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Greetings from Phoenix,

After tomorrow the United States will have another president in the transition of power to president elect Donald Trump. For whatever reason God has chosen Mr. Trump as the incoming president to give a new direction to the country and perhaps the world. God sets up our leaders and deposes them? (Dan 2:21)

He often sets up a new leader because he fits into His plan, to either speed up or slow down world events. God always does things on time-- His time!

All candidates have slogans of their campaign, and the primary political slogan of the Trump presidency has been, "*Make America Great Again.*"

What would it take to fulfill this goal? What has been the strength of America? Has it been our economic power and industrial might, or our military strength? If we could make the military stronger would that solve the problem of a diminishing United States on the world's stage? If we brought back all the jobs back which moved to other countries, would that make America great?

In reality these things will not make America great again even if every person in the United States was determined to work harder than ever to regain what has been lost over the last several decades. We could bring back all the jobs and rebuild and spends billions of dollars on the economy and military, but that would not make America great. What has America truly lost which has impacted how others view the nation?

Alexis de Tocqueville was a famous 19th century French statesman, historian and social philosopher who traveled to America in the 1830s to discover the reasons for the incredible success of this new nation. He wrote about it in his book, *Democracy in America*.

He wrote this interesting passage, *"I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors...; in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and in her matchless Constitution.*

*Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."*

The path to greatness cannot be achieve until there is a change of heart in the majority of people of the United States. The tide must be turned back from the declining morality which exists in the United States, and even is exported to the rest of the world.

Turning the tide back and changing the moral direction of this nation or any other is a tall order for any leader. Even so, if it is God's will it caould be done, and perhaps He will do it. Although it is highly unlikely that this could be done in the United States by any physical leader.

One thing that humanity has been shown throughout the last 6000 years is that we do not know how to rule ourselves. With every transition of leadership God is showing us in just one more way through one more earthly leader that we don't know the way, and we need the leadership of His Son, Jesus Christ to set the whole world on the path to true greatness.

Please have a wonderful Sabbath!

Kind regards,  
*Jim Tuck*