir with my son (Genesis 21:10). To the heir of the living God, he said, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" Matthew 22:32. First he was the God of Abraham, then of his seed; then the God of Isaac, and his seed; then the God of Jacob, and his seed, even down to the seed of the woman. Remember, this was but the seed of man, but in the seed of the woman was wrought the division of the seed, then was the time that the bond woman's seed was cast out.

Birmingham, 28th of 12th month, 1856

I am bound to put questions to those whom I fix my eyes upon, that they may answer according to the dictates of their heart, to show unto the house of Israel that God is no respecter of persons.

Question – Edwin Lowe, thou hast heard or read in the Scriptures these words: "Lord, who shall abide in the tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? Psalm 15:1. Tell me, according to thy knowledge, who has, since that was spoken, or whether is it to be fulfilled?

Answer – None but Jesus

Question – He says he that liveth and believeth in him shall never die – shall never perish, but shall have eternal life. Will he that receives that, abide in his tabernacle?

Answer - Yes.

The Almighty is called Israel, and the house of Israel are called after him - Israel; they are called trees of his planting. Jesus – though he died, was called after Christ. Mary Wroe, though dead, is called Wroe. Jesus was dead, but later he said, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore" Revelation 1:18. Fear not, little flock, I (Christ) have conquered death, and so shall ye.

Question – The Spirit of God moves me to put another question to thee. Seeing all the trees are grafted into one tree, yet bearing different fruits, and thou take one graft from them all, that it may be grafted again, what will it bear?

Answer – Bear of the graft.

Question – When Christ is grafted into thee, and thee into Christ, what art thou, for he says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches..." John 15:5. Art thou a branch of Christ?

Answer – Yes

Question – How hast thou become a branch? For if thou cannot answer the Spirit will show. Is it not their faith?

Answer - Yes.

When man and woman have agreed to be joined to be as one in the Almighty, and have put their hand to the paper and signed that covenant, are they not one grafted to each other? And if they be one, has not she confidence in thee and thee in her? Did not thy father and mother agree to have thee baptized, that by baptism thou might be grafted? - That is one graft. And art thou not by matrimony grafted again? Look at the fig tree; when he came unto it, and found not fruit growing upon it, he said, cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground?

Question – Now then, O man, understand! Art thou liable to death this day or not?

Answer – I am liable.

Can thou be a branch of the vine if thou are liable to death? If Jesus had remained in the vine, would he have died? Thou has a desire to be a branch, and that Christ be grafted into thee; but those who die have to lay till the first resurrection. "I am the resurrection (for those that suffer death) and the life (of the physical immortal life, which will be attained without death). Believest thou this?" John 11:25,26.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1st Corinthians 15:55. Those who have gained the victory over the grave, death and hell, will sing glory unto the Lamb on high, who has conquered death for them! When Christ has conquered death in man, he then will have wrought a greater work than he did in Jesus. Then seek for life unto life; this day seek no more unto death.

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