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GC19: LIGHT THROUGH DARKNESS.

**TODD LEONARD & GLENDALE SDA HOST GAY PRIDE PARTY.
PUC PRAISES LGBT. SCOTUS VS MISSOURI & TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH. KENTUCKY & BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
FIRST CARDINAL TO SCANDINAVIA TO KILL REFORMATION**

1. What is the title of chapter 19 of *The Great Controversy*? _____
2. Read the following scripture and write down your thoughts. Isaiah 60:1-3 _____
3. This gross will not only be found in the world, but unfortunately among the professed people of God, who should be the light of the world.
4. What condition were the Lord's professed people in during the first advent of Jesus? As it was during the first advent of Jesus, so it will be in these last days? Matthew 4:12-16; John 1:6-12 _____
5. Note: Darkness or apostasy is being manifested within the Seventh-day Adventist church through the LGBT movement. Consider the fact that Jesus is Light. He created one male and one female (Adam and Eve) in His image and to be in a relationship. Anything that is contrary to God's ideal is darkness and apostasy.

The Glendale City Seventh-day Adventist Church under Pastor Todd Leonard, of the Southern California Conference has devoted every Sabbath of the month of June to coincide with LGBT themes in their afternoon services Urban Liturgy, which culminated June 24 with a gay pride party on the church premises. This is what the monthly line-up looked like:

June 3: "Straight but Not Narrow: Being a Good Ally." Daneen Akers will talk about the ministry that straight people can provide by being an ally to the LGBTQ individuals in their lives.

June 10: "Sincere and Well-Meaning...but Unfaithful." Pastor Todd will look at some of the typical philosophies and bible texts that Christians use to do a tightrope balancing act where they try to be kind to LGBTQ people while still condemning their relationships in order to stay faithful to their interpretation of scripture. There is another approach.

June 17: "AIDS: What We Need to Know Now." Alex Dubov, professor of Christian Ethics at Loma Linda University and an internationally-recognized epidemiological ethicist, will talk about the progress and remaining challenges related to this disease.

June 24, 3:00p: "I AM: An LGBTQ Lexicon." Arlene Chow will facilitate a shared presentation and first-person discussion to help us better understand the meanings, and in a number of cases, put a face to, the evolving terminology we use to describe our identities and orientations.

June 24: 6:00p: PRIDE Party. City Church courtyard." <https://www.facebook.com/urbanliturgy/>

6. Just in case you had to do a double-take, let me assure you that this church did have its pride party. Please see the attached flyer here <http://glendalecitychurch.org/?event=urban-liturgy-june-24-300-p-m-multipurpose-room-pride-party-600-p-m>.

7. It was also on their event page on Facebook: which states, "If it's Gay Pride month, there should be a Gay Pride party! So Urban Liturgy is hosting one on Saturday night, June 25 beginning at 6:00 pm. Invite your friends--gay, straight, and everyone else...ALL ARE WELCOME--to come for great food, fun and music. We'll feature a number of live performers, including DJ Reeach providing a good groove all evening."

[https://www.facebook.com/events/1084062391655683/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A%2C%22source_newsfeed_story_type%22%3A%22regular%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22\[%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22newsfeed%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22feed_story%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra_data%5C%22%3A%5C%22%7D%5C%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D&source=3&source_newsfeed_story_type=regular&action_history=\[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22feed_story%22%2C%22extra_data%22%3A%5C%22%7D%5C%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D&has_source=1&pnref=story](https://www.facebook.com/events/1084062391655683/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A%2C%22source_newsfeed_story_type%22%3A%22regular%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22[%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22newsfeed%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22feed_story%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra_data%5C%22%3A%5C%22%7D%5C%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D&source=3&source_newsfeed_story_type=regular&action_history=[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22newsfeed%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22feed_story%22%2C%22extra_data%22%3A%5C%22%7D%5C%22%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D&has_source=1&pnref=story)

8. Adding to the parading of this lifestyle and reveling in open rebellion against God, this church danced to devilish music ate and drank, all on the church grounds, on the sacred hours of the Sabbath, as if to shake their fists in God's face daring Him to do something about it. This is reminiscent of the scene that took place at the base of Mount Sinai, when a golden calf was erected and individuals engaged in the most vile, base abominations in Exodus 32.

