

1890-1901 Statements  
About God's Work Through Waggoner and Jones  
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The following are explicit statements about E. J. Waggoner and/or A. T. Jones. I find the repeated use of the present perfect tense significant, along with the absence of the past perfect, and also the present tense at times, instead of the past--see the bracketed notes at the end of the quotes. (I am not saying she never used past perfect tense or past tense regarding historical events related to Waggoner and Jones; she did; but the following shows God's work through these men *was not all past*.)

**1890 February:** God has sent light, and do be careful how you treat it. {1888 565.2} [*note: does not say "had sent light" but "has sent light"*]

[no explicit mention of Jones or Waggoner, but highly significant--]  
1892 November 22: The truth we have set before us for the past few years, is immense in its importance, reaching into heaven and compassing eternity. Satan and his confederacy of evil have made every effort to cover up, to confuse minds, to make of none effect the precious, glorious truths of God's word. We are living in strangely solemn times, and at the very time when the people of God should be wide awake, many are asleep or dead spiritually. There is great need of much work being done. Every individual member of the church should look to the Captain for orders. {PH002 25.2} [*note: does not say "had set before us four years ago" but "have set before us for the past few years"*]

**1893:** The Lord has raised up Brother Jones and Brother Waggoner to proclaim a message to the world to prepare a people to stand in the day of God. {1888 1814.4} [*note: does not say "had raised up" but "has raised up"*]

**1893 January:** My brother [Kellogg], I am not pleased to have you feel as you do in regard to Brethren Waggoner, Jones, and Prescott. Had these men had the cooperation of our ministering brethren, and had they drawn in even cords, the work would be years in advance of what it is now. It is not pleasing to the Lord for you to retain the feelings you do in these matters.

You have a special branch of the work, which is your part of the vineyard to cultivate according to your ability. And to these men the Lord has given their work. They have another part of the vineyard to cultivate. They are not fitted to do your work, neither are you fitted to do their work. To every man is given his work according to his ability. They must work in their line, and you must work in your line. They are not required to do your work; you are not required to do their work. {1888 1147.2} [*note: does not say "the Lord had given" but "the Lord has given"; does not say "should have worked" but "must work"*]

We have every evidence that the Lord is using Elder Jones, Elder Waggoner, and Professor Prescott; and with this evidence before us, it pains my heart that any of my brothers in the faith should feel impatient and bitter toward them, and refuse to draw in cords of love and unity with them. Strife must cease. We must have unity. These representative men must respect one another, and work in harmony. You have a most responsible position, and the Lord will greatly bless you if you walk in humility before Him. But do not, my brother, expect every mind to be constituted like your own. Do not expect that your brethren will see everything in the same light, and attach the same importance to some matters that you do, for you will certainly be disappointed. {1888 1156.2} [*note: does not say "was using" but "is using"; could we still be refusing "to draw in cords of love and unity with them"--the messengers of old, as well as our own fellow faulty brethren? (see below on cautions in how to relate to opposers who lack humility, confession, repentance, and conversion)*]

**1893 January 9:** But the course pursued in this case was the same as that taken at Minneapolis. Those who opposed Brethren Jones and Waggoner manifested no disposition to meet them like brethren, and with the Bible in hand consider prayerfully and in a Christlike spirit the points of difference. This is the only course that would meet the approval of God, and His rebuke was upon those who would not do this at Minneapolis. {1888 1122.1} [*note: would she also add to "at Minneapolis" the words "and since"?*]  
Yet this blind warfare is continued. Men of the same faith, in the same city, turn their weapons against each other. It is an astonishment to the heavenly universe. I feel deeply grieved, and if these things are a grief to me, how do they appear to Jesus, who suffered untold agony upon the cross to redeem men from the power of Satan and make them one in Christ? "All ye are brethren." What can lead brethren to present before the world opposite opinions without first coming together in love and comparing views to see if they cannot come into harmony? Will my brethren tell me what spirit is

moving them to action? {1888 1122.2} [*note: "blind warfare" ends in friendly fire*]

We know that Brother Jones has been giving the message for this time--meat in due season for the starving flock of God. Those who do not allow prejudice to bar the heart against the heaven-sent message, cannot but feel the spirit and force of the truth. Brother Jones has borne the message from church to church and from State to State; and light and freedom and the outpouring of the Spirit of God have attended the word, as events of a most startling nature in the fulfilment of prophecy show that the great crisis is rapidly approaching. {1888 1122.3} [*note: does not say "had been giving" but "has been giving"*]

Brother Jones seeks to arouse the professed people of God from their death-like slumber, to see the importance of giving the warning to the world. But he advances some ideas with which not all agree, and instantly Brother Gage is aroused; he harnesses for the battle, and before the congregation in the tabernacle he takes his position in opposition to Brother Jones. Was this in the order of God? Did the Spirit of the Lord go from Brother Jones and inspire Brother Gage to do this work? Suppose that Brother Jones's statement concerning the formation of the image was premature; did the case demand such demonstration? I answer No, no; not if God has ever spoken by me. {1888 1122.4} [*note: does not say "sought" but "seeks"*]

