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Jim and Mary Fleming have gone to be at the bedside of Jim's ailing father, who is one of our devoted members. The following is a letter received from them.

Dear Family,

We want to get this down while it's still fresh. Although it hasn't been told directly, the feeling has been that we've had this experience in order to relay it to the rest of the Family.

Our attitude today is considerably different from the one we arrived with a week ago. We had the un-humble opinion that we were going to steam in here with the glory of God and the Kingdom of Heaven, and that everything would be summarily resolved. Dad (Homer) was -- and is - very sick. His spiritual attitude, mental alertness, and sense of humor are splendid -- but his body is dying and he knows it. To watch someone die of cancer is about as satanic an illness as one can think of. He had radiation in the glands of his neck, which put his salivary glands out of commission. An infection developed in his mouth and throat which he could not fight, and he developed an allergy to all antibiotics. The only thing that gives him any relief is to keep pouring water over his face and mouth. Only in the last few hours has he been able to swallow any appreciable amount of it. He has had no food for three weeks. His voice is a whisper, but his mind is still alert and active. When he is strong enough to talk, he Beeps us in stitches. He seldom complains about himself, and has expressed interest and concern for everyone.

There are four children - 2 boys and 2 girls - all from different parts of the country. We have been on 24-hour duty with him since we arrived. Our main function is to keep his mouth wet, which we do by constantly pouring water on him - asleep or awake. He lies in a perpetual pool of water. One of his comments to Jim and me was, "It takes a lot of water to wash away some people's sins."

The first 72 hours, we worked with Jim's younger sister, and found time to witness to her. She heard most of the message and seemed quite receptive. She expressed interest in taking the study course so she could understand better. We've also found a few opportunities to promote the spirit world among patients and families. The fear and hopelessness among some of these people is incredible. Don't know that we've converted anyone, but at least we've given them another viewpoint. We hope they'll remember it when they need to.

All of this is just background to our spiritual experiences. The following are the revelations we have received in the order in which they were given,

1.) The body has a mind of its own - the flesh mind - whose function is to regulate and control the body functions. God's original plan was that this flesh mind would be under the domination and control of the spirit mind. Healing and health, then, would be simple and accurate, since all information about disorders would come from the spirit world. The flesh mind is intended to be rather like a tenant farmer. As long as things go well with that part of creation in its charge, the landlord (spirit mind) does not interfere. Only when problems arise which can't be coped with by the tenant does the landlord step in with wisdom and love to create order. That which we call the struggle before death is the struggle of the spirit mind to gain control over the flesh mind. Since the fall, the flesh mind has been not properly guided. It is important that each individual regain this control. For some, this struggle will take place before 'death'. As soon as the rightful balance is attained, 'death' will be a matter of judgment and choice. Needless to say, Satan is an active participant in the struggle. But so is God.

2.) In order to truly love, you must be willing to suffer in another's place. To feel pity is not enough. If the spirit is willing, the flesh will not be weak. You must be willing to bear one another's burdens, for only by so doing will they be cast off.

Our constant attendance upon Homer, our compassion for his suffering, our willingness not to shirk an unpleasant task in order that he might be more comfortable - all these are not enough. We were getting pretty self-righteous there for awhile. Long hours of standing and nursing, little sleep, irregular and skimpy meals, fairly constant prayer - oh, we were real

representatives of God, all right! But we missed the most important aspect. All the while, the back of our heads were whispering, "I'm glad it's not me," Until we could be willing to suffer in his place, we were simply filling our days with good deeds. Until we could spiritual-ly crawl into his body and feel his constant thirst, the itching from the rash caused by allergy to the medicine from head to toe, the discomfort of bed sores, the weakness of malnutrition, and racking coughs, the dehydration and pain caused by inactive lymph glands -- only then could we appreciate the grief of God and the suffering of our Master. Only then would suffering be worth while,

This teaching, of course, applies to all situations. We no longer live to ourselves alone. We must be willing to step into another's shoes, to live with their body, to cope with their problems, before we can truly say we love.

