

Turnings The Kingdom Of God And The Western World

A landmark work in the study of conversion. With the tools of scholarship and as a seasoned practitioner, Richard Peace explores the New Testament understanding of the turning points of conversion -- from the night of our captivities to the light of Christ, into the church and out to the neighbor in need. Our contemporary efforts in evangelism have much to learn from this full-orbed view of conversion. - Gabriel Fackre, on back cover.

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The Earth needs our attention—the best of our intellectual, ethical, and spiritual wisdom and action. In this collection, written in honor of Elizabeth A. Johnson, scholars from the United States and around the world contribute their insights on how theology today can and must turn to the world in new ways in light of contemporary science and our ecological crisis. The essays in this collection advance theological visions for the human task of healing our destructive relationship with the earth and envision hope for our planet's future. Contributors: Kevin Glauber Ahern Erin Lothes Biviano Lisa Sowle Cahill Colleen Mary Carpenter David Cloutier Kathy Coffey Carol J. Dempsey, OP Denis Edwards William French Ivone Gebara John F. Haught Mary Catherine Hilkert, OP Sallie McFague Eric Daryl Meyer Richard W. Miller Jürgen Moltmann Jeannette Rodriguez Michele Saracino

Christianity's demographics, vitality, and influence have tipped markedly toward the global South and East. Addressing this seismic shift, a noted Christian literary scholar recounts how her focus has shifted from American to African literature. Susan VanZanten began her career working on nineteenth-century American literature. A combination of personal circumstances, curricular demands, world events, and unfolding scholarship have led her to teach, research, and write about African literature and to advocate for a global approach to education and scholarship. This is the second book in the Turning South series, which offers reflections by eminent Christian scholars who have turned their attention and commitments beyond North America.

This readable survey on the history of missions tells the story of pivotal turning points in the expansion of Christianity, enabling readers to grasp the big picture of missional trends and critical developments. Alice Ott examines twelve key points in the growth of Christianity across the globe from the Jerusalem Council to Lausanne '74, an approach that draws on her many years of classroom teaching. Each chapter begins with a close-up view of a particularly compelling and paradigmatic episode in Christian history before panning out for a broader historical outlook. The book draws deeply on primary sources and covers some topics not addressed in similar volumes, such as the role of British abolitionism on mission to Africa and the relationship between imperialism and mission. It demonstrates that the expansion of

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Christianity was not just a Western-driven phenomenon; rather, the gospel spread worldwide through the efforts of both Western and non-Western missionaries and through the crucial ministry of indigenous lay Christians, evangelists, and preachers. This fascinating account of worldwide Christianity is suitable not only for the classroom but also for churches, workshops, and other seminars.

Is there meaning to life? Is history just random? Where does my life fit in? These are topical questions in any age, but particularly so in our postmodern era. Vaughan Roberts addresses these questions and others by examining what the Bible presents as the "turning points" in history, from creation to the end of time. This does not read like a normal history book. It does something far more important, to help you see history as God does, so that you might fit in with His plans for the world.

Turning towards the Lord presents an historical and theological argument for the traditional, common direction of liturgical prayer, known as "facing east," and is meant as a contribution to the contemporary debate about the Catholic liturgy. Lang, a member of the London Oratory, studies the direction of liturgical prayer from an historical, theological, and pastoral point of view. At a propitious moment, this book resumes a debate that, despite appearances to the contrary, has never really gone away, not even after the Second Vatican Council. Historical research has made the controversy less partisan, and among the faithful there is an increasing sense of the problems inherent in an arrangement that hardly shows the liturgy to be open to the things that are above and to the world to come. In this situation, Lang's delightfully objective and wholly unpolemical book is a valuable guide. Without claiming to offer major new insights, Lang carefully presents the results of recent research and provides the material necessary for making an informed judgment. It is from such historical evidence that the author elicits the theological answers that he proposes.