9. **When Aaron saw that the image he had graven pleased the people, he was proud of his workmanship. He built an altar before the idol, "made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play." They drank and feasted, and gave themselves up to mirth and dancing, which ended in the shameful orgies that marked the heathen worship of false gods. {TM 99.3}**

10. Where is the outcry? In attendance yet again was a distinguished elder of the Hollywood Seventh-day Adventist Church, Rhonda Dinwiddie, the first open SDA "transgender" elder, who had this to say via facebook,

"Went to the second Pride Party last night, again at the Glendale City SDA Church. Met old friends a made new friends. What a great time!" <https://www.facebook.com/rhonda.dinwiddie.90?fref=ts>

11. This post alone shows that this Pride party was not the first of its kind, at this very church. It can hardly be imagined that this took place even one time, but the fact that it happened again shows that the SDA Church denomination is either unaware that this took place, indifferent or completely complicit. It would have to be the latter considering that the “transgender” elder is still able to be a member and officer of the SDA church, and also the other pastors that have come out in full affirmation of the LGBT lifestyle, making their churches “safe places,” as well as the Palm Springs SDA Church hosting a men’s gay choir to sing at their church, not to mention a “married” lesbian was baptized in the Chico SDA Church, and the other churches that have screened pro-LGBT films such as Seventh-Gay Adventists” and “Enough Room at the Table” with not even a word of censure. What is sad, is that these pastors are being paid from the faithful tithes of the members to propagate LGBT philosophy while they destroy the teachings of the Bible and disgrace Seventh-day Adventism.

12. The following are the words from Pastor John McLarty, a Seventh-day Adventist Pastor in Seattle WA:

Streamed live on Mar 11, 2017—Sermon Synopsis ... Sometimes, the law needs to be bent to accommodate reality. Jesus and the apostles showed a similar flexibility (Mt. 5: 38-39, Mark 7:19, John 8, Acts 15:10). Laws, even ancient biblical laws that had been regarded as eternal, were not the last word. The holy ones—prophets, Messiah, apostles—adapted and bent laws as necessary to provide care. Human well-being was a higher virtue, a more trustworthy guide than even the plain reading of Scripture. The most reliable test of religious claims is the question: How does this impact people, especially those who are less privileged than I am? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBDqng3YMZg>

13. Note: The words “safe church” is code for a church that supports and affirm the LGBT lifestyle. These words are posted on the social media page of the transgender SDA elder of Hollywood SDA church. <https://www.facebook.com/rhonda.dinwiddie.90?fref=ts>

Church in The Netherlands Commits Itself to Being a Safe Place for LGBTI Individuals...“The Netherlands Union Conference has advised all churches in the Netherlands to ‘fully commit themselves to ensuring that LGBTI individuals feel safe in the church.’ In addition, NUC leadership says it would “strongly advise against any steps to revoke the membership of LGBTI people, given the unsafe environment this would create in churches.”

<http://spectrummagazine.org/article/netherlands-union-conference/2014/04/24/church-netherlands-commits-itself-being-safe-place-l>

14. First Café Church Opens In New York City...New congregation is attracting millennials, former members back to church. Upon entering the church, it becomes immediately apparent that this is not a conventional church. **MyGen church is Greater New York Conference’s first Seventh-day Adventist “café church.” Instead of pews, round tables fill the space and worship is led from a stage platform. The members come dressed formally or informally, the music is lively, the service is interactive, and Sabbath School happens over lunch following the worship service. According to the organizers, that is the goal.** Yeiri Robert, a member of the organizing committee of MyGen church, **saw the need for a safe, judgment-free space for young people to attend.** <http://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/story5206-first-cafe-church-opens-its-doors-in-new-york-city>