The first pioneer in any new area must clear the path for those who follow. Homer Fleming is the first member of the Family to make the transition to the spirit world from this country. As such, he will be our advocate and mediator. He is being prepared by a host of high spirits for his task. Our work will be easier because of his trial, as his is easier because of the trials of our Master. In order to benefit by their suffering, we must be willing to trade places with them,

These are some scriptures which support this: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." (Matt. 11:29); "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of?" (Mark 10:38); "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34); "Bear ye one another's burdens." (Galatians 6:2); "Pray one for another that ye might be healed." (James 5:16).

3.) We must never forget that we are not the end and all in God's Kingdom! This may sound obvious, but Satan uses devious methods to gain control, and this is a sneaky one.

We felt it so important that we be there (with Dad) as much as possible to keep the vibrations high, to pray, and to assist in the transition. Pride and vanity! Evidently, it was important for us to learn the first two lessons so we could pass them along to you. Having finally gotten the message, I heard the words, "All right, we'll take over now." Even then we had trouble letting go. We thought of all kinds of reasons why the hospital nursing staff shouldn't be allowed to do what we were doing. More than this, we were reluctant to admit that there were spirits around with greater love and wisdom than ours to deal with Homer's training. God forgive us! When we finally gave up (to the spirit), we received the following: "You are concerned because he is alone. He is NOT alone! We can work more efficiently without your pull. This is the reason for the fluctuation in his condition. You have prayed for his release, but your constant presence keeps him tied here. Have no fear. He is doing well." To think that we could do better than God! Shades of Lucifer!

That's about all from Kansas. Homer sends his love and thanks to the Family, especially to Miss Kim.

We spoke to Bob and Vivian Oswald in St. Louis by telephone. They are on their second trip through the study course, although Vivian says she can't get out of the first chapter - "There's so much in it." They are also working with another couple, Gordon & Mary Weir in St. Louis. The Weirs began to take the correspondence course about a month ago, and study every available minute. In addition, the Oswalds and Weirs will be meeting at least once a week.

Jim has just read this over and said, "Much of this seems so obvious now." It has been difficult (What spiritual growth isn't?), but it is a little like climbing a mountain. You get a seal panorama from the top. Our hope is that our experiences, and that of Homer, will make it easier for the climbers who must work on the same mountain. Our love to you all - In His Name, Jim and Mary.

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News from Lawton, Oklahoma

Dear Family,

Philip Burley

How long will it be before the entire world will be singing "Joy to the world the Lord has come!" ? Each day as I continue in this work for Father, I pray so that it will not be long.

The past couple months have been very fulfilling. September found Peter Politzki leaving for Germany. Before leaving, we drove to Los Angeles and saw the family, and then Maggie Comptom returned to Oklahoma with me. Such a help she has been in many ways and I have learned many things from her. We had been continuing on as usual witnessing both to military and civilian. This past weekend Maggie went to Dallas where she is working with David Irick and David Flores.

The feeling both in Dallas, and Oklahoma is that things are about to burst at any moment.

Father has brought a new girl in here; Johnnie Dorsey who is now living in the center. Also Rudy Perez has accepted Principles and our Leader and wants so much to do God's Will. Robert Martin is also studying and is so desirous to come and to know all. Another boy, Bob, is studying and came to the house on his own in search of Truth. This has been a wonderful response and I ask your prayers for them all. I have such a feeling of urgency to go, g ~ go.

Doris Walder, Bud DeHaven and Marie Evans were here for a day and since that time it seems that all forces have poured forth from God. Even though I have been here teaching for about one year, and have not found but one, I feel so positive there are more here. Before Maggie came here she had a vision of a field of golden wheat.

My prayers are with you all and I miss all of you so much. To the great and glorious day of complete world restoration centered upon our Leader, I remain your brother in Him.