The book simplifies prayer and provides an understanding of the importance of prayer in the Kingdom God. God's plan is that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven through the church. This book encourages and teaches the believer how to pray. It examines how to enter into God's presence to get results, fight the good fight of faith and establish the kingdom of God wherever we find ourselves. The book concludes by considering the believer's weapon of war provided by scriptures to obtain victory and enter into the rest purposed by God. The fruit of many decades of study and teaching, 'The Kingdom of God' provides an impressive, systematic treatment of the doctrine of the Kingdom of God. It is a comprehensive review of this crucial symbol, as well as a careful analysis of its meaning, and a creative interpretation of the Kingdom motif for the church and Christians in our age. 'The Kingdom of God' begins by analyzing the background of this idea in Hebrew scripture and tradition, and in the preaching of Jesus. Fuellenbach explores how this elusive phrase presents a specific, comprehensive view of reality, and a goal for transforming the world. In Fuellenbach's reading, the Kingdom forms the core of Christian faith and the reference point of all theology, spirituality, and apostolic activity. Fuellenbach pays special attention to the relationships among Kingdom, Church, and World, arguing that with the Kingdom, Jesus proclaimed a vision that embraces God, humankind, and the whole of creation in the single most comprehensive vision of reality imaginable. 'The Kingdom of God' is balanced and nuanced in its scholarship, but also vigorous and courageous in taking positions sure to provoke debate. For example, Fuellenbach argues that the word Kingdom is to be preferred over the word Reign, despite critiques that find the word problematic in its patriarchal connotations. Designed for and tested in classrooms worldwide, The Kingdom of God will be particularly useful in both scripture and theology courses. It holds much food for thought for religious educators, pastoral workers, clergy, and others who wish for a clear, systematic understanding of Jesus' vision of the Kingdom now and to come.

In every person's life, there comes a moment in time when circumstances or events require decisions and responses that greatly determine

the future. This book has no design to be another volume on leadership techniques. Rather, it is a candid exploration of those unexpected turns birthed out of the experience of being confronted with a reversal of circumstances in the life of an individual. Frankly, it is a study about the drama of life. The intention of the author is to give a sincere and straightforward examination of why turnabouts often get high-jacked and fail to live up to people's expectations. Even more, individuals will find a plea for courage and faith when things do not occur as they once envisioned they would. Consequently, it is a clarion call for courage to go further than some would desire, but also a caution to impatient leaders to be watchful of their own intentions to push a change further than would be wise. In the end, some leaders must be willing to consider a more contemplative life built on valuing people above their own ideological mindset. Dr. Wallace R. Pratt is an administrator, minister, teacher, and writer. He lives in Salem, Oregon and has been married thirty-eight years to his wonderful wife Judy. They are blessed with two daughters, two great son-in-laws and five grandchildren. Dr. Pratt serves as a regional supervisor in the Northwest for his church organization, while also serving as an adjunct professor for Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. His leadership experience has included thirty-three years of pastoral ministry and approximately eighteen years of teaching in sixteen nations. He has been serving on the Doctrine and Polity Committee of his church organization for fourteen years and presently holds the position of chairman for this international body. "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11 How do we know God's plans for us? How do we know God leads and talks to us daily? How do we become more disciplined in our spiritual walk in order to better hear God's voice and guidance in our lives? There are no easy answers to these questions. However, when we are intentional in our times of prayer, Bible study, and reflection, the Holy Spirit opens our hearts to God's love, allowing us to see opportunities for further direction and growth. Discipleship--A Lifelong Spiritual Pilgrimage offers guidance and gives support to those already involved in this pilgrimage plus encouragement to those wanting to do more in developing good discipleship practices.

Scot McKnight's careful study of Jesus' relationship with his followers reveals that elements of all three contemporary models of conversion--the personal decision, the sociological, and the liturgical--are present within the Gospel accounts. But because the Gospel narratives themselves are insufficiently explicit to support only one contemporary model of conversion, McKnight suggests that an enhanced reading of the Gospels should engender an appreciation for each of the models in the church today.