15. Note: The MyGen church is akin to the Emerging church movement, whose foundation is spiritualism.

“The emerging church is a faith movement that questions many of the beliefs of traditional Christianity, while radically redoing centuries-old worship practices... Although the movement has no official start date, several emerging churches were founded in the 1980s and early 1990s. **Solomon’s Porch, in Minneapolis, Minnesota,** is a good example; its founder is **Pastor Doug Paggitt. Instead of preaching from a pulpit, Pagitt sits on a stool** and engages the participants in dialogue. **Instead of rows of pews facing forward, Solomon’s Porch has sofas, arranged in a circle.** And instead of **organ music and 500 year-old hymns,** this church has **guitars and contemporary music.** http://www.inplainsite.org/html/the_emerging_church.html

The postmodern influence on the emerging church takes truths that have been accepted as Christian doctrine for centuries and turns them into a matter of opinion: **What is right for me is not necessarily right for you....Rather than emphasizing doctrine, many churches in the emerging church movement focus on relationships and story.** The size of the movement is unknown. It has spread through books, conferences, and the Internet.” **Source:** <http://christianity.about.com/od/Emerging-Church/a/JZ-Emerging-Church.htm>

16. Pacific Union Recorder Praises Bisexual Ex-‘Pastor’ **The fact that the Pacific Union Recorder refers to Johnston as a “former pastor” indicates that they are fully aware of her bisexual ‘coming out’ video in April, and subsequent resignation as ‘pastor.’** Three things: **By publishing this story on pages 24-25 of the June issue of the Pacific Union Recorder, after she came out as bisexual, they endorse what should be denounced.** That Arizona young women are being exposed to the teachings of a bisexual pastorette, should be a tremendous cause for concern from both Arizona parents and leaders. **Instead of an appropriate apology for exposing Adventist youth (mostly girls) to grievous moral error, they (PUC & Arizona) praise Alicia Johnston in the June Recorder.** The theme of the February 10-11 Arizona Young Women’s Experience Event is What is Love. While love is a wonderful attribute of God, there are many false kinds of love, including the kind that says **“This is who I am (bisexual), and that’s something I love about myself” -- Alicia Johnston.** According to the Bible, genuine love is revealed in honoring God’s Holy Law (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3). <http://www.fulcrum7.com/news/2017/6/29/pacific-union-recorder-praises-bisexual-ex-pastor>

17. Another note about Alicia Johnston, since her famous “coming out” she has gained much national attention, carrying her story to NBC and other influential media platforms, she has now become a contributor to the Huffington Post. Her first article entitled “All Christians Should Support And Affirm LGBT+ Sexuality And Gender” appeared June 20 where she details her experience in “losing her job as a minister,” her acknowledgment of being bi-sexual and her LGBT activism. **“Just eight weeks ago, when I came out as LGBT+ affirming and as bisexual, I lost my job as a minister. My painful exit from my pastoral ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the denomination that was the cradle of my faith and the bedrock of my life, began with a simple question: How can we stop causing harm to LGBT+ people?... As I prayed and opened myself to hearing God, I experienced pure joy. I smiled. I laughed. I realized two things: I am bisexual, and it is a beautiful gift.”** <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/all-christians-should-support-and-affirm-lgbt-sexuality-us-5949ddc6e4b0d799132a15c7>

18. Note: Alicia Johnson is being disingenuous with the following statement, **“Just eight weeks ago, when I came out as LGBT+ affirming and as bisexual, I lost my job as a minister.”** Consider the following, **“Adventist Pastor Alicia Johnston Comes Out as Bi, Announces Resignation”** <http://spectrummagazine.org/article/2017/04/22/adventist-pastor-alicia-johnston-comes-out-bi-announces-resignation>

