

June 23, 1962

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Dear Elder Moffitt:

Thank you for your letter of April 2, 1962.

We are, of course, disappointed that the General Conference wish to terminate correspondence without the matters that have troubled us for twelve years being settled, and before a reasonable consideration has been communicated to us of the specific questions they asked us last year to submit to them.

After much thought and prayer, we cannot but feel that the Lord does not regard as unreasonable our desire to know the facts. For all these years we have earnestly prayed that somehow sometime the definite points that have never been considered would be dealt with clearly. We have asked Him far bread; and surely He will not mock us.

We have known of Baptist or Presbyterian ministers much less generous than the Lord. They show a typical response to queries submitted by a church member who has discovered the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists: there is an obvious evading of specific questions, and the expressed wish to terminate the interview.

If such should be the attitude of the brethren toward the clear and reasonable questions they asked us to submit, it would be wholly unworthy of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

We do appreciate very much your statement that "the Lord in His own good time and way will indicate if any further steps should be taken in the matter."

It seems to us that eventually this matter must be settled properly. There is a debit balance in the account one way or the other. If we have wronged the brethren, we should know the account rendered so we can settle properly. If they have wronged us, it seems we would be in the right to ask them please to withdraw their condemnation of us which they have communicated to the world field.

We have confidence in the ultimate vindication of right, and of the desire of the brethren to support the right. We recall with comfort the promise that it is in righteousness that the Lord will finish His work and cut it short. We pray for a righteous judgment to be clearly manifested, to the glory of His name.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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