How can YOU help bring hope to our nation? At a time when it seems that our nation is toppling over—morally, culturally, economically, and politically—you may be asking this question: Is there any hope for America? Dr. Tony Evans says YES. In *America: Turning a Nation to God*, Dr. Evans helps Christians understand that at the core, America's problems are spiritual. And, God and His rule are America's only hope. As His people, God is calling us to return to Him in humility and repentance, to submit to His rule and authority. Only as we commit to doing so, individually and collectively, will we realize that hope. We hold within the collective body of Christ not only the power but also the capacity to put our country back on the path of ascendancy. This straightforward teaching, when embraced by believers in our nation, will usher in the greatest revival in American history.

Based on linguistic and thematic links in the narrative, *The Turning Point in the Gospel of Mark* argues that the twin pericopae of Peter's confession (8:27-38) and the Transfiguration (9:2-13) together function as the turning point of the Gospel and serve in a Janus-like manner enabling the reader to see the author's main focus: the identity of Jesus and the significance of that reality for his disciples. Peter's confession of Jesus as Messiah faces backward toward the Prologue (1:1-13) and functions as a mid-course

conclusion. The declaration by God on the mountain faces forward and foreshadows the end-course conclusion (14:61-62; 15:39; Son of God). Jesus, in response, teaches that the Son of Man must suffer and die before being raised from the dead (8:31). Christologically, the images of Messiah, Son of Man, and Son of God converge and present Jesus, the crucified, as king, ushering in the kingdom of God in power (9:1 acting as the key swivel between the twin pericopae). When one is confronted with this Jesus, though there remains something elusive about him and the kingdom of God in the narrative, the only wise decision (after calculating the costs, 8:34-38) is to follow.

Talks of a disturbing discovery: the Kingdom belongs to the children; the poor possess the Kingdom; those working for righteousness inherit the Kingdom, and the rich have to try to enter, if they can.

In these nine sermons preachers will find brilliant use of story to illustrate the Lenten message. Beringer focuses on different journeys throughout the New Testament and examines the "turning points" recorded there. As is stated in the introduction, our Christian faith is a pilgrim faith. The author shows in modern parables how we are called by Christ to be a people on the move with him through time to eternity and the kingdom of God. He shows that we are travelers on the road of faith, never quite arriving at our destination, but always growing and being transformed by each encounter with the living God. Following each sermon is a set of discussion questions based on the preceding sermon and the scripture on which the sermon is based. These questions can be copied into the bulletin to help the congregation follow the sermon, used as small group discussion starters, distributed to worshipers as they leave church or be printed in weekly newsletters to reinforce the message given the previous Sunday. Robert Beringer, along with serving as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Metuchen, New Jersey, is a Visiting Lecturer in Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary. He holds degrees from Cornell and Princeton Universities. Previous books by Beringer include "The Easter People"; "Something's Coming, Something Great"; and "Batteries Not Included."

But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33) At a critical turning point in Sam Jordan's life, his natural desire was to have the material things referred to in the latter part of Matthew 6:33: (All these things shall be added unto you,) "things" being material goods. He believed in God's Word. But he also believed that to follow doctrine he would have to reject any hope of being successful in life and shun all forms of entertainment. This, he realized, was an oversimplification of what it meant to be a Christian. Jordan really didn't think he could be prosperous if he trusted God. As he read the entire verse, he experienced a revelation that changed his whole perspective. God created everything with a definitive purpose. If the thing created fulfilled the created purpose, it was God's promise to supply the necessary provisions. That is the core teaching of Matthew 6:33. Here you will find how Sam Jordan came to realize that God has made provisions for His followers that include protection, guidance, wisdom, and the revelation of many secret things.

In Turning to Christ, Thomas Fennell references the key Bible verses and teachings of the New Testament that will help the believer and the unbeliever turn his or her life to Christ. This book shows that the Son of God is the true path to forgiveness and happiness in life. Also included are the author's contemplations on the majesty of God's creation and the fulfillment of the Bible's

promises of the world to come.

