

Extract of a letter from Anna Braithwaite to a friend of Flushing, on the subject of antichristian doctrines preached by Elias Hicks.

The first conversation had with E. H. by A. B. was after the quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders - she dined at his house - after expressing his great unity with her - he seemed to think she wanted nothing but further experience, to enlarge her views, and make them more correct. - He spoke on the subject of the Scriptures, as being much too highly thought of among Friends, elucidating his views by saying that a Master was useful in teaching the rules of arithmetic but when we had learned them he was no longer useful to us; therefore when we come to the Spirit, to which the Scriptures direct, we had no longer need of them: indeed he thought that since the Comforter or Spirit of Truth had come into every heart we should be better without them; and that children brought up to pay attention to the Spirit would have all revealed to them which the Scriptures contain, that was needful for them without the perusal of them. - Even with regard to the Creation of the world it would be better left to the revelation of the word, than to any outward means of information, and he strongly recommended her disuse of the Scriptures, stating that he only referred to them in his communications, on account of the low state of the times; the people being still attached to the letter, but his opinion was, that both A. B. and himself would preach the Gospel better, without reference to the Scriptures in any way, as he believed the Bible had done more harm than any other Book ever published, and that