

***A T Jones***

***USED OF GOD!***

## *Alonzo Trevier Jones*



- Two men lit up the SDA movement in the late 1880's. They were used in such a dynamic and dramatic way that Ellen White said the latter rain was beginning to fall! Heaven drew very near and used these two young men in a powerful way. One man was Alonzo T. Jones and he will be our study today!

## *Used Mightily By The Lord!*

- “The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure. The uplifted Saviour is to appear in His efficacious work as the Lamb slain, sitting upon the throne, to dispense the priceless covenant blessings, the benefits He died to purchase for every soul who should believe on Him. John could not express that love in words; it was too deep, too broad; he calls upon the human family to behold it. Christ is pleading for the church in the heavenly courts above, pleading for those for whom He paid the redemption price of His own lifeblood. Centuries, ages, can never diminish the efficacy of this atoning sacrifice. The message of the gospel of His grace was to be given to the church in clear and distinct lines, that the world should no longer say that Seventh-day Adventists talk the law, the law, but do not teach or believe Christ.” TM, pgs. 91,92

# Henry Blair Sunday Law Bill



- "It is well known to most of our readers that United States Senator Henry W. Blair, from New Hampshire, introduced in the Fiftieth Congress, May 21 1888, what has been commonly known as the " Blair Sunday-Rest bill," which was read twice, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor. It was quite fully discussed pro and con. before the committee, with decided favors shown to those who favored the bill, by Mr. Blair, the author of the bill, who was also the chairman of the committee. Many millions of signatures to petitions for and against the bill came before Congress." American Sentinel, Dec. 1889

# **BEFORE CONGRESS**

- THE NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW ARGUMENT OF ALONZO T. JONES Before the
- United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor: at WASHINGTON, D. C.,
- DEC. 13, 1888
- “There are three particular lines in which I wish to conduct the argument: First, the (page 11) principles upon which we stand; second, the historical view; and, third, the practical aspect of the question. The principle upon which we stand is that civil government is civil, and has nothing to do in the matter of legislation, with religious observances in any way. The basis of this is found in the words of Jesus Christ in Matt. 22:21. When the Pharisees asked whether it was lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not, he replied: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." In this the Saviour certainly separated that which pertains to Caesar from that which pertains to God. We are not to render to Caesar that which pertains to God; we are not to render to God by Caesar that which is God's.
- Senator Blair. -- May not the thing due to Caesar be due to God also?
- Mr. Jones. -- No, sir. If that be so, then the Saviour did entangle himself in his talk, the very thing which they wanted him to do. The record says that they sought "how they might entangle him in his talk." Having drawn the distinction which he has, between that which belongs to Caesar and that which belongs to God, if it be true that the same things belong to both, then he did entangle himself in his talk; and where is the force in his words which command us to render to Caesar that which belongs to Caesar, and to God the things that are God's?"

# *Spokesman for God and Adventism*

- With Ellen White in Australia and EJ Wagoneer in England, AT Jones took center stage in Adventism. He had received the endorsement of Heaven in his presentations on the righteousness of Christ in 1888 and later on that year, Jones spoke before the Congress of the United States over the Senator Henry Blair Sunday bill. To say that Jones became 'larger than life' to many Adventists is an understatement. In fact, a woman named Anna Rice Phillips sought Jones' endorsement for her 'prophetic gift' in the early 1890's and got it!!!



## *PROPHETESS ANNA RICE-PHILLIPS*

- In the 1890s Anna Rice-Phillips claimed that she was to join Ellen white in the prophetic office. Her cause was championed by none other than Alonzo T. Jones, a leading minister in Battle Creek. However, her testimonies consisted largely of spiritual trivia. Speaking of Anna Phillips, Ellen White said:
- “Childish figures and illustrations are employed in describing sacred, heavenly things, and there is a mingling of the sublime and the ridiculous. While the work has an appearance of great sanctity, it is calculated to ensnare and mislead souls.... {Lt4-1893}
- This letter is published in entirety in 14MR. From page 189 [MR No. 1110 - Study God's Word: Be Slow To Follow Self-Styled Prophets, Including Anna Phillips]



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- ...Incredibly, one of the main reasons advanced for the acceptance of Anna Phillips was the so-called argument from silence: “our brethren...could see nothing objectionable in them. {14MR 184.2}”

Fortunately, Ellen White was able to work quietly and kindly with this young woman. She eventually renounced her earlier spiritual experience and became a “trusted fruitful Bible instructor in the work of the church.”