19. Note: To call sin a “beautiful gift” is to ascribe sin to God, thus charging God with being the author of sin.

20. What message did Jesus begin to preach after His baptism and during a time when His professed people were in darkness? Matthew 4:12-17; Mark 1:9-11,14,15

21. Note: Let us begin to analyze chapter 19 of **The Great Controversy**, “Light Through Darkness.”

22. This chapter brings to view the disappointment that the disciples experienced when they saw Jesus being persecuted and hung upon the cross to die; it covers the disappointment that the Millerites, the advent believers, experienced on October 22, 1844, when they expected Jesus to return. Additionally, it unfolds the enlightenment that both groups received that explained their disappointment.

23. Note: Many people use the disappointment that the Millerites experienced on October 22, 1844 to reject the fact that the Millerite movement was led by God. A person who takes that position will also have to reject the ministry of the disciples.

24. What message did Jesus preach and send forth His disciples to also preach? What was the basis of that message? Mark 1:9-11,14, 15

Christ Himself had sent them forth with the message: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15. That message was based on the prophecy of Daniel 9. The sixty-nine weeks were declared by the angel to extend to "the Messiah the Prince," and with high hopes and joyful anticipations the disciples looked forward to the establishment of Messiah's kingdom at Jerusalem to rule over the whole earth. {GC 345.1}

25. Note: As Jesus dwelt upon and emphasized the 70 prophetic weeks during His earthly ministry, His messengers today must dwell frequently upon the 2300 prophetic days of Daniel 8:14, which entails also the 70 prophetic weeks.

There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "present truth" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause. {EW 63.1}

But such **subjects as the sanctuary, in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus,** are perfectly calculated to **explain the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future.** These, I have frequently seen, **were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell.** {EW 63.2}

26. What time was fulfilled? What had just been performed on Jesus? Mark 1:9-11,14,15; Daniel 9:24,25

27. Note: The words “Messiah and Christ” means the anointed one. Jesus was anointed at His baptism. See John 1:29-41; Acts 10:36-38.

28. When Jesus mentioned the words, “the kingdom of God is at hand” what did He mean?

As used in the Bible, the expression "kingdom of God" is employed to designate both **the kingdom of grace** and **the kingdom of glory.** [See Hebrews 4:15,16 and Matthew 25:31,32]. The throne of grace represents the kingdom of grace; for the existence of a throne implies the existence of a kingdom. **So the throne of glory represents the kingdom of glory...This kingdom is yet future. It is not to be set up until the second advent of Christ. The kingdom of grace was instituted immediately after the fall of man,** when a plan was devised for the redemption of the guilty race. It then existed in the purpose and by the promise of God; and through faith, men could become its subjects. **Yet it was not actually established until the death of Christ.** {GC 347.1}

29. Note: Therefore, in that one statement of Jesus, “the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” shows that Jesus was emphasizing two way marks of the 2300 prophetic days and the 70 prophetic days of Daniel 8:14 and Daniel 9:24-27, namely, A.D. 27 and A.D. 31.

30. When Jesus mentioned the words, “repent and believe the gospel” in Mark 1:15, what event was about to occur at the end of the 70 prophetic weeks? Daniel 9:24

31. Note: Jesus preached the events of A.D. 27, A.D. 31, and A.D. 34.

32. When the disciples heard the words, "the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand" what did they think Jesus was about to do?

