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Finally, when the road was too narrow, the donkey went down flat. Balaam was about to kill his loyal friend, but God allowed the donkey to reason with him. Only *then* did God let Balaam see the angel. In spite of all of God's help, Balaam continued in determined disobedience and self-gratification. *Eventually* Balaam died with God's enemies. He did not **Turn** and *STAY* Turned.

THEY REALLY TURNED ...FORTY DAYS AFTER !

The 40 days of "Lent" before "Good Friday" and "Easter" is not in the Bible, but the 40 days *AFTER* the Resurrection sure is!!

Resurrection proof happened repeatedly during the 40 days *after* Christ's Resurrection. (Acts 1:1-5; 1 Cor.15:3-8). Jesus told His followers, again and again, that after His crucifixion-death and His resurrection, they must "wait for the Promise of the Father." He referred to the coming of God's Holy Spirit during the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Passover. "Christ *OUR* Passover" was "sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. 5:7) during the Jewish Passover.

The "fire of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:3; Luke 3:16) came on Christ's disciples, inwardly cleansing them from sin and filling them with Himself. They spoke in Jerusalem's festival-filled streets, at once! 3,000 came to Christ; set free on Day One! Like Moses (page 1), the 3,000 saw "a bush" on fire! Like Moses, the disciples were sent

"And they that be WISE shall SHINE as the BRIGHTNESS of the outstretched sky; and they that TURN many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." (Daniel 12:3) "He that wins souls is WISE." (Proverbs 11:30). "Arise, SHINE!" (Isaiah 60:1)

to announce freedom from slavery... *the slavery of sin...through Christ, alone!*

The powerful effect for good was enormous. *But later* in another city, people who didn't want their evil exposed said "These who have **turned the world upside down** have come here too!" (Acts 17:6). Christ's followers were, in fact, **turning** the world *right-side up!*

Our world needs a Pentecost like it has never seen or heard of, or even read about in books; a sin-cleansing tsunami of the glory and power of God! Lord, send it today!

IT IS TIME TO TURN!



"DON'T TURN OUT THE LIGHT!"



A man was lost in a vast forest in America and could not find his way out. People searched to find him, but with no success. In a last attempt as it was getting dark, a man took a bright light on a high elevated area and began shining it into the dense forest, slowly going one way and then another. He was apparently about to give up when he thought he heard something. Then he made out the faint voice of the lost man saying "Don't turn out the light!" That lost man found his way out because of the light! This is the world's greatest need today; *it always has been and will be: Jesus Christ, "The Light of the World!"*

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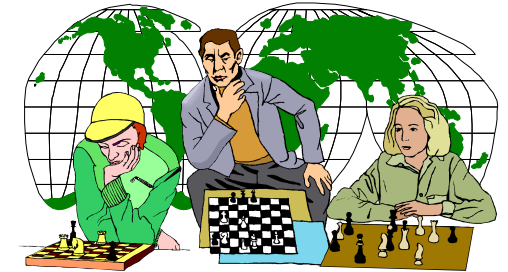
"Turn! Turn! Turn!" was a song made popular in 1965 by the The Byrds, a U.S. folk-rock band. The words of that song are almost entirely from the Bible and suggest there is a time for everything... well, *almost* everything.

"Turn! Turn! Turn!" called for world peace, saying "a time for peace ...it's not too late." Today's world is in a planned war of a far different kind. It is now "a time for peace," but *not* the kind the planners want. It is time to **Turn! Turn! Turn!**

God says to all of us today: "I have no pleasure in the death of the

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wicked, but that the wicked Turn from his way and live. Turn, Turn from your evil ways! For why should you die?" (Ezekiel 33:11).

TURNING LEADS TO FREEDOM



God got Moses' attention and Moses Turned! (Exodus 3:1-6). God tries to get *our* attention for He wants *us* to Turn, too.

Moses saw the bush on fire... *but that it didn't burn up!* Then, God called Moses to free the people (continued on next page)

The Message of Britain's 18th Century Evangelical Revival :

- 1) All people need to be saved. 2) All people can be saved.
- 3) All people can know they are saved. 4) All people can be saved "to the uttermost" (completely). As the old song, "Rock of Ages," says: "Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure."

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from slavery in Egypt. Jesus said that freedom from sin is the greatest freedom of all (John 8: 34-36), and such freedom starts when we **Turn**.



TURN... AND GO IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

I once drove miles and miles in the wrong direction; “captivated” with the girl that sat in the car with me. I had taken her to a restaurant and we were on our way home...I thought! I was on the motorway in the wrong direction! Occasionally, I saw signs that I had never seen before, and I said so. I think she knew! When I saw a sign for our State Capitol I knew that something was wrong! The Capitol is in the *south* of the state and we were in the *north*! I **turned** around!