## *The Rice/Phillips Situation-1893/1894*



- With Ellen White gone to Australia by 1892, A T Jones began to topple. The beginning was his wholehearted endorsement of another prophetess, Anna Rice Phillips. This began a very unsettling slide for Jones that led to open apostasy from the truth!

# Preparation of the Living Temple

- This is not historic Adventism! But Kellogg was not worried, for he had his men in high positions. Unfortunately, two of these men were A.T. Jones and David Paulson. Both a majority report (by three men) and a minority report (by two men) were prepared by the "Living Temple" book committee:
- Here was the majority report, approving the book for publication and distribution: "That we find in the book 'Living Temple' nothing which appears to us to be contrary to the Bible or the fundamental principles of the Christian religion, and that we see no reason why it may not be recommended by the Committee for circulation in the manner suggested."-A.T. Jones, J.H. Kellogg, David Paulson, quoted in "How the Spirit of Prophecy Met a Crisis," p. 27.

# WARNING

- **We did not see anything to encourage us in the hope that Elder Jones is coming out from the darkness that is upon him.** He feels that he understands himself; **but he is as the blind** and is feeling about, to know what step to take next. I felt that I must speak plainly to him. I told him that notwithstanding the warnings that had been given regarding **Dr. Kellogg's influence over him, he had gone into the very path he had been cautioned not to take;** he had not spiritual discernment to understand the **doctor's religious standing.** I told him that he had become **Dr. Kellogg's voice to the people.** Lt234-1908.6
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- Some of the men who proof-read the reading temple and what they had to say
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- This made EGW to write:
- Some think it strange that I write, "Do not send your children to Battle Creek." I was instructed in regard to the danger of the worldly influence in Battle Creek. I have written hundreds of pages regarding the danger of having so large a sanitarium, and of calling so many people together in one place. **The young people in Battle Creek are in danger. They will come in contact with error. Years ago I did not think that they would meet these errors right in the sanitariums; but when "Living Temple" came out, and some of our ministers told me that there was in it nothing but what I had been teaching all my life, I saw how great the danger was.** I saw that blindness had fallen upon some who had long known the truth. I pray that the Lord will open the eyes of these ministers, that they may see the difference between light and darkness, between truth and error. {SpTB07 35.1}
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- The leading ministers did not even realize what Kellogg was teaching yet they had long known the truth. Jones had been deceived and Daniels and Prescott would follow later and work with Froom yet a waning had been sounded. **1910 EGW to A.G. Daniels:**
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- Message after message has come to me from the Lord concerning the dangers surrounding **you and Elder Prescott**. I have seen that Satan would have been greatly pleased to see Elders Prescott and Daniells undertake the work of a general **overhauling of our books** that have **done a good work in the field for years**. But neither of you is called of God to that work. ...I have been instructed that **the Lord is not the author of the proposal to make many changes in books already published.** Lt70-1910

# PARENTHESIS

Judson Sylvaneous Washburn  
(1863 – 1955)



Washburn was the son of Sabbatarian Adventist pioneer Calvin Washburn who had joined the Advent movement during the Millerite movement of the 1840s. As a youth J. S. Washburn had many opportunities to meet the founding pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Washburn claimed a rich SDA heritage. He was converted by J. N. Andrews at 11, baptized by James White at 12 and began preaching Adventism at 21. He worked in the Iowa Conference. It was from here that he came as a delegate to the 1888 General Conference Session. The spiritual struggles that occurred at this meeting left him groping about his own spiritual life—a problem that he later sorted through by counseling with Ellen White. About this time he also began a correspondence with Mrs. White that lasted through the rest of her life (until her death in 1915). Rejuvenated spiritually by the message of righteousness by faith Washburn went as a missionary to England. Up until that time the work in England had been struggling, but his creative tactics for drawing crowds and holding their attention literally changed the face of the church there from a small company of believers to literally hundreds who were converted at a time.

