

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING? 15

more than once startled the world by their predictions. December 31st, in the year A.D. 1000 was fixed upon as the end of all earthly things. Believers looked for the "end of the world," "the day of judgment," "the resurrection of the dead," and "the coming of the Lord." The whole world came to a standstill. Humanity held its breath—until the sunrise of the first day of a new century indicated that the machinery of the world was not to be disturbed.

I have but two questions to ask, First, Can He come? Second, Will He come?

Can He come? He can, if He still possesses His ascension body! What became of the body of Jesus, the aeroplane of His spirit? With that body He left us, and with that body He may return. He took His body. He left His blood. Should He return in bodily presence to the world, He would fulfil a most remarkable prophecy: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

But will He come? In strict confidence, He has never been far away. He has lingered so near the earth that He has been seen again and again. Scores of saints in all the Christian centuries have affirmed, "I have seen Him!" Stephen, in the hour of his martyrdom, exclaimed: "I see Jesus standing at the right hand of God." Charles G. Finney saw Him in his lonely New England law office at the vesper hour on a business day, and never forgot the glory of the vision. Oh, happy soul who can exclaim: "I have seen Him! I have seen Him!"

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May it not be that the unlocking of