

Seeking radical cause in ground.

In seeking for radical cause of e.s. possession, the believer must look to the opposite to discover the ground of access, e.g., as in the following instances.

Believer thought he opened to God to obtain

Believer opened to e.s., which actually resulted in

Knowledge
Strength
Truth
Guidance
Life
Fire
Healing
Help
Conviction
Love

← All these things supernaturally given in counterfeited, the true objective and result being →

N.B.—If believer takes all in Col. I. from e.s., he is sure to get the results named in Col. II.

Ignorance
Weakness
Lies
Blunders
Death
Cold
Infirmary
Hindrance
Accusation
Suffering

Example.—Believer troubled with e.s. speaking to, and accusing him. The true cause lies in the fact that he—

1. Opened, as he thought, to God Himself speaking of His own initiative, making communications to the man, apart from his asking for them, and he opened to and listened to what he thought was God speaking.

2. Or he thought God spoke to him in answer to prayer, and he listened.

The cause therefore of e.s. speaking and accusing, is that the ground was given in the opposite, i.e., supposed listening to God.

Further Examples:

Believer conscious of "cold"—really supernatural trembling. Root cause in the past was the acceptance of "fire" from e.s. under belief it was fire from God. The cause of one extreme is the cause of the other. The two results come from same cause, e.g., the cause of the cold, or trembling, is the cause of the heat, etc.

If hindered by e.s. now, the believer accepted help from them in the past; that accepted help giving them access to hinder now. p. 158/9.

If no initiative now, then the believer ceased to act in the past, waiting for e.s. prompting, that prompting and waiting for it, giving them power to prevent initiatory action now. p. 73.

If sudden stoppage of mind now, with result in mechanical words, the cause is a mediumistic attitude taken to God in the past, which produced the habit of cessation of action for supernatural action. p. 116.

Brief Notes.

Thoughts of impatience, pp. 158, 159. i.e. directly physical, not moral, and result of d.p. Remedy is regaining of normal condition, and refusal of d.p. as cause. Rom. vi. 11 must be kept as spiritual basis in all cases.

Dreams in meetings, p. 158. Resist by active refusal of e.s. interference, and choosing to concentrate in attention.

Assurance of safety may be deception, p. 187. How then can a believer become sure? Only by seeking light from God, persistently, on all things, and definite reliance on Him apart from experiences.

Weakness, p. 91. Weakness is not given by e.s., but produced by them, by their counteracting man's own strength or force coming into action.

Terror of God; slavish fear, p. 112. "Awe" and terror are distinct. God inspires reverence and awe, as well as filial fear, but no terror.

The purpose of assertion, p. 193. The believer must counteract lies with truth and he says a thing aloud to counteract impressions on his own mind.