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- There is evidence that British Adventism may not have survived but for his contribution as a powerful and creative evangelist. In addition to his intense study of the Spirit of Prophecy and desire to obtain “everything that Sister White wrote,” Washburn's amazing memory enabled him to memorize much of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy writings. By 1918 he claimed to have memorized Revelation, Romans, James and Second Peter. He noted that his memory improved “with the study of the Bible and spirit of prophecy.” *By 1948 he claimed to have memorized the entire New Testament and was working toward committing Isaiah to memory.*
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- There is a most remarkable story regarding Washburn, 1888, and Ellen White:
- J. S. Washburn, who was a nephew of George I. Butler, was twenty-six years old in the year of 1888, the year when Brother Waggoner and Jones delivered to the Adventist Church the special message of ‘Righteousness by Faith’. When he first heard the message he rejected it, because he felt that it was contrary to the established teachings of the Adventist Church concerning the law of God; thus he sided with Brother Uriah Smith and J. H. Morrison in their disavowal of the doctrine. It was during this time that he first realized that Sister White was in full agreement with Jones and Waggoner, this knowledge led him to question Mrs. White's position as the Lord’s special messenger. After a short time of struggle, he met with Sister White and His doubts were dissolved. He later recalled:

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- “So I went to have a visit with her in her tent at the Ottawa meeting. I told her I had always thought and believed that she was a prophet. But I was disturbed by the Minneapolis episode. I had thought Uriah Smith and J. H. Morrison were right. "Do you know why J. H. Morrison left the Conference early?" she asked me. I replied, "Yes." Then she told me just what Morrison had said to me--and the revelation of her apparently superhuman knowledge of that private, confidential conversation frightened me. I realized that here was one who knew secrets. Sister White told me of her Guide in Europe, who had stretched His hands out, and said, "There are mistakes being made on both sides in this controversy." Then she added that the "Law in Galatians" is not the real issue of the Conference. The real issue is Righteousness by faith! ***"E. J. Waggoner can teach righteousness by faith more clearly than I can," said Sister White.*** "Why, Sister White," I said, "do you mean to say that E. J. Waggoner can teach it better than you can, with all your experience?" Sister White replied, ***"Yes, the Lord has given him special light on that question. I have been wanting to bring it out more clearly, but I could not have brought it out as clearly as he did. But when he brought it out at Minneapolis, I recognized it."*** {Report of interview with Elder J. S. Washburn by R. J. Wieland June 4, 1950}
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- After this meeting, J. S. Washburn and his wife became dear friends with Ellen White. Brother Washburn was the Pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington. Mrs. White was a visitor in their home on occasion and the Ellen White Estate has on record several letters that Sister White wrote to the couple. "May the Lord continue to bless the church in Washington is my prayer. I know the Lord blessed me when I was with you, and He blessed His people. Much love to all in your household, and much love to those with whom we took sweet counsel together in our precious meetings. The Lord lives and reigns, praise His holy name". {*The E. G. W. 1888 Materials*, p. 853, Chapter Title: To J. S. Washburn and wife}

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- It was the Conference's rejection of the special message of 'Righteousness by Faith', first given in 1888 that caused the writing of several letters from Mrs. White to the Washburn's. This rejection greatly sorrowed Sister White, and she wrote to Brother J. S. Washburn to encourage him to continue in the 'rays of the Sun of Righteousness', for she knew that he had now fully accepted the message. Mr. Washburn became known as a true believer in the Spirit of Prophecy, and Ellen White considered him a defender of the Faith, which was once delivered unto the saints. For example, when Brother Uriah Smith repented himself of his error, in which he 'burdened' down the work for two years in the late 1880's (probably in resistance to the 1888 message of 'Righteousness by Faith' given in Minneapolis), it was Brother Washburn to whom Sister White wrote and gave the good news of Brother Smith's repentance. "Brother Smith has fallen on the Rock, and is broken, and the Lord Jesus will now work with him." {*The E. G. W. 1888 Materials*, p. 852}
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- With the knowledge that the Seventh-day Adventist Church did not begin to incorporate the trinity doctrine into its beliefs until 1931 (after the death of the pioneers, including E. G. White. *see appendix*); and with the previous information on just who J. S. Washburn was, and his relationship to Sister White, the reader will be able to better appreciate the significance of his letter.

