

reply he made to Peter on his answering the foregoing
 Question would go to show that he was man, viz: Flesh and
Blood flesh not revealed this into them, but my Father which
 is in Heaven; Christ he said had not power to reveal this
 to Peter - He could not do it with all the miracles he had
 done. He then brought many other passages of Scripture to
 prove that Jesus Christ was man, & I remarked to him, that
 from his statements I suppose he believed that Jesus was the
 Son of Joseph; he replied that as he had not lived in that
 day, he could not tell what son he was, and Philip stated
 he was the Son of Joseph. I told him I believed he was the
 Son of God, that he took upon himself flesh, was crucified & rose
 again, ascended into heaven, and there remains as an advocate
 and judge between us, and the Father. He replied, he could
 judge us no further than in respect to our falling short of
 his high requirements, for he fulfilled the will of the Father. I then
 said I thought it worth to show it was the will of the Father
 that he should be offered up in that he said to the Father
 "If it be possible let this cup pass from me, yet not my will,
 but thine be done." Elias replied that it showed he was man,
 for it was the suffering of humanity that made him so, and
 (for God could not suffer) for Jesus knew that cup could not
 pass from him unless God had arisen and killed his persec-
 uting Enemies. I told him that was strange Doctrine, I
 had not read the like in the Scriptures or in Friends writings
 for it was their belief & was agreeable to Scripture that
 he was our Redeemer and should be prayed unto and
 worshipped as the Son of God. Elias replied that I would
 not find in Scripture where it was enjoined upon us
 to pray to him.

* Matt. X. 1. All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no
 man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the
 Father save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.
 John X. 15. I lay down my life for the sheep. John X. 18.
 I have power to lay it down, & I have power to take it again.

I told him he was prayed to according to Scripture
 accounts - He replied, they might as well pray to an
 Image, for they could see him with their outward eyes, and
 praying to any thing that we can see with our outward
 eyes, is praying to an image; also that praying to Christ was
 nothing short of praying to an Image. He further told me
 he wondered that any body who undertook to teach the
 people should be so ignorant - that he was grieved to
 find so many that undertook to teach others were so
 outward, and knew so little about spiritual things.
 I told him he had asserted at the Southern Yearly
 meeting, that Elias & Paul had the same power given
 them to do miracles that Jesus Christ had - He replied
 so they had, and the Magicians of Egypt had also the
 power to work miracles.

(Copied from a statement of E. Combs)

An account of a private interview which Joseph
 Whetall had had with Elias Hicks when at Woodbury
 being furnished and fully confessing what Joseph had
 at first stated respecting the conversation at New York,
 in order to avoid needless repetition, it was thought
 that a brief extract therefrom would be sufficient to
 be preserved as follows - Woodbury 2 mo 18. 1823 -

As I stand charged by Elias Hicks in his Letter
 to the Elders of Philadelphia of acting towards him in an
 unfriendly manner & contrary to the order of our Discipline
 and also of putting a forced and improper construction
 upon his words, having read the letter in which those charges
 are exhibited and as I had apprehended entirely without
 foundation, having only stated his own declarations,
 as I believe verbatim without construction or comment,
 I thought it proper when he was in my neighborhood to
 call upon him for an explanation, which he was free to
 give, and which fully confirmed every statement I
 had intimated concerning his new Doctrine - He did
 not hesitate to admit every thing that I had stated as his
 Doctrine with one small exception scarcely worth
 mentioning -
 + This small exception it is understood was, that instead of
 saying Jesus was a mere man, he said he was a mere
Israhel.