**1893 January 20:** You [van Horn] have not drank from the full cup presented to you that you could in every respect be giving the trumpet a certain sound. Elder Butler, Elder Smith, and yourself have been presented to me as standing in a similar position. While you have not openly opposed the work the Lord himself has been doing, you have held yourself aloof from the very ones with whom you should have been closely related. If you had been walking in the light, you would have drank of the cup full of the wine of truth that has been held to your lips; but no, you have but in a partial way been in harmony with the work that brethren Jones and Waggoner have under God been doing to bring up the church to understand their true state and come to the supper prepared for them. The richest blessings from heaven have been proffered, but as represented in the parable, many have clung to their old citizen's dress, not accepting the dress prepared for them by the Lord Jesus Christ. {1888 1136.3} [*note: does not say "had under God been doing" but "have under God been doing"; do we still hold ourselves "aloof from the very ones with whom" we should be closely related--both the messengers of old, as well as our own fellow faulty brethren?*]

**1895 May 1:** My brother [Lindsay], why do you cherish such bitterness against Elder A.T. Jones and Elder Waggoner? It is for the same reason Cain hated Abel. Cain refused to heed the instruction of God, and because Abel sought God, and followed His will, Cain killed him. God has given Brother Jones and Brother Waggoner a message for the people. You do not believe that God has upheld them, but He has given them precious light, and their message has fed the people of God. When you reject the message borne by these men, you reject Christ, the Giver of the message. Why will you encourage the attributes of Satan? Why will you and Brother Henry despise God's delegated ministers, and seek to justify yourselves? Your work stands revealed in the sight of God. "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?" {1888 1353.3} [*note: does not say "had given" but "has given"*]

**1895 June 6:** An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth, lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis against the Lord's message through Brethren Waggoner and Jones. By exciting that opposition, Satan succeeded in shutting away from our people, in a great measure, the special power of the Holy Spirit that God longed to impart to them. The enemy prevented them from obtaining that efficiency which might have been theirs in carrying the truth to the world, as the apostles proclaimed it after the day of Pentecost. The light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory was resisted, and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from the world. {1888 1575.2} [*note: does not say "had been in a great degree kept away" but "has been..."*]

**1895 June 19:** When you [Olsen] are fully awake to these things, you will see and know that the reproof of God has for years been upon these responsible men, yet they have not humbled their hearts neither have they been converted, nor have they confessed where they have resisted the messages God has been giving his people. They have shown contempt for both the messenger and the message, from the time Eld. Jones and Waggoner were given a special work to do for these last days. Have you heard any confession from the lips of A.R. Henry? Have you heard any acknowledgement of his wrong course in resisting light and the messages God sends? Capt. Eldridge and Frank Belden have both confessed their wrongs. D. T. Jones, when separated from the influence of these men, who have resisted the light, confessed his wrong in resisting the Spirit of God, Have you any real evidence of repentance and conversion on the part of A.R. Henry, and yet you place upon him great responsibilities. {1888 1395.1} [*note: does not say "at the time Eld. Jones and Waggoner were given" but*

*"from the time..."; does not say "God sent" but "God sends"; here we find a caution against putting "great responsibilities" upon opposers who still need deep conversion]*

**1895 September 25:** Those who, since the Minneapolis meeting, have had the privilege of listening to the words spoken by the messengers of God, Elder A.T. Jones, Prof. Prescott, Brn. E. J. Waggoner, O. A. Olsen, and many others, at the campmeetings and ministerial institutes, have had the invitation, Come, for all things are now ready. Come to the supper prepared for you." Light, heaven's light, has been shining. The trumpet has given a certain sound. Those who have made their various excuses for neglecting to respond to the call, have lost much. The light has been shining upon justification by faith and the imputed righteousness of Christ. Those who receive and act in the light given, will, in their teachings, give evidence that the message of Christ crucified, a risen Saviour ascended into the heavens to be our advocate, is the wisdom and power of God in the conversion of souls, bringing them back to their loyalty to Christ. These are our themes,--Christ crucified for our sins, Christ risen from the dead, Christ our intercessor before God; and closely connected with these is the office-work of the Holy Spirit, the representative of Christ, sent forth with divine power and gifts for men. {1888 1455.2} [*note: does not say "had had" but "has had", not "had been shining" but "has been shining"*]

**1901:** Your [Healey's] suppositions regarding the position and work of Elders A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner were incorrect. Your letters to Elder Butler, to warn him against something, were entirely misleading. He burned these letters, so that no one should learn the source of his light. These letters resulted in retarding the work of God for years, and brought severe and taxing labor upon me. {1888 1759.3} [*reference back to 1888; how many years are "years"? could they extend to our years?*]