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- The letter by Washburn
- ***“The doctrine of the Trinity is a cruel heathen monstrosity, removing Jesus from his true position of Divine Savior and Mediator. It is true we can not measure or define divinity. It is beyond our finite understanding, yet on this subject of the personality of God the Bible is very simple and plain. The Father, the Ancient of Days, is from eternity. Jesus was **begotten** of the Father. Jesus speaking through the Psalmist says: "The Lord (Jehovah) has said unto me, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee." - Psalm 2:7. Again in Proverbs (where Jesus is spoken of under the title of wisdom, See 1 Cor. 1:24), we read: "The Lord (Jehovah) possessed me in the beginning of his way" v. 22 "Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth." - v. 24. **The Son says he was brought forth, begotten, born of His Father (Jehovah).*****
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- ***Satan has taken some heathen conception of a three-headed monstrosity, and with deliberate intention to cast contempt upon divinity, has woven it into Romanism as our glorious God, an impossible, absurd invention. **This monstrous doctrine transplanted from heathenism into the Roman Papal Church is seeking to intrude its evil presence into the teachings of the Third Angel's Message.** ...And the fact that Christ is not the mediator in the Roman Church demonstrates that the Trinity destroys the truth that Christ is the one, the only mediator. The so-called Christian Church, the Papacy, that originated the doctrine of the Trinity, does not recognize him as the only mediator but substitutes a multitude of ghosts of dead men and women as mediators. *If you hold the Trinity doctrine, in reality, Christ is no longer your mediator. ...****

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- ***The whole Trinity doctrine is utterly foreign to all the Bible and the teachings of the Spirit of Prophecy. Revelation gives not the slightest hint of it. This monstrous heathen conception finds no place in all the free universe of our Blessed heavenly Father and His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...The Catholic heathen doctrine of the Sunday Sabbath is just as sacred as the Catholic pagan doctrine of the Trinity and no more so...Seventh-day Adventists claim to take the word of God as supreme authority and to have "come out of Babylon", to have renounced forever the vain traditions of Rome. **If we should go back to the immortality of the soul, purgatory, eternal torment and the Sunday Sabbath, would that be anything less than apostasy? If, however, we leap over all these minor, secondary doctrines and accept and teach the very central root doctrine of Romanism, the Trinity, and teach that the son of God did not die, even though our words seem to be spiritual, is this anything else or anything less than apostasy, and the very Omega of apostasy?...*****
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- ***However kindly or beautiful or apparently profound his sermons or articles may be, when a man has arrived at the place where he teaches the heathen Catholic doctrine of the Trinity, and denies that the Son of God died for us, is he a true Seventh-day Adventist? Is he even a true preacher of the Gospel? And when many regard him as a great teacher and accept his unscriptural theories, absolutely contrary to the Spirit of Prophecy, it is time that the watchmen should sound a note of warning.*** {Portions of a letter written by J. S. Washburn in 1939.} (This letter was liked by a conference president so much that he distributed it to 32 of his ministers.)

## *Jones and Organization*

- A war raged in Adventism in the 1890's and into the 1900's, culminating in the General Conference reorganization in 1901 and 1903. Unfortunately, Jones came out on the wrong side in this issue as well and he never got over this one! As far back as 1894, EGW had warned Jones and Wagoneer that their ideas on organization were wrong and not from God. In a letter of January 14, 1894, EGW declared, "Oh how Satan would rejoice to get in among this people, and disorganize the work at a time when thorough organization is essential...Let not you nor Elder Wagoneer be incautious now, and advance things that are not proper, and not in accordance with the very message God has given. {Lt37-1894}" When it came to organization, Jones believed that every person was to be under the control of God and be led by Him. With the Spirit leading each person, there would be perfect order in the Lord's work. Jones failed to grasp the need for leaders to guide the work. He felt that was papal. This situation pushed Jones in the wrong direction, straight into the arms of pantheistic John Harvey Kellogg!

# WRONG STEP

- In the summer of 1903, at a time when affairs at the conference were most uncomfortable, he had an interview at Elmshaven with Ellen White, in which he told her that at the request of Dr. J. H. Kellogg he was planning to go to Battle Creek to teach Bible in the American Medical Missionary College. He hoped to be able to help Dr. Kellogg. She counseled him not to go. He promised Sister White that he would be guarded. She had been warned in vision that such a move on his part would lead to his downfall. She wrote of it thus:
  - “In vision I had seen him [A. T. Jones] under the influence of Dr. Kellogg. Fine threads were being woven around him, till he was being bound hand and foot, and his mind and his senses were becoming captivated.” —Letter 116, 1906.
  - Then, comments Ellen White, as she reported this to Brother Jones just before he went to Battle Creek, she could see “that his perceptions were becoming confused, and that he did not believe the warning given. The enemy works in a strange, wonderful way to influence human minds.” —Ibid. But Jones was sure that he would not fall away. He was a man with too much self-confidence.

