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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we consider the chaotic world events taking place today and trying to find answers as to how they fit into the end time prophecies of Scripture, we must be so careful when it comes to the so called "conspiracy theories." For the believer we must make sure that what we are considering is based on the truth of Scripture and nothing else. God's Word does leave some mysteries which God intended not to reveal but we are to stand firm upon that which He has revealed. We may not understand the how, why and when of future events leading up to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ but we must hold fast to that which he did reveal and leave the unknown to God. All the facts we are to know are there. Many will deny the facts of Scripture and go after theories which are not based on the Word of God. The Apostle Paul reminded young Timothy of this in 2 Timothy 3:12-17: And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them; and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

We must take what God says in His word as absolute truth. Our evidence to prove something true is there. Yet we must stand firm on it by faith, consider all things in Scripture to be true. There are those believers who try to interpret things by listening to outside sources which contradict the Word of God. We find examples of what conspiracy theories can do in this following account.

During a wide-ranging talk among Pro Basketball Players, Carter, Bazemore, Curry and Curry's teammate Andre Iguodala, the topic of the sounds dinosaurs made was being discussed before Curry abruptly shifted gears, asking the others if they believed the United States had put a person on the moon. "We ever been to the moon?" he asked. The others, in unison, agreed that the answer was no. "They're going to come get us," Curry replied. "Sorry, I don't want to start conspiracies."

Finberg expressed some skepticism, asking Curry to clarify, and he said he did not believe the United States had landed on the moon, leading to a short discussion of some of the more popular conspiracy theories, including one asserting that the film director Stanley Kubrick had staged the entire thing.

In fact, NASA landed humans on the moon six times from 1969 to 1972, putting a total of 12 astronauts on the lunar surface. It was the only space agency to pull off a piloted mission to the moon, and, after a request from then President Trump, NASA has been working on plans for another piloted mission in the future.

"We'd love for Mr. Curry to tour the lunar lab at our Johnson Space Center in Houston, perhaps the next time the Warriors are in town to play the Rockets," said Allard Beutel, a NASA spokesman. "We have hundreds of pounds of moon rocks stored there, and the Apollo mission control. During his visit, he can see firsthand what we did 50 years ago, as well as what we're doing now to go back to the moon in the coming years, but this time to stay."

Dear Christian, do not fear the signs of the times. These things must come to pass as the Scriptures tell us. Do not give in to conspiracy theories that do not align with the truth of Scripture. Hold Fast to the Word!

In Our Savior's Love,

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