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Time of the End

Mr. W.A. Webb
Madison College, Tennessee

Dear Brother Webb:

We have your letters of Dec. 13 and Jan. 29, making inquiry regarding Sister White's teachings relative to the date 1798 and the time of the end. These letters were received from you at a time when we were heavily pressed with manuscript work and short of stenographic help and yours with many other letters have had to wait until the present. I am very sorry for this.

In your letter you refer to your work in Nashville. My father, Elder White, remembers you very well and I do, also, as I was in the business office at Madison in 1928 and 1929.

Now for your questions. We do not find in other sources than "Great Controversy" specific reference to the matter of the date 1798. In "Great Controversy" on pages 306 and 356, the 1260 years is definitely fixed as terminating in 1798, and from the context on page 356, I understand Mrs. White to teach that the time of the end commenced at that date. Her statements at least marks the 1844 date as false because she says:

"Not until we reach this time [the time of the end] could a message concerning the judgment be proclaimed based on a fulfilment of these prophecies."

The great Advent movement of 1830 to 1844 was based on fulfilment of these prophecies and it was proclaimed and widely accepted prior to the 1844 date given by the sister of which you write. You make reference to her theory that the 144,000 would all be sent to Jerusalem. There is no substantiation to this or any such wild guess in Mrs. White's writings.

With this I am sending you a little leaflet entitled "Preach the Word", which calls our workers to the fundamentals of this great truth, pleading with them to avoid these fanciful

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and peculiar teachings.

I trust that this will be helpful to you.

Elder White joins me in sending regards to you and Mrs. Webb. Elder White at the present time is devoting all of his strength to a series of biographical articles now appearing in the Review, and while in his eighty-third years, enjoys good health.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely your brother,

Arthur L. White, Asst. Sec.
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