# WRONG STEP

- December 29, 1905, Lost Spiritual Eyesight and Repudiated God's Warnings.—“I send no more [testimonies to be read to the Battle Creek church] to A. T. Jones, for I have evidence that a work will have to be done for him before the Lord will accept his service. God has given him warnings which he has repudiated, and I am deeply grieved that he has so little spiritual eyesight.”—Letter 345, 1905 (written to G. W. Amadon, first elder of the Battle Creek church).
- March 12, 1906, The Wrong Spirit and Demonstrations of Bitterness.—“You may be surprised to hear the words that you have heard from Elder A. T. Jones; but I am not at all surprised. This is the development of the man when the spirit that is counter to the Spirit of God comes upon him. In him as he is at the present time, you have a representation of a man who is not under the molding influence of the Spirit of God. The Lord accepts no such demonstrations of bitterness.... {Lt98-1906}
- “Read in my books, Patriarchs and Prophets and Great Controversy, the story of the first great apostasy. History is being repeated and will be repeated. Read then, and understand.”—Letter 98, 1906.
- April 2, 1906, Captivated, Deluded, and Deceived.—“During the General Conference at Takoma Park [May, 1905], Elder Jones's case was again presented to me. After this, I had a long conversation with him in which I pointed out his danger. But he was self-confident, and declared to me that Dr. Kellogg believed the truth and the testimonies just as firmly as the rest of us believed and advocated them. In this conversation Elder Jones manifested that which had been revealed to me regarding him, that in the place of receiving the warnings he was full of self-confidence; that he had exalted himself, and in the place of being prepared to help Dr. Kellogg, he had united with him to disbelieve and distrust, and falsely to accuse the ministers and others who were trying to save Dr: Kellogg and other physicians who were in peril.... {Lt116-1906}

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- “I warned Elder Jones, but he felt that he was not in the least danger. But the fine threads have been woven about him, and he is now a man deluded and deceived. Though claiming to believe the testimonies, he does not believe them.”—Letter 116, 1906 (to Dr. David Paulson).
- May 1, 1906, Chose Darkness Rather Than Light.—“I am sorry for A. T. Jones, who has been warned over and over again. Notwithstanding these warnings, he has allowed the enemy to fill his mind with thoughts of self-importance. Heed not his words, for he has rejected the plainest light and has chosen darkness instead. The Holy One hath given us messages clear and distinct, but some poor souls have been blinded by the falsehoods and the deceptive influences of satanic agencies, and have turned from truth and righteousness to follow these fallacies of satanic origin.”—Manuscript 39, 1906.
- June 15, 1906, Voice Controlled by Dr. Kellogg.—“Dr. Kellogg controls the voice of Elder A. T. Jones, and will use him as his mouthpiece. My prayer is, O God, open Thou the blind eyes, that they may see; and the ears of the deaf that they may hear, and become humble.”—Letter 182, 1906.
- July 5, 1906, Grieved the Holy Spirit.—“Elder A. T. Jones, Dear Brother,—Again and again your case has been presented before me. I am now instructed to say to you, You have had a large knowledge of truth, and less, far less, spiritual understanding. When you were called to the important work at Washington, you had need of far more of the humble grace that becometh a Christian. Since the Berrien Springs meeting, your attitude and the attitude of several others has grieved the Spirit of God. You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.... {Lt121-1906}

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- “Brother Jones, I have a message for you. In many respects you are a weak man. If I were to write out all that has been revealed to me of your weakness, and of the developments of your work that have not been in accordance with the course of a true Christian, the representation would not be pleasing. This may have to be done if you continue to justify yourself in a course of apostasy. Until your mind is cleared of the mist of perplexity, silence is eloquence on your part. {Lt242-1906}
- “I am so sorry that you are spoiling your record.... {Lt242-1906}
- “Brother Jones, will you not earnestly seek the Lord, that in your life there may be a humbling of self, and an exaltation of the principles of righteousness? The success and prosperity of your work will depend upon your following strictly where Jesus leads the way. God would have you stand as a faithful watchman, laboring earnestly for souls ready to perish. If you will consent to be a worker together with God, you may manifest in earnest words and works, the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit. True repentance will bring newness of life.”—Letter 242, 1906.
- July 27, 1906, A Revival of the First Great Apostasy.—“My heart was filled with sorrow because of the course that J. H. Kellogg is following. And A. T. Jones is following the same course and voicing the same sentiments, with a most determined spirit. When a realization of this comes over me, with such force, great sorrow fills my soul. {Lt248-1906}
- “I have before me such a revival of the first great apostasy in the heavenly courts, that I am bowed down with an agony that cannot be expressed. It is in Battle Creek that the warnings that are given are entirely disregarded.”—Letter 248, 1906 (to D. H. Kress).