A Testimony from Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Family,

Mike Phillips

It seems strange to greet people whom I have never met before as members of my family. But this strangeness is eliminated when I realize we have the same Father, and the same Leader. Allow me to introduce myself, I am Michael L. Phillips, better known as Mike. I live in Lakewood, Ohio, and am almost twenty years of age. I am 6' 1-1/2", 160 pounds, blue eyes, light brown hair and a paleface. Now, that we have my physical features behind me, I would like to tell you about my frame of mind, my religious background, my vocational ambitions, how I was introduced to the Principles, and why I accepted the Principles.

At the present, I am employed at St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, a wonderful place to work even though it is a Catholic institution. The people are very friendly and nice to work with. Although I was raised as a Methodist, I led my life as an agnostic. Religion offered nothing for me, and the Bible was similar to Grimm's Fairy Tales. I did believe there was a God, and I did believe that there must be a life better than this - so I did believe in a hereafter. I did not believe in Hell, because I could not comprehend how God, if He was merciful and loving, would let His children burn in Hell for eternity. So, I guess you could say that I did not pay much attention to religion. Another thing I didn't like was that the church was not teaching about God, but was preaching about politics, the world crisis, and so on. The people who go to church seemed to me to be hypocritical because they came to church to be forgiven for their sins, and as soon as they left the church, they would go out and commit the same sins. Church also was becoming a fashion show. That should give some idea of my frame of mind prior to being introduced to the Principles.

I don't mean to break the continuity of this letter, but I must say a few words about my ambitions as far as a vocation is concerned. My goal in life was to become a cardiologist (heart surgeon), and in my small way alleviate some of man's suffering. I love people. The only change in this goal is that I want to spread the message contained in the Principles, and to teach God's message to those who have the desire and curiosity to learn His message.

If I, at times in this letter, do not make any sense, I hope you realize that Satan is really working on me, because he wants me to get out of the Principles. Now that I know the path our Father wants me to follow, believe me, I want to stay on it. It is too bad that Satan does not realize that the more he torments me, the more I hate him and love God more and more.

On a Thursday afternoon, I went up to the Cleveland Employment Bureau to be introduced to a new secretary, who sounded like an interesting date prospect. After conversing with the young lady for awhile, a short, bespectacled man introduced himself to me, and asked me how I felt about today's society. This was my first meeting with Leonard Edwards. I told him that today's society made me sick, and that started the ball rolling, so to speak. Upon accepting his dinner invitation, I met Pauline Phillips. They presented the first two chapters of the Principles to me, and I must say, I sat there amazed with my jaw to the floor. To be truthful, I had impulses to laugh at some parts of the lecture, but it made so much sense, I couldn't laugh. I had to learn more of this revelation. The Principles were put before me, they made sense, it's foundation was strong with logic, and I became a member of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity a week later upon my acceptance of the Principles. Pauline and Leonard refer to me as the first son of Ohio. I want you to know that you now have a strong trinity in Cleveland that will wake you proud as we fight the Father's war on evil in this very strong satanic city. How can we go wrong when we have the Father's message, His Son, and a wonderful family to back us up?

The thing that amazes me the most about people's reaction upon being introduced to the Principles is that we mortals put the Father too far above us. How can people say they believe in the Bible, which is Father's book, and yet put God so far above them. After all, if we are

the image of the Father (we were supposed to be, anyway) then He must not be too far out of reach, Besides being everywhere around us, and being part of us, He is our Father, which does not carry with it the connotation of being far away, and aloof. People are always trying to make our relationship with God and other facets of religion so complex, but in reality it is all so SIMPLE. The answers to most questions are oftentimes right under our noses, but we are ignorant human beings who look oh so hard for the Truth, which is so simple, although we make it seem to be to the contrary.

