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the world for some great universal movement? Oh, Christian, study the march of events!

“We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time;
In an age on ages telling;
To be living is sublime.”

Fools talk about “the end of the world!” In the divine economy every end is a beginning and every beginning an end. Ages end, but the earth stands sure. This old weather-beaten planet will last till God gets through with it. The heavens will not “depart as a scroll when it is rolled together” until the program of history is complete. A material universe which has occupied millions of years in its construction will not be blown up in a night. Every earthquake means that the planet is firmer and more compact. Ages may come to an end, empires fail and republics crumble, but this old sun-kissed, storm-tossed earth will stand till humanity has enacted the last event in the program of destiny.

The coming of the Kingdom will be gradual, but the coming of the King will be sudden. “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord, so cometh, as a thief in the night.” “As a snare shall that day come on all that dwell on the face of the whole earth.” That will be the world’s greatest surprise! When shall it be? Cromwell thought that Christ would come in his day. Luther, imagined, four hundred years ago, that one hundred years would finish human history, and usher in the King.

Students of prophecy have been prone to focalize on certain dates, and have