They preached the message which Christ had committed to them, though they themselves misapprehended its meaning. While their announcement was founded on Daniel 9:25, they did not see, in the next verse of the same chapter, that Messiah was to be cut off. **From their very birth their hearts had been set upon the anticipated glory of an earthly empire, and this blinded their understanding alike to the specifications of the prophecy and to the words of Christ.** {GC 345.2}

33. What did the disciples think the following words of Jesus meant, "time is fulfilled and kingdom of God is at hand"? _____

34. What did the disciples think was about to happen to Jesus? Luke 19:28-38 _____

35. How did the disciples feel once Jesus died on the cross? Luke 24:19-21 _____

36. Read the following statement and write your thoughts. _____

The experience of the disciples who preached the "gospel of the kingdom" at the first advent of Christ, had its counterpart in the experience of those who proclaimed the message of His second advent. As the disciples went out preaching, "The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand," so Miller and his associates proclaimed that the longest and last prophetic period brought to view in the Bible was about to expire, that the judgment was at hand, and the everlasting kingdom was to be ushered in. The preaching of the disciples in regard to time was based on the seventy weeks of Daniel 9. The message given by Miller and his associates announced the termination of the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14, of which the seventy weeks form a part. The preaching of each was based upon the fulfillment of a different portion of the same great prophetic period. {GC 351.1}

37. Based on the above paragraph, what prophecy did the Millerites preach and emphasize? _____

38. What did the Millerites expect to occur on October 22, 1844? _____

39. What did the Millerites experience when Jesus did not return to the earth as a king? Revelation 10:6-10 _____

40. Why did the disciples and the Millerites expect the wrong event concerning Jesus, even though they preached the correct prophecy of Daniel 8:14 and Daniel 9:24-27 _____

Though the finite minds of men are inadequate to enter into the counsels of the Infinite One, or to understand fully the working out of His purposes, **yet often it is because of some error or neglect on their own part that they so dimly comprehend the messages of Heaven. Not infrequently the minds of the people, and even of God's servants, are so blinded by human opinions, the traditions and false teaching of men, that they are able only partially to grasp the great things which He has revealed in His word. Thus it was with the disciples of Christ, even when the Saviour was with them in person.** Their minds had become imbued with the popular conception of the Messiah as a temporal prince, who was to exalt Israel to the throne of the universal empire, and they could not understand the meaning of His words foretelling His sufferings and death. {GC 344.4}

Those who proclaimed this warning gave the right message at the right time. **But as the early disciples declared, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand," based on the prophecy of Daniel 9, while they failed to perceive that the death of the Messiah was foretold in the same scripture,** so Miller and his associates preached the message based on Daniel 8:14 and Revelation 14:7, and failed to see that there were still other messages brought to view in Revelation 14, which were also to be given before the advent of the Lord. As the disciples were mistaken in regard to the kingdom to be set up at the end of the seventy weeks, so Adventists were mistaken in regard to the event to take place at the expiration of the 2300 days. In both cases there was an acceptance of, or rather an adherence to, popular errors that blinded the mind to the truth. Both classes fulfilled the will of God in delivering the message which He desired to be given, and both, through their own misapprehension of their message, suffered disappointment. {GC 352.3}

41. What did the religious leaders demand of Jesus? Why did Jesus not correct the disciples during the last week of His earthly ministry when they were expecting Him to be crowned king? See Luke 19:39,40 _____

Answer: Jesus had made every effort to do just that for 3 1/2 years, ever since He began His public ministry. Jesus spoke numerous parables regarding the term, "The Kingdom of God is likened unto" in order to correct their errors. Read the following scriptures and discover specific instances where Jesus tried to teach them the truth regarding His crucifixion and not Him being crowned king. Read Matthew 16:13,21; Matthew 17:22,23; Matthew 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34; Luke 22:20-24.

42. Another reason why Jesus allowed both the disciples and the Millerites to continue to preach the events at the end of the prophetic periods, even though they had the correct calculations, was so that all eyes would be upon the movements of Jesus.

