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### THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, CHAPTER 18B—AN AMERICAN REFORMER

1. What is the title of chapter 18 of *The Great Controversy*? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who was the man specially chosen by God to proclaim the second advent of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
An Upright, honest-hearted farmer, who had been led to doubt the divine authority of the Scriptures, yet who sincerely desired to know the truth, was the man specially chosen of God to lead out in the proclamation of Christ's second coming. Like many other reformers, William Miller had in early life battled with poverty and had thus learned the great lessons of energy and self-denial. {GC 317.1}
3. What did William Miller receive from the Baptist church in 1833? \_\_\_\_\_

**In 1833 Miller received a license to preach, from the Baptist Church, of which he was a member.** A large number of the ministers of his denomination also approved his work, and it was with their formal sanction that he continued his labors. He traveled and preached unceasingly, though his personal labors were confined principally to the New England and Middle States. {GC 332.1}

4. What was Miller's principal message? What prophecy seemed most clearly to reveal the time of the second coming of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

**The prophecy which seemed most clearly to reveal the time of the second advent was that of Daniel 8:14:** "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Following his rule of making Scripture its own interpreter, Miller learned that a day in symbolic prophecy represents a year (Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6); he saw that the period of 2300 prophetic days, or literal years, would extend far beyond the close of the Jewish dispensation, hence it could not refer to the sanctuary of that dispensation. {GC 324.3}

5. Note: In our previous study we analyzed the 2300 prophetic days of Daniel 8:14 and discovered that it ended in the autumn of 1844. This was the date for the beginning of the Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary.

6. On which day did the cleansing of the sanctuary occur in the Old Testament, which was a type of what began in heaven in the autumn of 1844? Leviticus 16:15-22,29,30 \_\_\_\_\_

7. Note: On the Day of Atonement there was a work of Investigative Judgment and Executive Judgment. See Leviticus 23:27-29.

8. What had to occur 10 literal days before the Day of Atonement in the Old Testament? Leviticus 23:24-27 \_\_\_\_\_

9. One day typifies one year in Bible prophecy. See Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6. Therefore, 10 years before the autumn of 1844, the Lord raised up His messengers to fulfill the Feast of Blowing of Trumpets to prepare the people for the antitypical Day of Atonement, the Investigative Judgment, the Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary. The Millerite Movement was the fulfillment of the antitypical Feast of blowing Trumpets.

10. Note: As the Millerites fulfilled the Blowing of Trumpets between 1833 to 1844, leading up to the opening of the Cleansing of Heavenly Sanctuary, we must continue the blowing of Trumpets to signal that the closing of the Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary is near. The Millerites proclaimed Revelation 14:7 for the opening of the Judgment, we must proclaim also Revelation 14:9-12 for the closing of the Investigative Judgment and the Cleansing of the Sanctuary. The event that signals the close of the Investigative Judgment is the Sunday Law crisis.

11a. Consider the following that shows that the Sunday Law is near and the closing of the Investigative Judgment.

11b. At the same time anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution--all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France. {Ed 228.2}

11c. King, clergy, and nobles were compelled to submit to the atrocities of an excited and maddened people. Their thirst for vengeance was only stimulated by the execution of the king; and those who had decreed his death soon followed him to the scaffold. A general slaughter of all suspected of hostility to the Revolution was determined. {GC 283.1}

Eager to redress the wrongs they had suffered, they determined to undertake the reconstruction of society. An outraged populace, whose minds were filled with bitter and long-treasured memories of wrong, resolved to revolutionize the state of misery that had grown unbearable and to avenge themselves upon those whom they regarded as the authors of their sufferings. The oppressed wrought out the lesson they had learned under tyranny and became the oppressors of those who had oppressed them. {GC 282.1}

11d. Steve Scalise Among 4 Shot at Baseball Field; Suspect Is Dead <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/14/us/steve-scalise-congress-shot-alexandria-virginia.html? r=0>

11e. Note: Congressman Scalise is the party whip for the Republicans in the House of Representatives

Party whip is the name given to an official of a political party whose task is to ensure party discipline in a legislature. Whips are the party's "enforcers", they invite their MPs to attend votings and to vote according to the official party policy.

11f. Even under the narrowest definition, there's been at least 1 mass shooting every month this year <http://www.cnn.com/2017/06/15/health/mass-shootings-in-2017-trnd/index.html>

11g. The Long List of Violent Threats from Anti-Trumpers <http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2017/june/a-nation-divided-violent-threats-escalate-from-anti-trumpers>

11h. NYC Play Appears to Depict Assassination of Trump <http://insider.foxnews.com/2017/06/11/donald-trump-julius-caesar-stabbed-death-women-minorities-shakespeare-central-park>

11i. Trump-like 'Julius Caesar' isn't the first time the play has killed a contemporary politician <http://money.cnn.com/2017/06/12/media/julius-caesar-public-theater-shakespeare/index.html>

11j. Where are all these things tending besides a revolution, for a solution?

