

LIGHT FROM AFRICA =  
6,000 YEARS OF PROBATION?

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**DEAR ELDER CAMMACK:** In reply to your write-up in above LAYWORKER p.14-16. and subsequent circular: "THE DAYS OF NOAH + OURS." in which you attempt to compute TIME, and this appears to be a major portion of your: "MESSAGE" to the "7,000,000 sq. miles of the scattered Islands of the S. Pacific" = the subject of the: "120th JUBILEE" "HE COULD COME BEFORE 6000 yrs. BUT NOT AFTER 6000 yrs." p.3. CAMMACK.

According to my (Peter Shikuku) calculations, I found that it is about 25 years left for Christ to come according to your: "JUBILEE YEARS." You were once a Conference Worker in Africa (Rhodesia) and now you are engaged in distributing literature everywhere the far-flung Islands as well as in Africa. I thank you for this work but I have some- how a question to ask you as a former Conference Worker.

Did you ever come across, or did you ever read the following pointed Testimonies = ???

TIME = SETTING = [EGW.]

"Again and again I have been WARNED in regard to TIME-SETTING." BC 6:1052.

"Christ tells His disciples that the TIME of His appearing is involved in SECRECY. There=will=be=those=who=claim to know the TIME of that great Event. Very=earnest=are=they in mapping out the future, which the Lord has placed in=a=thick=cloud, that the DAY, the MONTH, and even the YEAR, may not be known. Notwith-standing the continued FAILURES of these TIME-SETTERS, they still continue their work. SECRET things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which ARE revealed unto us and to our children forever." Mrs. EGW.

Signs of the Times. Oct. 6, 1898.

"**ANYONE WHO SHALL START UP** to proclaim a message to announce the HOUR, DAY, or YEAR of Christ's appearing, has taken up a yoke and is proclaiming a message the Lord has never given him." RH A3: 82. Sept. 12, 1893. TM 61.

"**LET ALL OUR BRETHREN + SISTERS BEWARE** of any one who shall SET=A=TIME for the Lord to fulfill his word in regard to his coming, OR=IN=REGARD=TO=ANY=OTHER=PROMISE he has made of special significance." "It is not for you to know the TIMES or the SEASONS, which the Father hath put in his own power." FALSE TEACHERS may appear to be very zealous for the work of God, and may expand means to bring their theories before the World + the Church; but as they mingle Error with Truth, their message is one of deception, and will lead souls into FALSE PATHS. They=are=to=be=MET=AND=OPPOSED... They go off on a tangent, and Jehu-like, call to their Brethren to follow their example of zeal for the Lord...are to be CONDEMNED." RH A3:81. Sept. 12, 1893. (55-6)

"IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW THE TIMES OR THE SEASONS." ...wilt thou at this TIME restore again the kingdom to Israel?..." Instead of living in expectation of some special season of excitement, we are wisely to improve PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES... that souls may be saved. Instead of exhausting the powers of our mind in speculations in regard to the TIMES + SEASONS which the Lord has placed in his own power, and=withheld=from=men...he knew that this would but INCREASE=THE=APPETITE for the curious + the marvelous...

"**WE ARE IN CONTINUAL DANGER** of getting above the simplicity of the gospel. There is an intense desire on the part of many to=startle=the=World with something original, that shall lift the people into a state of spiritual ecstasy...But the CHANGE we need is a CHANGE of heart, and can ONLY be obtained by seeking God INDIVIDUALLY...that our CHARACTERS may be TRANSFORMED. This is the CHANGE we need to-day...[Teach this to the Isles!]"

"We should know just what STEPS we are taking Heavenward...AGAIN + AGAIN have I been WARNED in regard to TIME-SETTING. There will never again be a message for the people of God that=will=be=based=on=TIME. We are not to know the definite time either for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit or for the coming of Christ. ...The Lord showed me that the message must go, and that it must not be hung on TIME; for TIME will NEVER be a test again. I saw that some were getting a FALSE EXCITEMENT, arising from preaching TIME..."