Protestants are making phenomenal gains in Latin America. This is the first general account of the evangelical challenge to Catholic predominance, with special attention to the collision with liberation theology in Central America. David Stoll reinterprets the "invasion of the sects" as an evangelical awakening, part of a wider religious reformation which could redefine the basis of Latin American politics.

This manuscript, "The Turning Point -When a Pleaser of Man Becomes a Servant of the Lord," is a call for believers to stand up to core values and teachings of Christianity in the face of challenges and not to submit to the ways of the world. In the book, I address the current state of affairs, where people have submitted to the demands and expectations of others to shape the way they live. Most often, they have chosen a path away from the virtues taught by Jesus Christ, paralleling the struggles of men and women of our biblical times. I address some of the issues we face on a daily basis such as stress, premarital sex, and the various life roles we must play. In the latter part of the manuscript, I share personal testimonies about my life struggles imparted by the work of the devil, and how I found peace and joy through the salvation of Jesus Christ. In closing, I exhort everyone to check their own lives and live up to the ways of righteousness. Heavenly Navigation: No Turning Back is an interactive guide designed to strengthen your relationship with God. In the book, your personal relationship with God becomes your navigation system. This book was written to help you stay connected and follow God's directions. Our journeys will be filled with challenges, or roadblocks, but utilizing God's directions, gifts, his Word, and many other tools he has equipped us with, allows us to make it through our obstacles. The purpose of the book is to enlighten, strengthen and motivate people to realize that through our struggles come our successes. No matter how hard the journey may seem, there is a greater purpose for our lives and we must continue moving forward. For that reason, we must never turn back. We apply our Faith and allow Heavenly Navigation to lead the way.

In September 1862, General Robert E. Lee invades Maryland with the hope of obtaining diplomatic recognition of European nations for the Confederacy. The whirlwind of events that follows changes not only the destiny of the nation, but the destinies of two young people on a pilgrimage of self-discovery. Fifteen-year-old Meg Hamilton, orphaned after the deaths of her mother and grandfather is desperately unhappy living with an aunt and uncle who despise her. Meg's biological father, whom she has met only once, is a Virginian with Lee's invading army. Meg's miserable home life and complications involving the family of her oldest and dearest friend Daniel motivate her to search for her father, even though he may not acknowledge her existence. When Daniel discovers her plan, he is determined to help her despite a deep revulsion he feels towards "the enemy". Daniel and Meg learn that her father is with a regiment led by "Stonewall"

Jackson, and they begin a journey together to find his military unit. Their travels lead them not only to the father she never knew, but also to a relationship that becomes much more than a childhood friendship. The Turning Point will transport you back to a place and time when momentous historical events reshaped the future of a nation and the lives of those who were caught up in them.

If you would like to read many reasons for admiring and loving Jesus, then this is the book for you! If you admire and love Jesus but have difficulty identifying yourself as a Christian or have difficulty joining a church because of problems with this or that aspect of Christianity, then this is a book for you, too! Among other things, Love of Jesus points out that Jesus accepted and even encouraged doubters. Important as scholarship is, Love of Jesus is not a scholarly book. Rather, it reaches out to lay people, believers, and non-believers. It takes at face value a wide range of New Testament stories about Jesus and asks of them why we should admire and love the man who inspired them. Then, hoping it has inspired the reader to admire and love Jesus-or to admire and love him even more-Love of Jesus offers answers to the questions, "How should we follow him?" and "How should we relate to one another as Christians when we have different understandings of Christianity?"

