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but whether you think that the rapture is something which might conceivably come today or tomorrow, or whether you think it is something that cannot come until after/certain other events come is a matter which may affect our present, immediate attitude, and a premillennial^{ist}, a postmillennial^{ist} or an amillennialist could hold either one of two attitudes regarding the rapture. They don't have to be tied up to their , and as far as/being related to dispensationalism is concerned, it seems to me that that is entirely an accidental matter, whether a man holds to a certain view on the dispensations and a certain view on the rapture, or not. There is no reason in the world why there should be a connection between them. The question on the rapture simply is, "What does the Scripture teach?" and, of course, it is very vital that we recognize that the Scripture may not teach the matter clearly. During the millennium will Christ stay on this earth through the entire millennium or does He go back and forth between heaven and earth? / Scripture does not state and therefore anyone is very foolish to say, "The Bible says this and I stand on it." The Bible doesn't say it. He may spend the whole thousand years here; He may spend part of it here and part of it in heaven, going back and forth. The Scripture doesn't say and we are very foolish to be dogmatic about it.

Now, regarding the rapture--does the Scripture say? The Scripture nowhere, I believe, says, "Here is the order of events, one, two, three, four. It comes in just exactly this order. This is the first step, this is the second, this is the third. It nowhere says that, and we try to infer whether it does or not and whether we can draw from it definitely, and when we come to making such an inference we are in a position in which we, of course, may make a mistake and may not. Our object in it may be simply to satisfy curiosity and God didn't write the Word to satisfy curiosity, but if the Lord has given us something with a practical bearing on our lives, that becomes vital and if anything seems to have been given for the possible purpose , then we have to take this attitude; either this has a practical bearing and has its meaning