

MEMORANDUM:::

401 Stimson Bldg..Novr.6th.37.. Miss Ida M.Tarbell..  
Los Angeles,California. Dear Miss Tarbell..

Very interesting to read your remarks:your exceptional judgment is valued over here. Los Angeles town is now a City of over a million inhabitants(and all sorts of EVILS that go with a big "CITY".) I have resided,because of the wonderfully fine CLIMATE here during the past 34 years. In 1898 I drove to Salina,Kansas to examine a 9000 acre ranch for petroleum:was invited to stay at Frank Rockefeller's Kansas ranch,at Belvedere,now owned by a fine Kansas cattle man named MILLAR,whose wife told me about Frank Rockefeller dying,WITH DELIRIUM TREMENS,in her arms,after his protracted drunken spree with a carload of his "political friends"(and numerous "painted ladies",from Ohio,who came in a special train for an "outing".

I never built the copper mfg.addition to the Cleveland Steel Works, that J.W.Britton asked me to build:I asked Britton,who owned 3-4ths of his Cleveland Steel Co.( John D.Rockefeller owning the other quarter)WHAT sort of a home was John D.,after his 40 years of association with him.

Mr.Britton wrote back to me,at Boston,where the letter now is stored;  
"WHATEVER YOU DO IN LIFE,HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH JOHN D.ROCKEFELLER.!!!"

John D.has gone to his JUDGMENT,anyway. And if we are not IN the midst of the "latter days" mentioned so much in Scripture,then WHAT are we living in just now,and ever since 1914?

With cordial regards I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas.R.Fletcher...



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