



(Maria: They can't, because they don't have that power themselves. Because they don't want to accept it.)

3. My Mother used to illustrate it by the famous picture of the little girl that has dropped her fancy little dolly that she loved so much. You see the dolly fall-

ing to the ground out of one hand, & she's reaching up to a real live dove that's coming down to land on her other hand! In other words, the imitation was easily traded for the reality of something even better.

4. Mother used to illustrate it that way to show that you don't have to fight these false religions, just show'm something better, give them something better! Show them that Christ is better, the Holy Spirit is more powerful & that God is the God!—That you can really have greater peace, greater power & the only Salvation through Jesus! Because nearly all of them are imitations & counterfeits of the reality. And who wants an imitation & a counterfeit when they can have the real thing?

5. (Maria: But even manifestations of some of the more miraculous, more helpful, protective things seem to occur for these false cults in a more spectacular way than in the Christian's life. We as Christians have many many miraculous answers to prayer, none the less miraculous just because we can't see them take place before our very eyes! But the Lord more often

than not lets our miracles be done through natural channels in accordance with His natural laws, not bypassing them in a spectacular show that calls public attention to them. Do you think that's because the Lord wants us to believe by faith & just know that He's doing it & taking care of it without us having to see what He's doing?—Yes, of course.

6. Our main miracle that we want people to see is Salvation & its power to change hearts & lives! These false cults emphasise & spend their time on signs & wonders with no real power to change people!

7. Of all the nine gifts of the Spirit, only three really are obviously observably supernatural, such as tongues, miracles & healings.—Miraculous types of healings, instant healings etc. We have plenty of healings, we have plenty of tongues & we've had miracles. But they've not been the main nor most spectacular part of our ministry & they've not had to be!

8. We're trying to win people to Christ & the Love of God, & not just going around showing off our super-duper spirituality, that we're some kind of mystical gurus that can perform miracles & healings & speak in tongues & do showy spiritual manifestations! (Maria: It would make us too proud, wouldn't it? And it would gain us a following who were coming along just for the miracles.)—Just for the loaves & the fishes, just for that sort of thing, just like the Pentecostals have.

9. (Maria: I guess the Lord wants us to have faith too, just faith in Him, in the unseen.)—Yes, most of the gifts of the Spirit are not showy gifts, they are the gifts of wisdom & knowledge & faith & discernment & things which are not so showy, not so obviously supernatural, but things which are the most needed & the best of all the gifts if you're going to work for the Lord! If you're really going to do things for God & be led of His Spirit, they are the things that you have to have in order to be a real leader for the Lord!

10. How many church people really want gifts of the Spirit which will help them witness & win souls & have the faith to go to the mission field & faith for support & to self-sacrifice to give their all & suffer for Jesus & for others that they can save souls for Heaven! (Maria: Not very many.)—Not many!