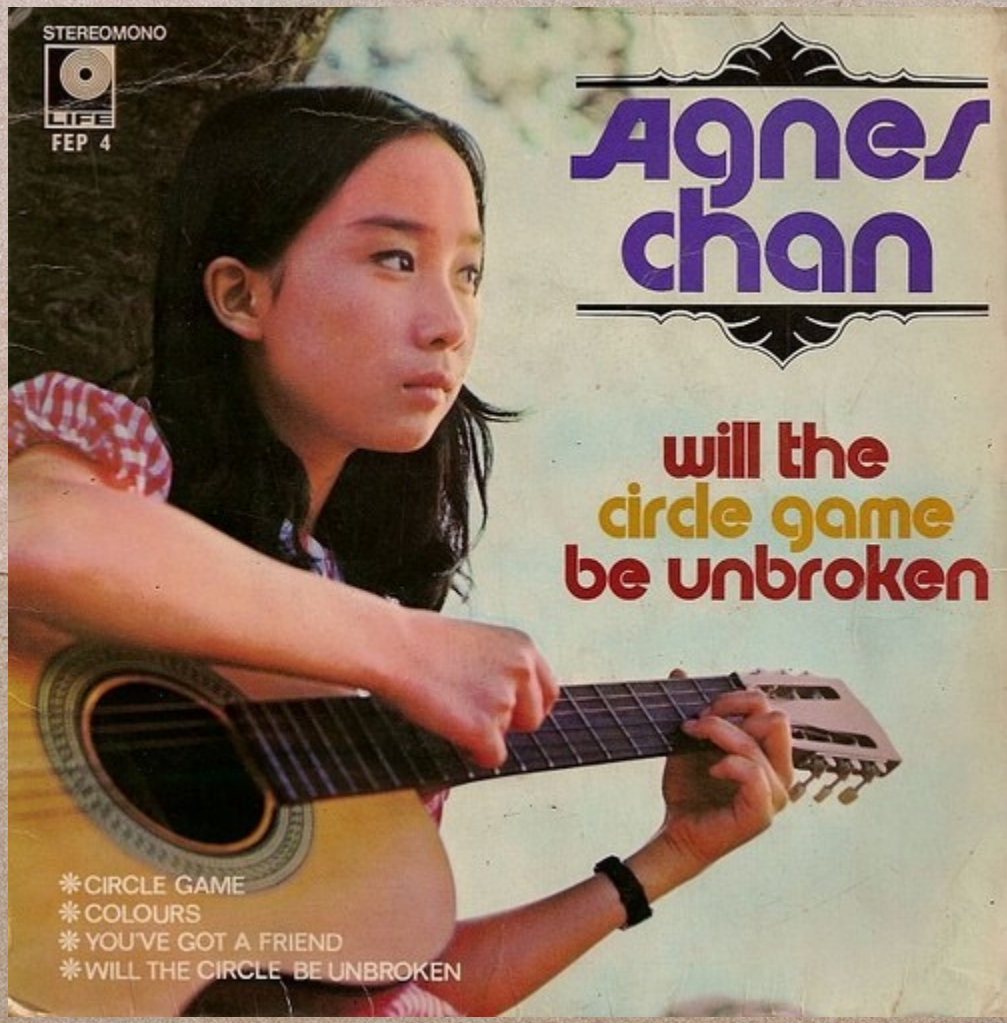


CHASING EVERYTHING BUT GOD

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- * CIRCLE GAME
- * COLOURS
- * YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND
- * WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

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And the seasons, they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return, we can only look
Behind, from where we came
And go round and round and round, in the circle game

Song by Joni Mitchell (1966)

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Ecclesiastes 1:1–2 (NIV)

The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

²“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

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BEYOND THE SUN

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Unchanging Nature

Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever (1:4).

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Nothing New

Is there anything of which one can say, "Look! This is something new"? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time (1:10).

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Limited Understanding

Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind (1:17).

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Enjoying various physical pleasures (2:1-3)

Accomplishing great and costly works (2:4-6)

Accumulating great possessions (2:7-10)

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Ecclesiastes 2:17 (NIV)

So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

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"This man had been living through all these experiences under the sun, concerned with nothing above the sun ... until there came a moment in which he had seen the whole of life. And there was something over the sun. It is only as a man takes account of that which is over the sun as well as that which is under the sun that things under the sun are seen in their true light"

- G. Campbell Morgan

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Life is tough, but it is the gift of God

A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? (2:24-25)

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**Life doesn't get easier
if you try to run away
from it**

I have seen all the things that are done
under the sun; all of them are meaningless,
a chasing after the wind (1:14).

Wisdom and experience will not solve every problem

I said to myself, "Look, I have increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem before me; I have experienced much of wisdom and knowledge." ¹⁷Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind.

¹⁸For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.