Never before in His earthly life had Jesus permitted such a demonstration. He clearly foresaw the result. It would bring Him to the cross. But it was His purpose thus publicly to present Himself as the Redeemer. He desired to call attention to the sacrifice that was to crown His mission to a fallen world. While the people were assembling at Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, He, the antitypical Lamb, by a voluntary act set Himself apart as an oblation. It would be needful for His church in all succeeding ages to make His death for the sins of the world a subject of deep thought and study. **Every fact connected with it should be verified beyond a doubt. It was necessary, then, that the eyes of all people should now be directed to Him; the events which preceded His great sacrifice must be such as to call attention to the sacrifice itself. After such a demonstration as that attending His entry into Jerusalem, all eyes would follow His rapid progress to the final scene.** {DA 571.2}

43. Another reason why Jesus allowed both the disciples and the Millerites to continue to preach the events at the end of the prophetic periods, even though they had the correct calculations, was to test the sincerity of the people in the movements.

44. How did the disappointed disciples respond and react to the message after their disappointment? Luke 24:10-12; Mark 16:10-14

45. Note: In a similar way and with similar words the majority of the Millerites acted after the great disappointment of October 22, 1844. The majority of those individuals never recovered their faith in Jesus. They comprised the group mentioned in Revelation 14:8.

46. Note: Jesus knew that after the disappointment and after His resurrection, He would return and give light to the disciples in order to dispel their darkness. See Luke 24:44-49.

47. Note: Jesus knew that after the great disappointment on October 22, 1844, He would send the Holy Spirit to give light to the few faithful Millerites to dispel their darkness and explain their disappointment. See Revelation 10:11.

48. Note: Jesus entered the final work of the plan of salvation on October 22, 1844 to begin the work of cleansing the sanctuary. He cannot close the work of the cleansing of the sanctuary, the work of investigative judgment, while the world is in darkness to this fact. Once Jesus closes this work, He says, "It is done." Revelation 16:17. Therefore, it is now that His messengers must carry the light of truth to the world, before Jesus stands and closes the work of salvation.

49. Which event signals the close of salvation and the seven last plagues, God's wrath, is about to be poured out upon unrepentant sinners? Revelation 14:9,10; Revelation 15:1

50. As we see that the Mark of the Beast crisis is nearing, we should be hastening the work of enlightening the world with the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 and the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12, before it is forever too late.

51. Supreme Court Rules States Cannot Refuse All Financial Aid to Churches... The U.S. Supreme Court reduced the wall of separation between church and state Monday in one of the most important rulings on religious rights in decades. <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/supreme-court-rules-states-cannot-refuse-all-financial-aid-churches-n776701>

52. Americans should have the right to support only the religious groups of their choosing. **As James Madison, the father of the Constitution and author of the Bill of Rights, once observed, compelling someone to pay even "three pence" to support another person's religion is too much. The court has thrown open a door that should have remained tightly shut.** Some have argued that the type of aid the Missouri church sought is akin to fire and police services. The comparison does not survive close scrutiny. A burning building presents a grave threat to all, and using a tax-funded fire department to extinguish it is common sense. Trinity Lutheran, by contrast, wanted to spruce up its facilities. **Instead of asking its members to foot the bill, it turned to the taxpayers....Lots of churches could use an upgrade. They might have old furnaces or sagging roofs. Are taxpayers now expected to fund these improvements as well? After all, the roof might collapse and harm someone. ...The Founders got it right: Forcing someone to "help" religion against his or her will is an affront to the right of conscience. Our churches will pay the consequences for this reckless decision to blow a huge hole in the wall between church and state.** <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/06/26/supreme-court-imposes-church-tax-editorials-debates/103214474/>

53. "Thomas Jefferson's Wall of Separation" <http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/controversy/politics-and-the-church/thomas-jefferson-s-wall-of-separation.html>

54. "Thomas Jefferson's Wall of Separation... Two hundred years ago this New Year's Day, Thomas Jefferson penned a letter to a Baptist association in Danbury, Connecticut in which he said the First Amendment built "a wall of separation between church and state." <https://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/9806/danbury.html>

