Trust in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he will bring to pass in his due time and way (the best time and way) all the gracious promises of his Word—including the blessing of his kingdom and its inhabitants.

We see the various inequalities and wrongs of the present system of society more clearly than others, because we see them from the standpoint of the Lord’s Word; but we can see also that there is a power, greater than human, that can and will equalize matters, that would be undesirable: it would produce a condition far worse than the present. Far better the present social system than none; and far better, when the Lord’s system is established, that the power of the chains in the hands of men be more evident as judgment and moderation than that the Iver of power be suddenly transferred into the hands of the rash and inexperienced masses, or unwise in authority, and men who have been novices and experimenters upon all questions, social and financial. A thousand times better is a social system in the hands of education and experience, even though selfish, than no social system, or an experimental one in the hands of novices equally selfish, but not equally moderate. We much prefer them to stay as long as we can where we are than to change to any other arrangement that men can originate, or assist in any way to precipitate the trouble, which sooner or later must inevitably involve all nations and all individuals.

So, then, although we know that the revolution and anarchy and trouble are surely coming, let us, “brethren” of Christ, do nothing to promote or hasten it. Let our advice be to the contrary, to any of our friends who seek our counsel. Especially let us improve the opportunity for pointing out to them the true and only remedy for present distress—Christ’s kingdom and its order under the law of Love. And, to all who have ears to hear, preach Christ the Redeemer, soon, as the Great Physician, to be the Restorer of all who cheerfully obey him. Point him out as now our personal Saviour and Lord, and, when he comes, with the blessing which he gives and which he promises shall abide with us in every condition. Tell them that it is for this reason that “We will not fear even the beasts of the earth, which have not thanked me: but you shall be filled with the fruit of tillage; and the fishes of the sea, and all that swim in the seas, and the birds of the heavens; and the beasts which walk upon the earth; and all the trees of the field shall yield their fruit; and you shall be filled; and the mountains, [governments] be removed; and every mountain and hill shall be made plain; and the rivers [ruts, tumults, etc.] thereof.]

And if they become interested and willing, lead them to the Lamb of God and the streams of truth that make glad the true people of God,—and if they are converted to God, seal them in the forefront (mind, intellect) with the wonderful present truth with which God has caused us to be sealed.—Rev. 7:3.

Remember that now is the time to be active co-workers with God in doing this sealing work, and that the disturbing winds are being held back until the sealing work is done. Therefore, when the present disturbances pass away and another season of comparative calm follows, continue earnest and zealous in the sealing work, knowing that the time is short and that the night [the darker period—cometh when no man knoweth how].” We must labor while it is called day, and cannot hope for a more favorable opportunity than the present. “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life,” is the promise.

**CAN IT BE DELAYED UNTIL 1914?**

Seventeen years ago people said, concerning the time features presented in *Millennial Dawn*, they seem reasonable in many respects, but surely no such radical changes could occur between now and the close of 1914: if you had proved that they would come about in a century or two, it would seem much more probable.

We believe changes have since occurred, and what velocity is gained daily?

“The old is quickly passing and the new is coming in.”

Now, in view of recent labor troubles and threatened anarchy, our readers are writing to know if there may not be a mistake in the 1914 date. They say that they do not see how present conditions can hold out so long under the strain.

We see no reason for changing the figures—nor could we change them if we would. They are, we believe, God’s dates, not ours. But bear in mind that the end of 1914 is not the end of the beginning; it is the end of the first half of the government of the present system. We see no reason for changing our opinion expressed in the view presented in the Watch Tower of January 15, ’92. We advise that it be read again.

**TRACT No. 21—DO YOU KNOW?**

“ANGELS WHICH KEPT NOT THEIR FIRST ESTATE”

“The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they . . . . And they bore children to them, the same became nations.”—Gen. 6:1-2.

The Scriptures not only point us to the future age and call the spiritual government of Christ which shall then exist a “new heavens,” and earthly society and institutions under it a “new earth,” but the present spiritual things [under Satan, “the prince of this world”] and earthly institutions under it are termed “The present evil world,” dis- pensation or epoch. Moreover, we are informed that the present dominion of evil has not lasted forever, but that it was preceded by a still different dispensation or epoch spoken of as the spiritual that was before the flood, which also had a heavens or spiritual ruling power, and an earth, or condition of men subject to that spiritual dominion.

The three worlds mentioned by Peter (2 Pet. 3:6, 7, 13) designate these three great epochs of time, in each of which, God’s plan with reference to men has a distinct and separate outline, yet each is but a part of the one great plan which, when complete, will exhibit the divine purpose, though considered separately these parts would fail to show it in deep design.

Since that first “world” (“heavens and earth,” or that order of things,) passed away at the time of the flood, it follows that it must have been a different order from the present, and hence the prince of this present evil world was not the prince of that which preceded this—of the world or dispensation before the flood.

Several scriptures seem to throw light on God’s dealings during that first dispensation, and we think it a further and clearer insight into his plan and purpose as a whole. The thought suggested by these is, that the first world (the dispensation before the flood) was under the spiritual and special ministration of the angels; that these were man’s governors and overseers commissioned to communicate God’s will to rule over the fallen and degenerating race, which, because of sin, needed this government.

That angels were the rulers of that epoch is not only indicated by all references to that period, but may be reasonably inferred from the Apostle’s remark when contrasting the present dispensation with the past and the future. He endeavors to show both the righteousness and the undying character of the future rulehip of the world, saying, “The world to come,” and then adds, “and the angels.” No, it is put under the control of Jesus and his joint-hairs, and hence it shall not only be more righteous than the present rule of Satan, but it shall be more successful than was the previous rule by the angels.—See Heb. 2:5, 6.

In their own estate all the angels seemed to possess