11k. "Pope Francis: Read Robert Hugh Benson's Lord of the World to understand me" <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/the-times/pope-francis-read-robert-hugh-bensons-lord-of-the-world-to-understand-me/news-story/a39fd3ae3806b94d923b81b51c9ec19a>

"The book that highlights the dangerous potential of secularist ideology" "Moynihan also provides a link to Fr Robert Barron's blog about Benson's famous book. Barron writes that it is the story "of the cataclysmic struggle between a radically secularist society and the one credible alternative to it, namely the Catholic Church." Some people bridle at this claim, yet it is significant that innumerable converts cite it as the single most important reason for their conversion to the Church." "Essentially the novel imagines a socialist and humanist world where religion has been either suppressed or ignored." <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2014/01/03/the-book-that-highlights-the-dangerous-potential-of-secularist-ideology/>

12a. Trump speaks on Scalise shooting, calling for unity and working together for the common good... "We can all agree that we are blessed to be Americans, that our children deserve to grow up in a nation of safety and peace, and that we are strongest when we are unified, **and when we work together for the common good**," the president continued. <https://www.vox.com/2017/6/14/15801446/trump-statement-scalise-shooting>

12b. "Pope to Congress: Cooperate for 'the common good'" <http://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2015/09/24/pope-francis-congress-address-bash-dnt-lead.cnn>

12c. "Pope promotes human dignity and the common good in address to Congress" [http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/4193/pope\\_promotes\\_human\\_dignity\\_and\\_the\\_common\\_good\\_in\\_address\\_to\\_congress.aspx](http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/4193/pope_promotes_human_dignity_and_the_common_good_in_address_to_congress.aspx)

12d. Note: In almost every public speech, Pope Francis mention the phrase "common good." This he did frequently throughout his discourses, while in America.

12e. Note: The following confirms that the phrase, "common good" is a Roman Catholic teaching. Read carefully.

"Pope Francis and the common good" An interview with U.S. Sen. Bob Casey: He said the core of the pope's message could be summed up in five words: "**Cooperation for the Common Good.**" "**He has taken a Roman Catholic principle and made it an element of governing strategy.**" he said...Casey attributed Pope Francis' mass appeal to people of all faiths and no faith to his welcoming, joyful tone. <http://citizensvoice.com/news/pope-francis-and-the-common-good-1.1948537>

12f. Note: The Lord's messenger prophesied that this would take place.

**"Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the state."** {RH, June 15, 1897 par. 10}

12g. #169 International negotiations cannot make significant progress due to positions taken by countries which place **their national interests above the global common good.** [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

12h. **And for what purpose is this limitation sought to be put upon natural rights? A quotation from the recent hearing on the Sunday bills before the Massachusetts legislature will explain. A speaker in behalf of the [Sunday] bills said: "When we speak of natural rights it must be with limitations. Natural rights of the individual in the community are subordinate to the common good. Sabbath laws [Sunday Laws] have been proved to be for the common good."** {April 21, 1898 ATJ, AMS 243.7}

13a. By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, **under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution** as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near. {5T 451.1}

13b. "**The Constitution of the United States guarantees liberty of conscience. Nothing is dearer or more fundamental. Pope Pius IX, in his Encyclical Letter of August 15, 1854, said: 'The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience are a most pestilential error--a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state.'** The same pope, in his Encyclical Letter of December 8, 1864, **anathematized 'those who assert the liberty of conscience and of religious worship,' also 'all such as maintain that the church may not employ force.'** {GC 564.5}

13c. New Bill Proposes Constitutional Convention to Amend Constitution to Ban Gay Marriage All Together... A newly proposed bill in Arkansas calls for a constitutional convention in order to amend the United States Constitution so as to ban same-sex marriage all together across the country. The bill, which was introduced on Thursday by State Senator Jason Rapert (R), would serve as an application to Congress to call a convention “for the purpose of proposing an amendment prohibiting the United States Constitution or the Constitution or Laws of any state from defining or construing the definition of ‘marriage’ to mean anything other than the union of one man and one woman.” This week, Sen. Rapert also filed a bill asking for an additional constitutional convention to ban abortion in the U.S. The Senate is scheduled to have a hearing on the same sex marriage bill on February 7th. <http://lawnewz.com/uncategorized/new-bill-proposes-constitutional-convention-to-amend-constitution-to-ban-gay-marriage-all-together/>  
<http://katv.com/news/local/sen-rapert-files-bill-to-amend-us-constitution-defining-marriage-as-between-a-man-woman>