Our world is going in the wrong direction. Do you see the signs? Moses **turned**. I **turned**. Have you **turned**... *from sin and to God*? *Society can turn if we turn!*

TURN AWAY FROM TURNING AWAY

Ninevah was the Capitol of the ancient Assyrian Empire. God sent Jonah the prophet there to tell them that “*in 40 days*” the city would be destroyed. God gives time to think and act, but His call to “*repent...or else*” is specific! (as in Rev. 2: 5)

Ninevah repented and **turned** to

God, and He spared them... but they apparently changed their mind later! They **Turned from their Turning** and were destroyed. We must **Turn to God and KEEP Turned!**

NO TURNING BACK!



One Sunday School song says “I have decided to follow Jesus, **No turning back! No turning back!**” Jesus said we shouldn’t even **Look Back**, much less **Turn Back**.

Yet, anyone that had walked with the Lord, but **Turned Back**, can **Turn Again** in the *right* direction! I know this by personal experience and I thank God for His mercy! “**No failure need be final!**” Even if you failed God repeatedly, **Turn** again *with all your heart!* He will receive you; then keep obeying Him! (Acts 5:32).

FROM DESOLATION TO RESTORATION... AND MORE... IF WE TURN!

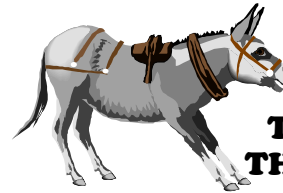
Today’s world chaos started *long before* the culture-revolution 1960s and perfectly illustrates “*the desolations of many generations,*” as in Isaiah 61:4. **But Wait! Isaiah 61:1-4 has good news!** Jesus used it for His first sermon! (Luke 4:18).

In **Isaiah 61:4** God says that those that **turn** to Him will rebuild the things destroyed over “*many generations.*” *That’s exciting news!*



BRITAIN TURNED, AND IT CAN TURN AGAIN!

Britain’s 18th century Evangelical Revival rebuilt “*the desolations of many generations.*” What a **Turn!** William Booth’s Salvation Army brought a *new Turn*. Brief Revival came to Britain in 1904 and 1949-51. Britain can **Turn** again to God, even more thoroughly than in all previous revivals and movements combined! “*...if the LORD would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?*” **YES!** (2 Kings 7:2, but see context in 2 Kings 6:8 - 7:30).



DON'T TURN! TURN! TURN! THAT DONKEY!

Balaam was a strange “prophet” in Moses’ day. Even back *then*... around **1450 B.C.**... and with very little spiritual “light,” God spoke to people...and He *still* speaks today!

Before Balaam...around **1921 B.C.**...God called to **Abraham** who had no Bible. (Gen. 12:1). Around **2450 B.C.**, **Noah** “*walked with God.*” (Gen. 6:9). With no Bible, Noah obeyed God and “*built an ark to the saving of his family.*” (Heb. 11:7). About **3300 B.C.**, **Enoch** “*walked with God...*” again, with no Bible. (Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11: 5).

Yes, we need the Bible! Try finding your way in a deep coal mine with no light! My pastor ran into the door edge, walking to the

toilet at night in his own bedroom! Psalm 119:130 says to God and to us, “*The entrance of Your words gives light.*” **Give me that light!**

God spoke to Abraham, Noah, Enoch and others without any written Word. Yet, God planned for His written Word, the Bible, to be “*a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway*” (Psalm 119: 105).

Jesus is called “*The Light of the World*” and “*The Word of God*”... “*The Word made flesh.*” (John 1:14). *That’s* more than an audio book! *Some* people like reading books; others like to try reading people. Do *both* by *gazing* at Christ and *grazing* in “the pasture field” of His Person and Word as one of His sheep. (John 10).

Balaam spoke for God...for a while! *Eventually*, he disobeyed God in order to receive promised riches from an enemy king. Satan doesn’t care *how* or *how long* it takes him to get you. To the very end, he will try to deceive, destroy and damn you. Keep your eyes on the Lord! Love and obey **HIM!**

God tried repeatedly to **Turn** Balaam from the direction he was going; even using his donkey to try getting his attention. (Numbers 22).

As an angel stood in the path to destroy Balaam, the donkey saw it and **Turned** into a field to save Balaam. Balaam **Turned** it back. When the pathway was too narrow to **Turn**, the donkey hit Balaam’s foot against the hillside, trying to get him to see the angel and stop.

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