# KELLOGG INFLUENCE

- “I have seen Dr. Kellogg exerting a hypnotic influence upon persons, and at such times the arch deceiver was his helper. Those who sustain him are guilty with him. This blindness of understanding is a strange thing in our ranks. In regard to A. T. Jones, he has a theory of truth, which his books express and he dares not tear up his past experience, which has been published. But he virtually turns away from his former experience by his present course of action.... {Lt258-1906}
- “Dr. Kellogg has had every advantage to make impressions on human minds, and he will improve this to the best of his ability in an effort to destroy confidence in the testimonies. Those associated with him who have upheld him, will have to answer before God for their course of action.”—Letter 258, 1906.
- September 30, 1907, Giving Heed to Doctrines of Devils.—“A. T. Jones, Dr. Kellogg, and Elder Tenney are all working under the same leadership. They are classing themselves with those of whom the apostle writes, ‘Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.’ In the case of A. T. Jones I can see the fulfillment of the warnings that were given me regarding him.”—Letter 306, 1907.
- October 1, 1907, Now in Apostasy.—“I want to say to you, Brother and Sister Starr, that the time we have so long anticipated has come. A. T. Jones has come to the place where he voices the mind and faith of Dr. Kellogg. They have now taken a decided stand against the truth, and special efforts will be made to lead souls away. This apostasy has cost us dearly....Warning after warning has been given to these men, but they have set themselves first to deny the messages, and then to declare that they did not believe the testimonies. Their work against the truth has been as marked by deception as was the course of Canright. Many whose sympathies were with Dr. Kellogg have united with him, and have departed from the faith.”—Letter 316, 1907.
- Nov. 11, 1908, Departed From the Faith.—“I must warn our people against laboring in any line in connection with A. T. Jones. He is one who has departed from the faith, and has given heed to seducing spirits. He knows not what manner of spirit he is of.”—Letter 330, 1908.

# A TIME FOR DARKNESS

- November 10, 1911, Confession and Rebaptism the Only Way Back.—“Elder A. T. Jones, I have given you instruction in straight, clear lines in regard to the perverting influence under which you have placed yourself. Your lips have uttered perverse things. You have denied the clear light of truth, and have linked up with strange elements. I gave you a correct statement in regard to your position, but you went on doing the very things the Lord had warned you not to do. It has been a strange course for one who has been enlightened by the Lord as you have been, but you have acted very much like a man who has lost his bearings. The question is, Do you think you can still hold your membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and go on hurting the influence of this people by the tracts that you publish? You have done a cruel work. {Lt104-1911}
- “I have warned you in regard to these things. I presented the case as the Lord presented it to me. When your blind eyes are opened, when your spiritual eyesight is restored by the heavenly anointing. You will see that you have a work to do for your own soul, and to undo what you have done to confirm others in unbelief.... {Lt104-1911}
- “We should rejoice greatly if you would be really converted. The Lord will not receive you as a faithful minister, to be trusted with His Rock, unless you throw your lot in with His people, to confirm them in the faith—not to rule them according to human ideas.... {Lt104-1911}
- “If you wish to renew your covenant with God by confession and repentance and rebaptism, we shall rejoice with you. When you are converted, your self-sufficiency will disappear, and you will become meek and lowly in heart. When you see and repent of your mistakes, you will be a great blessing in helping others. The destroyer now takes advantage of your self-righteousness to weave into your experience his own ideas and theories. When you are really desirous of uniting with those from whom you have withdrawn yourself, the testimony will be borne that you looked up after you had stepped off the platform on which you had previously stood, and that hands were put beneath your arms, and you and Elder Waggoner were lifted once more on to the platform, standing there with shining countenances and uplifted hands. Has this time come?”—Letter 104, 1911.