13d. South Dakota Article V debate goes national... An Article V convention would allow the states to offer proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution on balancing the budget and other issues dear to the hearts of conservatives. <http://kelo.com/news/articles/2017/feb/09/south-dakota-article-v-debate-goes-national/>

13e. He declared action on the resolution an “Emergency Item” for the legislature. “For decades now the federal government has grown out of control, it has increasingly abandoned the constitution; it has stiff-armed the states; and ignored its very own citizens,” said Abbott. “Now this isn’t a problem caused by just one president and it’s not a problem that can be solved by one president. It must be fixed by the people themselves.” Abbott continued to a standing ovation. “That is why we need a Convention of States – authorized in the constitution – to propose amendments to fix America.” Successfully assembling a Convention of States would require approval from 34 states. Over the past four decades, more than two dozen states have endorsed the idea at one time or another. <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2017/01/31/texas-governor-abbott-declares-convention-of-states-an-emergency-item/>

13f. “There’s nothing in the Constitution that provides for a limited purpose convention,” Super told IBT... And, Super argued, the Supreme Court has largely established that it rules within the confines of the Constitution, so a convention would be outside of its jurisdiction. “There is absolutely no referee,” Super said. This could open up the convention to a flood of special interest money. And there is no rule stating the convention would have to be open to the public. “We wouldn’t know if everybody with big money was working over the delegates... There are absolutely no rules at all.” But the one rule that is clear in the current Constitution, a rule which some warn could be rewritten at a convention, is that 38 states, or three-quarters of the states, would have to ratify whatever came out of the convention. <http://www.ibtimes.com/political-capital/koch-brothers-want-new-constitution-theyre-closer-you-think-2552039?ft=95p2z>

13g. The Wisconsin Assembly votes Wednesday on whether to call for a convention to change the U.S. Constitution. While that in itself is surprising — the American people have never exercised their legally enshrined right to convene a new Constitutional convention — what’s more surprising is that pro-business groups with ties to the Koch brothers have pushed for similar legislation in more than 30 states, and they’ve been remarkably successful: A dozen states have passed bills calling for a convention that would produce an altered Constitution that would likely limit federal spending and power... But beyond those very basic requirements, nobody knows what the rules for a convention would be, since one hasn’t occurred since the original in 1787. That single instance, Constitutional law experts warn, provides a harrowing precedent: Delegates tore up the Articles of Confederation they had convened to improve, and produced a whole new governing document. <http://www.ibtimes.com/political-capital/koch-brothers-want-new-constitution-theyre-closer-you-think-2552039?ft=95p2z>

13h. We printed in full in the July SENTINEL (1888) both the Sunday Bill, and the proposed constitutional amendment introduced by Senator Blair. We oppose them both because they are both antichristian, subversive of liberty, savoring of tyranny, and directly in the line of the establishment of a religious despotism. {November 1888 ATJ, AMS 87.3}

14a. Note: While the signs of the time show that Sunday Law is near and Jesus is about to close human probation, the leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are forming an ecumenical alliance with Jesuits, even David Little, who is Jesuit influenced.

14b. Why Should We Care About the Reformation? Adventist-sponsored event commemorates its importance for religious freedom... David Little, research fellow at Georgetown University’s Berkley Center, reminded attendees that for the first reformers, “religious uniformity was the foundation of public safety and prosperity.” Advocates of individual freedoms, however, such as Roger Williams, emphasized that freedom of conscience is the cornerstone of religious freedom. “He got it right,” said Little, “many years before [US Constitution signatories] Madison and Jefferson.” <http://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/story5171-why-should-we-care-about-the-reformation>

14c. David Little, a research fellow at Georgetown University’s Berkley Center, is a leading authority on the history of religious freedom, ethics and human rights, and religion and conflict resolution. <https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/people/david-little>

14d. Georgetown University’s Berkley Center is a jesuit run institution and David Little “is a leading authority” there. Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

14e. Obama Salutes Georgetown Leadership on University Charter Anniversary “A lot’s happened in Washington over two centuries and Hoyas have always been at the center of the action,” Obama said in his tribute. “Simply put, this country and this world benefit from your commitment to Jesuit principles, to being men and women for others. Here’s to the next 200 years. Happy Birthday and Hoya Saxa.” <https://www.georgetown.edu/news/georgetown-celebrates-200th-anniversary-of-charter.html>

15a. Note: The probable justification for the Seventh-day Adventists leaders to invite David Little to lecture them may be that the spoke on religious liberty. Would the same leaders invite Pope Francis to lecture Seventh-day Adventists? Pope Francis also speaks on the theme of religious freedom. However, what do Jesuits mean by religious freedom, is the real question.

