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Reading Guide for:
“Sinners Bound to Change Their Own Hearts”
by Charles Grandison Finney

CQ#: In what ways did American society experience a spiritual reawakening in the first half of the 1800s?

Instructions: Closely read “Sinners Bound to Change Their Own Hearts.” Highlight text as appropriate. Make marginal notations to locate relevant information for the following prompts. Provide thoughtful written responses to the following prompts.

Glossary:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crescendo —peak; high-point | <input type="checkbox"/> Minding of the Flesh —seeking to satisfy your physical desires |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preordained —predetermined | <input type="checkbox"/> Consummate —the height of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benevolence —goodness | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiffling —to play with; unimportant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impenitent —not sorry | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehement —intense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electioneer —work for; support | <input type="checkbox"/> Defer —put off |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jehovah —God | <input type="checkbox"/> Steadfastly --strongly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adam —the 1 st man who disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit | |

- (1) What is this source? Who is Charles Grandison Finney? What kind of source is this? (A letter, speech, journal entry?) Who is the audience?
- (2) What were the general ideas Finney expressed in his sermons?
- (3) How did the 2nd Great Awakening affect American Christianity?
- (4) What “change of heart” does Finney want people to make?
- (5) According to Finney, what are the 2 political parties into which the world is divided?
- (6) *What does Finney think of Calvinist ideas, i.e. predestination?*
- (7) *How does the fact Finney is preaching in a time of mass political democracy affect Finney’s language?*