55. The Government of the United States was established upon the principles of the total separation of the Government from any church or religion and specifically the Christian religion: and this for the express purpose of escaping any establishment of the Catholic Church or religion. Jefferson and Madison, and their fellow-workers for civil and religious liberty, declared that "To judge for ourselves and to engage in the exercise of religion agreeably to the dictates of our own conscience, is an inalienable right, which, upon the principles on which the gospel was first propagated, and the Reformation from popery carried on, can never be transferred to another." **They said that "it is impossible for the magistrate to adjudge the right of preference among the various sects that profess the Christian faith, without erecting a claim to infallibility, which would lead us back to the Church of Rome." They opposed all governmental favors to "the Christian religion," because, as they said, "Distant as it may be in its present form, from the Inquisition, it differs from it only in degree.** The one is the first step, the other is the last, in the career of intolerance." Thus spoke the heroes and patriots who established on this continent the separation of religion and the State as a governmental principle, and who made the Government of the United States with the principle declared in its Constitution. And they did it, as they repeatedly declared, that the people of the United States might not be led back to Rome, to popery, and to the Inquisition. {March 15, 1894 ATJ, AMS 81.6}

56. "Transcript: JFK's Speech on His Religion" "I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute, where no Catholic prelate would tell the president (should he be Catholic) how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote; where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference. ...I believe in an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish--where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the Pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source--where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials--and where religious liberty is so indivisible that an act against one church is treated as an act against all." <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16920600>

57. **Kentucky Gives Blessing to Bible Classes in Public Schools...** Now that Gov. Matt Bevin has signed the so-called "Bible Literacy Bill" into law, the ACLU and other watchdog groups say they are going to make sure the classes don't cross the constitutional line from teaching to preaching. <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/kentucky-gives-blessing-bible-classes-public-schools-n777721>

58. There is a subject which greatly troubles my mind. **While I do not see the justice nor right in enforcing by law the bringing the Bible to be read in the public schools:** yet there are some things which burden my mind in regard to our people making prominent their ideas on this point. These things I am sure will place us in a wrong light before the world. Cautions were given me on this point... **The book which the state and Christian world have forced upon the notice of the people to be read in the schools, shall it not speak, and shall not the words be interpreted just as they are read?** My brother, this objecting to the passing of a law to bring the Bible into the schools will work against us, those of our faith who are making so much of the Bible. A year ago there was something presented before me in reference to these things, and we shall have to use the Bible for our evidence to show the foundation of our faith. **We shall be exceedingly cautious in every particular lest we shut out a single ray of light from those who are in darkness.** I remember particularly this point 'That anything that should give the knowledge of God, and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent, should not be obstructed at all.' {1888 1164.1}

59. While it's probably too much to say that Pope Francis has an explicit "Swedish strategy," it's becoming increasingly clear that **Sweden has both a place in the Argentine pope's heart and a role to play in his vision** of a "Church of the Peripheries." In some ways, the plates had already been shifting in the direction of **Sweden as the lead actor for Catholicism in the Nordic countries** well before Francis came along....**This week, Pope Francis also will create Sweden's first Prince of the Church, in fact the first cardinal in all of Scandinavia - not just since the Reformation, but ever....Last year, Francis traveled to Sweden to join the World Lutheran Federation in commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, becoming the first pope to visit the country since St. John Paul II in 1989 - who was himself the first pope ever to make an official visit to Sweden...**Second, **Francis also knows that much of the Catholic growth in the region today is being driven by immigration....**Third, **Francis has made clear since the beginning of his papacy that ecumenism, meaning the press for greater Christian unity, is a towering priority...** <https://cruxnow.com/analysis/2017/06/26/pope-francis-gives-sweden-cardinal-whats-behind-scandinavian-push/>

60. Note: Since the Mark of the Beast crisis is near, the kingdom of God, the second coming of Jesus is near. We must adhere to and preach the remaining words of Jesus: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15

61. What was experience of Mary Magdalene that led to her receiving light in a time of darkness, while the disciples at that moment remained in darkness and despair? Mark 16:9; John 20:1-11,16 _____
