



GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT NEWS

HOPE INTO EVERY HOME

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30-second Spot: Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

I strongly believe that the Great Controversy Project is a God-sent initiative. This is what we need as a church.

I would like to encourage every one of us to be part of this project. It will be a great blessing, and that will hasten the coming of Jesus Christ.

[Paul Ratsara](#) | SID President

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New Gift Version Available



Pacific Press has produced a new gift version

of *The Great Controversy*, featuring a leather cover with gold cover lettering, gold page edging, and a reading string.

Interview with Heather-Dawn Small



What do you think of the book, The Great Controversy?

Reading this book many years ago was life changing for me. It's an end-time guide book for me and my family.

What do you think of the Great Controversy Project?

Truly this project has come at the right time. I believe it is part of God's plan to let the world know He's coming soon and to help us as Seventh-day Adventists to wake up and get ready.

How is your department participating in the project?

We are actively involved in this. We have announced it in our newsletter and asked all our division counterparts to share with us their plans for this project. We've been amazed at what many of them have shared. Some of our counterparts have made commitments to distribute a certain number of books division-wide, for the women to use the book in their small group meetings and to share the book with friends and co-workers, and for each woman to read or reread the book.

[Heather-Dawn Small](#) | Director, General Conference Women's Ministries

The Great Controversy in Modern English

The White Estate board has now approved the final manuscript for the new modern English version of *The Great Controversy*.

We praise the Lord for this, because this version is an excellent option for English speaking countries. We expect that it will especially appeal to teen and young adult audiences.

Those who want to have this version should contact the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

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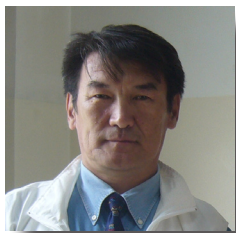
Make Sure Somebody Comes

Theology student Michael Lombart was working as a literature evangelist in San Jose, California when he met a woman who was a self-described "religion buff." She had recently been studying with a Jehovah's Witness, and seemed very interested in what Michael had. He showed her *The Great Controversy*, and after much discussion, she bought it!

As Michael wrote a receipt, she said, "I pray every night that God will show me what the true religion is." She then proceeded to ask if the Seventh-Day Adventist church offered Bible Studies, adding with a smile, "You better make sure that somebody comes!"

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Teaching from *The Great Controversy* in Mongolia



I graduated from the Border Military Academy of Moscow in 1984 under the communist government and was a vanguard officer. I proclaimed communist ideology to people for 20 years.

In 2005, when I was an unemployed, hopeless, aimless person walking down the street, I chanced upon a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Selenge Province, Mongolia. I thank God that He guided me to the church at that time. In 2008 I made my decision to change my life and get baptized. In the same year, God called me to be His missionary, and so I attended and graduated from the 1000 Missionary Movement training.

Since then, I've studied Russian translations of several books by Ellen White. The one that touched my heart

the most was *The Great Controversy*. It empowered my faith and helped me understand a lot of things.

From *The Great Controversy* I learned about righteous Christian people, including the Waldenses, who were true to God. They studied only the Bible and lived according to it, fought against the false doctrines of the day, and helped people understand that Jesus Christ was their Savior.

I now have a dream to be a shining light to people in the Catholic Church and convert them to the true church of God when the right time and opportunity comes.

I have prepared a series of lessons from the book *The Great Controversy* and I teach them in the churches in the cities and the countryside of Mongolia. Even as I teach my lessons to others, I learn from them myself.

Mend Zundui | Mongolia

Developing a Personal Relationship with God

As Kristian walked up to the door, his hands were shaky and his stomach was in knots. It was the first day of Youth Rush, the 10-week summer literature evangelism program in the Central California Conference.

"Hello?" A rough voice jolted Kristian as the door swung open and a man stepped out. Kristian eyed the man's tattoos, piercings, and leather jacket, and promptly gave him *The Great Controversy*. AJ Beltz, who was working with Kristian, opened the book and began to show the man the charts and chapters on Revelation. The man's rough demeanor dis-

solved as he excitedly told the two young men that he was a Christian himself.

"In fact," he said as he pulled out his wallet to give a donation, "I am teaching a Revelation class at my local church. I could really use this!"

Kristian said that it was experiences like this that "allowed me to develop a personal relationship with God...it made Christianity my religion—not my parents'. I can honestly say that I now know Jesus."

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Dedication Ceremony

Next Monday, October 10, the General Conference will launch the Great Controversy Project with a dedication ceremony immediately after its morning worship.

Please pray for this ceremony and all those who will participate in the project over the next two years by contributing financially or distributing books, but especially for those who will be receiving and responding to the books.

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A Thought from *The Great Controversy*

"Men have been unwearied in their efforts to obscure the plain, simple meaning of the Scriptures, and to make them contradict their own testimony; but like the ark upon the billow deep, the word of God outrides the storms that threaten it with destruction. As the mine has rich veins of gold and silver hidden beneath the surface, so that all must dig who would discover its precious stores, so the Holy Scriptures have treasures of truth that are revealed only to the earnest, humble, prayerful seeker" (p.69).

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