In summation, I would like to say that now that I know the Father's message, I am not going to let it go. Someday I hope to meet all my family throughout the world. We %rea small family here, but we make a big noise. I hope our Leader knows - that though we are small in number at the present - our love is wholehearted and big. May the Father bless us all, and give us the strength to fight Satan. I say this in the name of our Lord, Sun M. Moon. A humble soldier and child of the Father, Michael Phillips,

News from Germany

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Elke Klawiter

Our great and wonderful Father has blessed us greatly on Children's Day here in Germany. We celebrated three events at the same day. First, Children's Day, then the wedding of our dear mother, Mrs. Ahn, and lastly, our Church became legally registered as..... "Gesellschaft zur Vereinigung des Weltchristentums."

In our thoughts we were with each and everyone of our growing family and there was no separation at all between our True Parents and our real brothers and sisters. A circle of love is established around our universe which will never cease, but become stronger and stronger,

The spirit world rejoiced with us in giving thanks to our Beloved Parents on November 4th. In the morning we finished everything with the court for the Association. Then in the afternoon, we had our family meeting where Reiner and Eva heard for the first time our beloved Master's voice and his most difficult struggles which he suffered for us and all mankind.

In the evening, we had invited 9 people. We served them an oriental dinner, so they had to eat with chopsticks. It is quite unusual for German people to eat with nothing but chopsticks! After dinner we went downstairs and everyone started with testimonies and at last Peter told Mrs. Ahn's testimony. We had to be very careful since most of them did not yet know the conclusion. But it could only have worked out so wonderfully with the help and guidance of our Beloved Father. I am sure that we will need a larger house for next year's Children's Day!

Work is progressing wonderfully at present. I think the spirit world is really working hard to catch up for lost time. Right now we need more days in the week to get all the work done. It is great to be able to bring our Father's Words to so many new people. Let us work hard to bring everyone into our Father's Kingdom of Love and Happiness as soon as possible. Let this be our goal!

With love and determination to do His Will in our beloved Master's Name. Everybody sends their love to all. Elke.

A New Center!....New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Family,

Douglas Burns

Just a quick note to let you know my new address and give you a little bit of news. My new address is permanent: 3239 Coliseum Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Now that I have found an apartment, I have been dividing my time between job hunting and witnessing. Because of my job hunting, I have found that "drifters" (young fellows just wandering around) who are often in job application lines, are often receptive to the Principles. Yesterday and today I have been at the Louisiana International Student Conference sponsored by the Southern Baptists, I have met a number of interested people, but they all attend colleges in other cities, so following through will be difficult. (At this conference, I have yet to meet a student who lives in New Orleans!) In His Name, Doug.

A Testimony from Los Angeles, California

Marie Evans

One evening in July the spirit spoke to me to go downstairs to a Gospel Mission which is located in the same building where I live. Spirit told me I would meet someone important. When I entered the service, I was told to sit right behind Doris and Maggie. Spirit then told me to give Doris my name, address and telephone number. Spirit said Doris knew much more than they could teach her. As Doris and Maggie left the meeting, they handed me this address and telephone number and the next morning Doris came over to see me. This was the beginning

of how I came to fellowship with the folks in the Principle. Eight years ago when I was preaching in Chicago, God showed me a vision of Los Angeles and that I must go there, and I would meet a woman who would change my whole life.

When the folks from Los Angeles were preparing for their trip to San Francisco, they invited me to go with them and I accepted. (Children's Day Celebrations) While we were en route to S. F. the Lord gave me many visions. One vision was of the Leader, Mr. Sun M. Moon. He came toward Doris and I looking very pleased because we were making this trip. I felt the deep love of God among this group and it was very wonderful. On the way back from S. F., travelling toward L. A., we saw a rainbow and saw much beauty and experienced the presence of God and much joy. We arrived on Sunday in L.A. and the following day, Doris, Bud, and myself went on a trip through three states, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas-Oklahoma. We visited three centers and saw many visions and experienced many things. I saw the Leader a number of times and also Jesus. I saw the fire descend in our midst many times while in prayer. One evening we were in the prayer room in Oklahoma and Jesus came and stood in front of our Leader's picture, and when he left Michael and his host came and then later Jesus appeared again when Doris and Philip were sitting in the living room. As we entered Dallas, our Leader appeared again with a baby in his arms. One thing that impressed me so very much was the sincerity of these young people, and the zeal they have to work for God. I love these people, all of them. Yours in His Service, Marie Evans.