If you are like most people, you want to achieve things during your time on earth. Like many of us, you may find your hopes to achieve your goals stifled by burdens, some of your own making and some not. Does this mean your hoped-for dreams of achievements are dashed? According to author Rev. Mary Mercys book, God Is Turning Your Miseries to Missiles: Your Tears into Joy, it absolutely does not. She shares her beliefs and faith to show how God uses what may seem like burdens to defeat the Enemy Satan. Regardless of your religious background, her stories will stir you to achieve and enjoy things you could not before. You will see God in a positive, helpful dimension. Mercy brings a deeper revelation of the two gardens, the garden of Eden and the garden of Gethsemane. Learn how the power of Christs faith built the golden crown. God Is Turning Your Miseries to Missiles: Your Tears into Joy helps you find and keep the strength of knowing that by faith, the Lord God Almighty is ready to enlarge your world and help you achieve your goals. Dont let your beliefs fight you out of this great revelation!

Suitable for individual or group use, this inductive Bible study, centered in the gospel of Matthew, looks at how the Kingdom of God formed the backbone of Jesus' teaching and ministry, and considers how it applies to the church today. 11 studies follow Matthew's account chapter by chapter starting with the genealogy of Jesus through to the fulfilment of the kingdom in heaven, looking at the Scripture record of Jesus ministry from birth, temptations, commission for ministry and teaching through the parables. Jesus's confrontations with the religious leaders and dynamic ministry with people demonstrating the kingdom are considered, as is the element of Jubilee raised in Jesus quoting Isaiah 61 in his commission (in Luke 4). Aspects of the fulfilment

of the kingdom, judgement and the coming of the new Jerusalem lead into consideration of what the church is today in relation to the Kingdom of God, here but not complete. Reflection questions at the end of each study help focus on contextual issues for the reader, challenging the reader to apply Kingdom of God values in response to topic studied. The book has space after each question for written answers if desired. The purpose of the study is to help understand how central the Kingdom of God is to understanding God's purposes in the world.

I and Thou is a summons calling us to dialogue today. Like the call Buber himself received, the book invites us to encounter the Other, our counterparts both human and eternal. Buber's spiritual awakening, his engagement with his people and his times, his wide reading, and his grief are contexts that open up this call to us to join with him in the fullness of a life of dialogue. If we follow Buber into his study, into the struggle of his inner life, into his achievement of dialogical existence--he opens up the wonders of I and Thou to us as his testament and his call to us to turn to dialogue, and he shows us the path to the fulfillment of that life. This book ushers us to that place.

Cardinal Ratzinger addresses the challenges and responsibilities that both the Church and society in Europe face after the collapse of Marxism. Both liberalism and Marxism have denied religion the right to have any influence on public affairs and the common future of humanity. Since there is also a great spiritual emptiness growing in the West with the increased secularization, consumerism and hedonism, Ratzinger's comments apply as much, if not more, to the United States as well. With the downfall of Marxism, religion has been discovered anew as an ineradicable force for both the individual and society. While there is renewed interest in religion, the dangers also exist to lay hold of religion as an instrument to serve various political ideas. Ratzinger, whose theological work has often dealt with the "reasons for our faith:" reflects upon the various problems facing humanity at this turning point of our history and offers genuine hope based upon a deep Christian faith. He also addressed the critical role that the Church has in relationship to the world and the essential task of bringing Christ back into our culture. "In the present situation it is an absolute obligation for the theologian and for the pastor of the Church to enter the disputation about the correct understanding of the present time, and to both clarify faith's own proper sphere and to do justice to the share of responsibility that lies on him at this hour.-Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

We live in a world full of challenges. The three graces can almost be seen as motors for Christian life in today's world, but the words faith, hope, and love have so many everyday uses that their technical, theological meanings are, for many, difficult to appreciate. Modern life also leaves many yearning for authenticity and meaning. Many religions have answered that need by calling to mind the image of a path. Always profound progressions, religious paths tend to be motivated either by practices (the act of walking the path) or focal points. Christianity has a focal point, an object, and it sees the three graces as distinctively content filled. The heart of this book is about helping people find the Christian path and their intellectual, emotional, and spiritual balance--an equilibrium that is sustained by a strong personal faith, an enduring hope for the future, and genuine love that will withstand the worst of times. It contributes to the category of Christian literature that provides a pattern for Christian living without

surrendering the intellect to the more popular side of this genre.

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