

there is no error in the matter which comes first. Or it may make a great difference, In that case they are not arranged in a way that would give a wrong teaching, but in the way that would give a right one. I think that this whole concept is to my mind one of the most important things in our relation to the Bible. ~~It is a~~ and I think a great deal of unnecessary controversy and a great deal of misleading of Christian people is due to the assumption that they think the Bible is inspired; therefore on any particular question I can find the answer to that question in the Bible. You might say as to whether a person should wear glasses or not, what does the Bible say on that? Well, I don't think the Bible goes into that. I don't think it does. Will the ~~next~~ return of the Lord be on Wednesday or on Thursday? I don't think the Bible tells us. Of course, the Bible specifically states that we don't know the day ~~xxx~~ nor the hour when it is going to be. We are specifically told in that regard. When it came to the first coming of Christ there were many things about it which were very specifically told in the Scripture and there were other things that were definitely not told and they could have hunted it through with a fine toothed comb for centuries and they never would have found the answer to those things which were not revealed. I feel that way, for instance, about the question of the time of the rapture. Will the rapture be before or after the tribulation? The Scripture very clearly there is going to be a tribulation, and it very clearly that there is going to be a rapture. Anyone pre, post, or a-millennial must recognize that the Scripture teaches both of these things--both a ~~xxx~~ tribulation and a rapture are clearly taught. But what is the temporal relationship of the two? Does the rapture come after the tribulation or does it come before the tribulation? There is quite a bit of evidence to show that it looks as if the rapture comes before the tribulation. I know of no evidence whatever to show that the rapture comes after the tribulation. That is, the arguments I have heard to prove that the rapture comes after the tribulation has seemed to me to try to show that the evidence deduced to show that His coming before is not valid. If you prove that the evidence is not valid that He comes before, you are