"**I SAW THAT THIS WAS WRONG** for this reason, instead of going to God DAILY, and earnestly desiring to know their present duty, they looked AHEAD, and made their calculations...A condition of things would result from this knowledge among our people that would greatly RETARD the

work of God in PREPARING a people to STAND in the great day that is to come. We are not to live upon TIME EXCITEMENT. We are not to be engrossed with SPECULATIONS in regard to the TIMES + the SEASONS which God has=not=revealed..."WATCH," but NOT for definite TIME...You will not be able to say that he will come in one two, or five years, neither are you to PUT-OFF=HIS=COMING by stating that it may NOT be for TEN or TWENTY YEARS...

"**IT IS THE DUTY** of the people of God to have their lamps trimmed + burning, to be as men that wait for the Bridegroom, when he shall return from the wedding. You have not a moment to lose...The time of the probation of souls is coming to an end. From day to day the DESTINY of men is being SEALED...we know not how soon many shall close their eyes in death and be habitated for the tomb...we are not safe one moment unless our life is hid with Christ in God. Our duty is NOT to be looking FORWARD to some special TIME for some special WORK to be done for us, but to go FORWARD in our work of WARNING the World...TO-DAY you are to give yourselves to God." RH A2:553-4. March 22, 1892. SM 1:185-191. BC 6:1052.

"**THE MORE FREQUENTLY A DEFINITE TIME** is set for the second advent, and the more widely it is taught, the better it suits the purposes of Satan. After the TIME has passed, he excites ridicule + contempt of its advocates, and thus casts reproach upon the... movement...Those who PERSIST in this ERROR will at last FIX=UPON=A=DATE too far in the future for the coming of Christ. Thus they will be led to.

REST=IN=A=FALSE=SECURITY, and many will not be UNDECEIVED until it is TOO LATE." 1884 GC=SoP 4:291. GC 457.

**"IT IS TOO HUMILIATING FOR THEM TO REPEAT** the same simple story of God's goodness when they meet together, + they STUDY to get something NEW, something GREAT, and to have their words EXACT to the ear + PLEASING to man, and God's Spirit LEAVES THEM." EW 116. **"MANY WHO HAVE CALLED THEMSELVES ADVENTISTS** have been TIME-SETTERS... Because the TIMES repeatedly set have passed, the World is in a more decided state of UNBELIEF than before in regard to the near advent of Christ. They look upon the failures of the TIME-SETTERS with DISGUST; and because men have been so deceived, they turn from the Truth substantiated by the word of God that the END=OF=ALL=THINGS=IS=AT=HAND.

"Those who PRESUMPTUOUSLY preach definite TIME, in so doing gratify the adversary of souls; for they advance INFIDELITY rather than CHRISTIANITY...they are FALSE PROPHETS...Those who think they must preach definite TIME, in order to make an impression upon the people, do not work from the right standpoint. The FEELINGS of the people may be STIRRED + their FEARS AROUSED, but they do not move from PRINCIPLE...fall back into coldness, darkness, and sin, and=it=is=almost=impossible to arouse their consciences without some great excitement...They will refer to those FALSE TEACHERS who have predicted the event and set the definite TIME, and will say that they have no=more=faith in our Warning than in theirs...(as in the Days of Noah) But their UNBELIEF

did not hinder the predicted event. It came, and great was the WRATH=OF=GOD which was seen in the general RUIN... crying, "PEACE + SAFETY" when DESTRUCTION is fast coming upon them." 4T:307-9. **"WHEN THE PROFESSED PEOPLE OF GOD ARE UNITING** with the World, living as they live, and joining with them in forbidden pleasure; when the luxury of the World becomes the luxury of the Church; when the marriage bells are chiming, + all are looking FORWARD=TO=MANY=YEARS of Worldly prosperity, - then, SUDDENLY as the lightning flashes from the Heavens, will come the END of their bright visions + delusive hopes." GC 338-9.

**NOW ELDER CAMMACK** = you are more experienced in the SoP than I because I am only a Student to learn from you. I do not know more than what we have quoted above. Furthermore I do not know whether you believe in the Testimonies as I do + pray that I may know them better than this and believe in them + act according to the Instruction given.

