

Letter 486
TURNGPT 06
I'm Outta Here
(At Least For Now)
2016-06-25

Dear Dan,

Saturday, 25 June 2016, 10PM.

As I write this I am also preparing to undergo surgery on my lower spine in order to stabilize the two most lower vertebrae. The lowest vertebrae moves back and forth, pinching and irritating nerves to my legs. A year ago last summer my right big toe became paralyzed. That's when I knew I needed to take some remedial steps to prevent further injury.

The recovery time post-surgery, which is scheduled for Tuesday, 28 June, can be up to three months.

I have declared this time away from (G6) as TURNGPT 06, since it will be the longest time off I will have spent since my sciatic nerve L&I claim back in 2009, which gave me two months off of recovery time. See Letter 55, Volume 1.

But something else happened just a day ago that I am now also recovering from. Please allow me to explain.

Friday morning before I left work I let the AM Supervisor know that I would not be coming in to work that night, because I needed to stay off my feet. This was a true statement, since I always need a day to recover after a week of work before I do any chores around the house. I had learned earlier in the week that I needed to do some preparations in my home in order to accommodate my being temporarily disabled (more than I already am) due to post surgery healing, etc.

So I wanted to have an extra day to recover so I could get those things done. I slept until about 9PM Friday night, then made coffee and went into the family room to wake up with my wife and some TV. Usually anymore I turn to FOX News, then I check out Daystar, and TBN.

When I flipped to Daystar, Joyce Meyer was on. I wanted to watch the show so Holly and I could have some positive and encouraging words come into the house for a while. But as I watched, without really realizing it I began to intercede on behalf of Mrs. Meyer.

Now, I had become aware years earlier of some criticisms that have come toward her ministry from other Christian sources. But since then I had come to the personal conclusion that I would not take critical positions against anyone. Instead, I now refer anything that I might have a problem with to Jesus. He can fix anything, including me.

As I watched, I became aware of some conflict in the spirit, and then the muscles in my lower right back started to tense up. When I went to get out of my chair, which is fortunately an electric lift/recliner chair, I knew I was going to have a “pulled muscle” .

But this became the most painful pulled muscle I have had since I can remember. I spent all night slowly moving from my office chair to my bed and heating pad, and taking as much Vicodin as I could. And of course I asked a number of questions of my angel family. But I also knew that with as much pain as I was in any answer they might have given would not be understood very well by me. Clarification comes later as I research and write.

As of now, the pain has subsided by about 50%. I still can barely bend over, but I can move a little easier if I am careful. Fortunately I was able to use the back-brace that I received a month ago that my surgeon prescribed for me to wear post-surgery, That made it possible for me to sit at my desk and write the previous two letters.

But here’s something else, for which I am exceedingly grateful. The Holy Spirit has taken up the custom of joining us for Family TV/Dinner time. He takes up a position in the corner behind my bed, and in this state of His Localized Presence, I can reach back behind me and hold His hand, very much like I could hold the hand of Jesus documented in Letter 25 Volume 1.

This of course, is very comforting to me. He is after all, The Comforter.

P. S. Before I went to sleep this morning I called my friend Brian to ask for prayer. I know that helped.

Blessings...

R. C. Theophilus