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PREFACE.

As the Shakers yet believe that Ann Lee was of pure character, and that she is now a Savior of the world, I feel it a solemn duty to lay before them and the public the following sheets. From my knowledge that the Shaker spirit, is Magnetism, mingled with sexual passion, and absolutely opposed to the nure spirit of Christ, I could find no rest but in exposing this delusion, particularly as my dear family were under its influence, and the public liable to the same. By unshaken testimony the reader will see the origin of this delusion, and trace its progress. He will see that it has caused falsehood, injustice and cruelty, which is utterly opposed to the consoling power of truth. The Shakers trust in Ann Lee as a Savior; but they trust in a broken reed-for though we give all we have, and our bodies to be burned, without the spirit of Jesus, by which alone we can obtain salvation, we are none of his. This blessed peace never has, and never can, unite with the spirit of Ann Lee. The Shakers have an artful publication, which attempts to blend Jesus of Nazareth and Ann Lee together, man and wife, male and female Saviors-which is an impious and blasphemous fraud, and the very essence of Antichrist.

Children brought up among the Shakers are constantly taught that the spirit and power of the Shakers is the power of God; that Ann Lee is a Savior, or Christ in his second appearing, and that there is no medium whereby any can find salvation only by her. Thus immured and taught, how can they know any other doctrine? To let the youth among the Shakers know what is truth, and to put the public on its guard against the dangerous practices and designs of the Shakers, is the object of the present publication.

THE AUTHOR.

Concord, March 12, 1847.

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