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Dear Brother

I have received your letter and have read it with interest. We will say just a few words about the questions you have raised. It is true that Ellen White had many favorable words to say about the sermons of A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner because they were brought to the church at a time when the church needed this type of instruction. Having been quite a little bit concerned with the law, we Adventists had allowed other things, such as the work of grace and righteousness by faith to slip from the forefront so that they didn't occupy the central place that they should have had in our teachings. However, it would not quite be correct to say that Ellen White endorsed everything that they taught. Particularly, A. T. Jones.

For example, I refer you to the book, Selected Messages, Book I, beginning on 377. I am enclosing a couple of sheets with this letter giving you several pages from that communication which she sent to Elder Jones. You notice in this, she says very clearly that he had gone too far, and she corrected him for stating the matter as positively as he did.

When she was writing about Elder Uriah Smith, Ellen White also spoke very favorably about his work, yet there were items which she corrected individually as she was in touch with him. She recognized that there were some small errors in his writings as has been discovered in years gone by. So I would simply say that the endorsement that she gave to the teaching of Jones and Waggoner was somewhat qualified. Now as to the later experience of Jones and Waggoner, there is the book by A. V. Olson, Through Crisis to Victory, 1888-1901. In the back of the book there is an Appendix, with an article by A. L. White in which he tells about the later experience of these two brethren. I have had this xeroxed and am sending it to you with this letter so that you will have it right away.

You know our brethren and sisters are always looking for something new and different and sometimes they think that this will enable them to have a clearer view of truth so that they can better prepare for the kingdom. And that is all good; but I feel certain that we have so much good material found in the writings of Ellen G. White that it is not necessary to go back to Jones and Waggoner, and resurrect what they said and feel that this is the present truth for this time. A. T. Jones was not perfect in his theology. We know from a careful study of his writings that he had a restricted view of the nature of Christ. He thought that there was a

time when Christ came into existence and that He did not have an eternal nature co-equal with the Father. This has not been emphasized in our recent publicity concerning Brother Jones, but is quite true.

I trust that this material will be of help to you and that you and others who are studying these matters will be blessed as you endeavor to get a clearer understanding of God's plans for us all in the Advent message.

Very sincerely yours,

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Chairman of the Board

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