

Some Highlights of the Life of **Alonzo Trevier Jones** (1850-1923) (www.APLib.org)

See "A. T. Jones, Editor, Author, Preacher," *Lest We Forget*, Vol. 7, No. 4, pp. 8, 4-6; (also Vol. 8, No. 1)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>
1850/04	0	Born in Ohio
1870/11	20	Enlisted in the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Walla Walla, Washington Territory
1874/08/08	23	Baptized while in the U. S. Army, after hearing I. D. Van Horn's evangelistic meetings; had already been studying history
1875/11/02	25	Discharged from Army with rank of sergeant; began working with Van Horn as a tentmaster, helping him raise up churches
1877/04/15	27	Married Van Horn's sister-in-law, Frances E. Patton
1877/10	27	North Pacific Conference was formed; Jones elected treasurer
1878	28	Was ordained in Oregon along with I. D. Van Horn and W. L Raymond
1880	30	Became secretary of the new Upper Columbia Conference
1883	33	First daughter, Laneta, was born (retarded; her care caused difficulties / tensions)
1885	35	Began working at Pacific Press at invitation of J. H. Waggoner, assistant editor of <i>Signs of the Times</i> ; began teaching Bible at Healdsburg College
1886	36	Became co-editor of <i>Signs</i> with E. J. Waggoner when J. H. went to Europe (shows first in May 13 issue, Vol. 12, No. 18), with Jones publishing some views of prophecy that varied with Uriah Smith's views
1887/02/18	37	Letter from EGW to him and EJW regarding danger of publishing differences
1887	37	Was active in opposing Sunday laws; became editor of <i>American Sentinel</i> with E. J. Waggoner (shows first in June issue, Vol. 2, No. 6); pastor of Healdsburg SDA Church; second daughter, Desi, born
1888	38	General Conference Session at Minneapolis; more meetings in Battle Creek

Eld. A. T. Jones has given his closing lecture on church and state, the principles which underlie such union, and their development in the Roman Empire, resulting in the setting up of the Papacy. {October 26, 1888 N/A, GCDB 24.7}

[Various resolutions:] That A. T. Jones, if the way opens to do so, visit Boston, Chicago and other points, where local conferences secure suitable places to reach the masses of the people, and present the subject of religious liberty. {October 31, 1888 N/A, GCDB 31.34}

That this conference appoint a delegation of three, of which Elder A. T. Jones shall be one, to appear before the senate committee on education and labor, at the next session of congress, and in the interests of religious liberty, to use every reasonable effort to secure the defeat of the Blair bill. {November 2, 1888 N/A, GCDB 37.17}

We have had the hardest and most incomprehensible tug of war we have ever had among our people. {1888 182.2}

We have had to work and pray and work even to have Brother Jones obtain a hearing in Battle Creek, and many of our leading men were provoked after they heard him talk to think that there were those in responsible positions who would close the door to light and to knowledge, keeping out just what they needed. {1888 189.3}

He has given these men [A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner] a work to do, and a message to bear which is present truth for this time. They knew that wherever this message comes its fruits are good. A vigor and a vital energy are brought into the church, and where the message is accepted, there hope and courage and faith beam in the countenances of all those who open their eyes to see, their understanding to perceive and their hearts to receive the great treasure of truth. {1888 228.1}

1889	39	Traveled with Ellen White to camp meetings (significant meetings at S. Lancaster, Massachusetts; Chicago); assisted with Ministerial Institutes (& 1890)
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[S. Lancaster meetings:] Eld. Jones came from Boston, and labored most earnestly for the people, speaking twice and sometimes three times a day. The flock of God were fed with soul-nourishing food. The very message the Lord has sent to the people of this time was presented in the discourses. Meetings were in progress from early morning till night, and the results were highly satisfactory. {1888 267.7}

