Back to this amazing letter to Author John Scruby....

> (5) By the way, the assumption made by you that the Irvingite woman who had the prophecy to the effect that the Rapture would precede the Tribulation was of the devil, seems to me to be gratuitous. It must in order to be allowable take for granted that the point at issue has been proven --at least that, perhaps more than that.
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> Having read the above I gasped, then wrote the brother as follows:
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> Your letter is unworthy of you. If I reply to it at all it may be publicly. It is the worst letter of its kind I have yet received, and it is a complete "give away" of the position I am combating. Thus it may prove useful to me.

Letters like this from highly placed Church Officials do not surprise me. I have seen several in my life time on this and other subjects which were...(Shall we say; protective of the organizational structure at all costs).

The letter shows the writer prefers "the line of least resistance." In this he is like the vast majority...A crown without a cross, a victory without a battle, a reward without a task.

The Post-Tribulation Rapture terrifies a great many people...To 'get the heaven out of here!' Is most comforting!!!

The mind-boggling statement---'Conceivably a man might be a heretic in that he taught the truth'....Is a shattering revelation of religion gone hay-wire! It is either a monumental ignorance of real spiritual value---or else, unwillingness to 'follow on to know the Lord.'

> *"IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION of those days...shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: ...and He shall send His angels with a GREAT SOUND OF A TRUMPET, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds...Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."* MATTHEW 24:29-41

Make the 'elect' of this Scripture to mean Christian believers and the 'trumpet' mentioned by Paul in 1 Cor. 15:52 & 1 Thess. 4:16 and the passage becomes absolutely fatal to the PRE-TRIBULATION-RAPTURISM, since it declares that the 'rapture' here referred to will occur... "immediately after the tribulation", NOT before it.

Rapture 'buffs' have for years pointed to this Scripture as a preview of the disappearance of the saints who will 'fly away' to glory!

> Dr. Paley said: "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all argument, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. This is contempt prior to examination."