I must be honest to say that I differ with you on this most important subject of TIME-SETTING, and the danger of leading ether souls astray. By creating a false and carnal SECURITY as they imagine they have MANY MORE YEARS OF TIME, which I do not believe we have. Too many fingers of Prophecy point to a CRISIS right before us, that unless we are PREPARED = will overwhelm us.

**INSTEAD OF SAYING WE HAVE MUCH MORE TIME** than we thought we had = The Tone of the Voice of the Testimonies tells us we can<sup>be</sup> lost in one month of carelessness. "...ONE MONTH they may have stood in...the best LIGHT they had, while the MONTH FOLLOWING was none too short for them to be OVERCOME." 3T:471.

**WE DO NOT WISH TO BELONG** to that Class who are put to Sleep by: "PEACE + SAFETY" sermons as the: "Account" is: "FAST closing up." "When the figures reach a certain amount which God has FIXED, the ministry of His WRATH commences. THE=ACCOUNT=IS=CLOSED. Divine patience CEASES. There is no more pleading of MERCY." 5T:208-9.

**THIS COMES** = "Silently, unnoticed as the MIDNIGHT THIEF." "THE RIGHTEOUS + THE WICKED" = will know it not! GC 491. "So when the irrevocable decision of the Sanctuary has been pronounced, and the destiny of the World has been forever FIXED, the inhabitants of the Earth will KNOW=IT=NOT." GC 615.

**IT IS THE MIDNIGHT HOUR** = "May God arouse them before it shall be TOO LATE, and they exclaim in anguish: "THE HARVEST IS PAST, the summer is ended, and=we=are=not=Saved!" 2T:243.

**IT WAS THE FOOLISH VIRGINS** = who thought they had much Time = there were yet many YEARS to PREPARE = but the WARNING IS: "Those professed believers who come up to the Time of Trouble UNPREPARED, will in their despair, confess their sins before all in words of burning anguish, while the wicked exalt over their distress. THE=CASE=OF=ALL=IS=HOPELESS. When Christ stands up, and leaves the Most Holy Place, then the Time of Trouble commences, and the case of every soul is decided, and there will be no atoning Blood to CLEANSE from sin and pollution. As=Jesus=leaves=the=Most=Holy..." Behold I come quickly, and My REWARD is with me, to give every man according as his WORKS shall be." Those who have DELAYED a PREPARATION for the day of God CANNOT obtain it in the Time of Trouble, or at any future period...THE=PERIOD=OF=PROBATION is the TIME granted to all to PRE-

PARE for the Day of God. If any neglect the PREPARATION, and HEED NOT the faithful WARNINGS given...

[Has Satan BLINDED you so you cannot see it, Brother = that your: "MESSAGE of MUCH TIME = will lead poor souls who love to PROCRASTINATE and PUT OFF the DAILY STRIVING FOR PERFECTION = thus this: "MUCH TIME" Message counter the Third Angel's Message of being PREPARED NOW = !!! Take the following to heart, Brother =]

"...they will be without excuse. Jacob's earnest, persevering wrestling with the angel should be an EXAMPLE for Christians. Jacob PREVAILED, because he was PERSEVERING + DETERMINED...That FAITH which will live through the Time of Trouble must be in DAILY exercise NOW. Those who do not make STRONG=EFFORTS=NOW to exercise persevering FAITH will be wholly UNPREPARED to exercise that FAITH which will enable them to STAND in the Day of Trouble." SG 3:134-6. CDF 455.

**GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE AWAKENING** = "In the Time of Trouble, just previous to the coming of Christ, the lives of the RIGHTEOUS will be preserved through the ministration of holy angels. Those who come up to that trying time neglecting TO=OBEY=GOD'S=COMMANDMENTS will have NO SECURITY of their lives. Angels cannot=protect=them while they are living in neglect of any known duty, or express COMMAND of Jehovah. SG 3:196. -----

**IN CONCLUSION** = we point you to the "RIGHT" and "WRONG" spirit = in the "SHAKING TIME" = EW 269, RH A1:32. 1T:179 = "GOD'S PEOPLE" are AGONIZING CONCERNED, DISTRESSED = but His angel "LEFT" those who made: "NO EFFORT!"