[Chicago:] Elder A. T. Jones has labored faithfully to instruct those assembled, and in breaking to their souls the Bread of Life. We have felt sorry that not only every Seventh-day Adventist church but every church, whatever

their faith and doctrines, could not have the precious light of truth as it has been so clearly presented. I know it would have been a rich feast to very many souls not of our faith to see the plan of salvation so clearly and simply defined. {1888 280.2}

I think that Elder A. T. Jones should attend our large camp meetings, and give to our people and to outsiders as well the precious subject of faith and the righteousness of Christ. There is a flood of light in this subject, and if he goes to the canvassers' meetings only, how can the light come before the largest number? {1888 291.1}

1891	41	Published <i>The Two Republics, or Rome and the United States of America</i>
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[Many statements of EGW in 1892-1895 endorsing the message God gave him:] "message from God"; "fatal delusion" if reject it, even if he is "overthrown by the temptations of the enemy" {1888 1044.3}; "the message of God to the Laodicean church" {1888 1052.2}; "giving the message for this time" {1888 1122.3}; "a most precious message"; "the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure." {1888 1336.2}; "a message to the world to prepare a people to stand in the day of God" {1888 1814.4}

1893/04/09	43	Was counseled by Ellen White to avoid extremes views on faith and works
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In my dream you were presenting the subject of faith and the imputed righteousness of Christ by faith. You repeated several times that works amounted to nothing, that there were no conditions.... There are conditions.... I know your meaning, but you leave a wrong impression upon many minds. {1888 1165.1}

1894	44	Supported Anna Rice as "prophet" until rebuked by EGW; more confidence
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1897	47	Elected member of GC Committee (to 1901); appointed as editor of <i>Review and Herald</i> (through 1901) (RH10/5/97, p. 640)
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1898	48	Published <i>The Great Empires of Prophecy, from Babylon to the Fall of Rome</i>
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1901	51	Was president of California Conference (through 1904); published <i>Ecclesiastical Empire and The Great Nations of Today</i>
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1902	52	Declined to chair GC Committee; May 7 EGW letter of reproof to him
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Elder Jones, I am much pained by your incautious statements. You speak rashly. You are not sanctified by the truth you handle. Your spirit needs to be refined.... You are too self-confident, too sure that everything you say possesses a power which will obtain assent to it from those who hear. {11MR 209.3}

God does not want the ways and words of A. T. Jones to be woven into your discourses. {11MR 210.1}

1903	53	April: took EGW letter to JHK; against Ellen White's advice to Battle Creek at Kellogg's invitation to teach at AMMC; August: head of his college; published <i>The Place of the Bible in Education</i> ; wrote tract 21-page <i>One-Man Power</i>
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1904	54	Was president of the SDA Educational Society; defended JHK at Berrien Springs Meeting in May; published <i>The Empires of the Bible, From the Confusion of Tongues to the Babylonian Captivity</i>
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1905	55	Went to Washington, D. C., for religious liberty efforts, at EGW's counsel, but back to Battle Creek; credentials renewed at General Conference Session
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1906	56	March: talk on differences with church; apostatized according to Ellen White
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[June 26:] I have been permitted to view the case of Elder A. T. Jones. His bitterness is as gall, though he has been warned. At Washington, during the General Conference, I conversed with him for about three hours, but he would not receive my warnings. He seemed very self-confident, and when he spoke of his work at Battle Creek, his boastings were a surprise to many. All that I could say to him at Washington, seemed to make no impression on his mind. {PC 125.1}

1907/05	57	Asked to turn in his ministerial credentials
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1908	58	Was disfellowshipped from the Berkeley, California, SDA Church
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1909	59	A public hearing was conducted to review his case, but he was not reconciled
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1912	62	Joined Kalamazoo, Michigan, SDA reform movement, who gave him credentials
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1914	64	Was disfellowshipped from the reform movement
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1915	65	Joined the Peoples' Church in Washington, D. C.; founded and published <i>American Sentinel of Religious Liberty</i> (through 1923)
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1921	71	Returned to Battle Creek
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1923/05/12	73	Died after a stroke
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