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He asked her whether she could suppose the Almighty to be so cruel as to suffer Jesus Christ to die for our sakes — He appealed to her as a mother, stating how cruel it would be for her to suffer one of her children to die for the dearest friend she had in the world —

That Jesus died in support of his testimony, as any other martyr had died, and that his death was no more to us than that of any other Martyr — That he died thro' the persecution of the Jews not willingly, but because he could not help it —

On being asked it was the fulness of the Godhead that was in Christ, and a measure of the Spirit that was in us, E.H. asserted that the fulness of the Godhead ~~was~~ in us, and in every Blade of Grass — and he often expressed his belief, that if we attended to ^{the} Spirit, every thing relating to the dealings of the Almighty, would be revealed to us individually, so that we could comprehend every thing ourselves — That he thought there was no other Test for our Society to be governed by, but the Test of the Spirit, without any reference to the revealed will of God as contained in the Scriptures.

On being asked how it should be that the Spirit should in his mind, directly oppose the leading Doctrines of our Society, founded upon Christian Testimony, and upon the revelation of the Lords power in the hearts of our early Friends, and how it could be that ~~his~~ ^{our} mind, its openings had been in uniform accordance with these; and who must decide between them, he said, he did not know, but he should like to live to see the Day when our Discipline should be extended to nothing further than immoral conduct —

That he thought matters of Faith should never come under its

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cognizance, and hoped Friends would let him alone as long as he lived —

On being asked what would become of the Society, if one member stated one thing, and another something directly opposite, all asserting Divine inspiration, he said he should like to see it tried —

On the very subject of the miraculous birth of our Saviour, Ann Shipley, who was with me, and who will bear witness to all the above statements, mentioned to me, that some years ago, in a religious meeting, she had heard E.H. most beautifully allude to his full belief in our Saviour's being the son of the Virgin Mary, and he entered into some instructive illustrations on the subject —

"Can the Spirit of the Lord be opposed to itself, in its operations in the mind?"

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Anna Bradthwaite —

A Bradthwaite in reply to E.Hicks at his
own house

In regard to believing what we cannot comprehend, A.B. asked him if he could comprehend how the ~~the~~ grass grew, that he perhaps could define it to a certain extent, and had the evidence of the process to his outward senses, so as to remove all doubts of the fact that the grass does grow; but beyond that there was a creating power, a mystery that human wisdom could not fathom; and if this was the case with regard to works of the outward creation, how much more must it be the case with regard to things of a spiritual nature — that it was transgressing our bounds as finite created Beings, to judge of the ways of Omnipotence: that his ways were higher than our ways, and his thoughts than our thoughts, that it was not for us to