

## Statement by Dr. Bush Concerning the 1844 Date

“In taking a day as the prophetic term for a year, I believe you are sustained by the soundest exegesis, as well as fortified by the high names of [Joseph] Mede, Sir Isaac Newton, Bishop [Thomas] Newton, [William] Kirby, [James] Scott, [Alexander] Keith, and a host of others who have long since come to substantially your conclusions on this head. They all agree that the leading periods mentioned by Daniel and John, do actually expire about this age of the world, and it would be a strange logic that would convince you of heresy for holding in effect the same views which stand forth so prominent in the notices of these eminent divines.... Your results in this field of inquiry do not strike me so far out of the way as to affect any of the great interests of truth or duty.... Your error, as I apprehend, lies in another direction you’re your chronology.... You have entirely mistaken the nature of the events which are to occur when those periods have expired. This is the head and front of your expository offending.”

Dr. George Bush, Professor of Hebrew and Oriental Literature in the New York City University, in a letter addressed to William Miller and published in the *Advent Herald and Signs of the Times Reporter*, Boston, March 6 and 13, 1844; quoted in *The Great Controversy*, Appendix, p. 692