15b. Francis: The right to religious freedom is fundamental <https://cruxnow.com/papal-visit/2015/09/26/francis-the-right-to-religious-freedom-is-fundamental/>

15c. Pope Francis: freedom of expression has limits <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/15/pope-francis-limits-to-freedom-of-expression>

15d. Pope Francis: religion should not be confined to 'personal conscience' [http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/04/18/pope\\_religion\\_should\\_not\\_be\\_confined\\_to\\_personal\\_conscience/1137800](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/04/18/pope_religion_should_not_be_confined_to_personal_conscience/1137800)

15e. **"The pacific tone of Rome in the United States does not imply a change of heart. She is tolerant where she is helpless. Says Bishop O'Connor: 'Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic world.' . . . The archbishop of St. Louis once said: 'Heresy and unbelief are crimes; and in Christian countries, as in Italy and Spain, for instance, where all the people are Catholics, and where the Catholic religion is an essential part of the law of the land, they are punished as other crimes.' . . . {GC 565.1}**

16. What were the Hebrews to do during the Feast of Blowing Trumpets? Leviticus 23:24,25; Read also Joel 2:15-17

17. What is the blowing of trumpets a type of? Isaiah 58:1 \_\_\_\_\_

18a. When trumpets were blown at Mount Sinai, what were the Hebrews to do? Exodus 19:13,16,17; Num.10:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_

18b. What is the message of the Midnight Cry? Matthew 25:6 \_\_\_\_\_

18c. "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps." Matthew 25:5-7. **In the summer of 1844, midway between the time when it had been first thought that the 2300 days would end, and the autumn of the same year, to which it was afterward found that they extended, the message was proclaimed in the very words of Scripture: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!" {GC 398.3}**

19a. What happened to a city when the Hebrews blew trumpets? Joshua 6:5,20 \_\_\_\_\_

19b. Our hopes now centered on the coming of the Lord in 1844. **This was also the time for the message of the second angel, who, flying through the midst of heaven, cried: "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city." That message was first proclaimed by the servants of God in the summer of 1844.** As a result, many left the fallen churches. In connection with this message the midnight cry [See Matthew 25:1-13.] was given: "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." In every part of the land, light was given concerning this message, and the cry aroused thousands. It went from city to city, from village to village, and into the remote country regions. It reached the learned and talented, as well as the obscure and humble. {1T 53.3}

20. What instructions and warnings were given to the watchmen? Ezekiel 33:3-6 \_\_\_\_\_

21. What significant event occurred on November 13, 1833 as a fulfillment of Bible prophecy? \_\_\_\_\_

**In 1833, two years after Miller began to present in public the evidences of Christ's soon coming, the last of the signs appeared which were promised by the Saviour as tokens of His second advent. Said Jesus: "The stars shall fall from heaven." Matthew 24:29. And John in the Revelation declared, as he beheld in vision the scenes that should herald the day of God: "The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." Revelation 6:13. This prophecy received a striking and impressive fulfillment in the great meteoric shower of November 13, 1833.** That was the most extensive and wonderful display of falling stars which has ever been recorded; "the whole firmament, over all the United States, being then, for hours, in fiery commotion! No celestial phenomenon has ever occurred in this country, since its first settlement, which was viewed with such intense admiration by one class in the community, or with so much dread and alarm by another." "Its sublimity and awful beauty still linger in many minds. . . . Never did rain fall much thicker than the meteors fell toward the earth; east, west, north, and south, it was the same. In a word, the whole heavens seemed in motion. . . . The display, as described in Professor Silliman's Journal, was seen all over North America. . . . {GC 333.1}

22. Read also Matthew 24:29 and Revelation 6:13.

23. What did Jesus say after the falling of the stars? Matthew 24:33 \_\_\_\_\_

24. Note: The word "doors" has three primary applications. Firstly, it represents the Second Coming of Jesus. Secondly, it represents Jesus is about to enter the door to the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary in the autumn of 1844. Thirdly, it represents Jesus knocking at our hearts door (Revelation 3:20).

25. What did John see in vision to happen after the great star shower on November 13, 1833? Revelation 6:13-17 \_\_\_\_\_

26. Why has there been a delay since the falling of the stars on November 13, 1833? Revelation 7:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

27. Note: The following statement affirms that there is to be another application for the falling of the stars.

**The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment, and death.** The contest is between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. **Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out in darkness.** Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat. All who assume the ornaments of the sanctuary, but are not clothed with Christ's righteousness, will appear in the shame of their own nakedness. {5T 81.1}

28. Note: Jesus is seen with seven stars in His hand. They represent His people. If we abide in Him, we shall never fall nor go out in darkness. Revelation 3:1; John 10:27-29