Report from Fresno, California

Dear Family,

Carl Rapkins

Greetings! I carried so much of the Children's Day week back with me that it still doesn't seem like I've been out of touch. The pictures in the last Newsletter were wonderful!

In witnessing my results have increased very much as far as initial inquiry and creating curiosity are concerned. I tell them of a "dynamic new philosophy which is sweeping South Korea".

Did anyone see the article on a study made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. where it tells how suicides have risen nearly 50% in the last decade among the 15-19 year old age group? The study is based upon the period from 1950-52 compared with 1960-62.

When I came back from San Francisco, I had a call from a lady asking my opinion of certain spiritual experiences her son had. According to her, he had a vision of Jesus and another man whose face was not clear. I tried to explain the great significance of this to her. In seeking an interpretation of this, she had tried to phone several ministers and our church was the only one she could reach! With love to all, In His Name, Carl.

News from Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Family,

Pauline Phillips

Satan is hitting us from all sides. This is good, meaning our Father can work also. The spirit world seems to be working with us, There seems to have been enough conditions made for God to act. We are so happy. Miss Kim used to tell us the day would come when we would be so busy there would be no time to sleep. We have almost been that busy here. Who needs sleep! Our prayer is that it will stay that way.

Mike Phillips is growing fast. He has really become one of us, and has started teaching, and is studying all of the time. He has put his doctor studying in the background and is going all out for the Divine Principles. He is only 19 years old, but very different from most 19 year olds. He went to school here in Lakewood and knows many of the teenagers in this area. Mike has 8 people coming for Saturday night and on Friday night we have six coming, who have been studying with us and are very good and growing. It seems like the heaven world is working with us so much. We wonder which way to go next. Oh, how wonderful it is to see this happen!

I had one of these people who reads faces read our Master's picture. You never heard such a reading as he gave our Leader. He did not know who our Leader is. He said, this man has layed down his life for mankind. His heart is so big he loves as no man can ever love. He is very, very strong. He said, I have never seen such a man. Who is he? Where is he? He said much more, all pointing to who our Leader is. I told him he was the greatest leader and teacher to ever live upon the earth, He said he believed it - he had never seen such strength in a face!

Boy, it has been a fight all the way to get our Father's Kingdom going here in this city. I soon will have been here one year. You really have to pour out your sweat, blood, and tears in a place before Father can work. By shedding your sweat, blood, tears over a city of people,

it really becomes a part of you and the Father, I lose Cleveland so much now.

Thanks so much for such a wonderful Newsletter this time. I cried when seeing the pictures of everyone. My heart just died of homesickness. Father's family is growing. We must fill the whole earth with Father's children! In our Master's Name I do write you, Pauline.

News from Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Family,

Sue Hubbard

Greetings! Many thank yous from all in Phoenix for the tremendous week-end in San Francisco (Children's Day)! How much we enjoyed the Newsletter with all the pictures of our brothers and sisters - what a treasure! (I'll be wearing out the exclamation point on this typewriter soon!) We're still reliving the weekend, we're still pouring over the Newsletter, and the new song books are being put to vigorous use!

So, we have settled down here in Phoenix to a whole new life, with Doug now in New Orleans; Jim has moved into the Center, and is growing rapidly, studying hard; and I am coming to realize how the wrinkle between Doug's brow got there. Pad is coming along real well.

I never realized, when talking about Doug moving on to start a new center, what a great challenge it would be. I have really had to grow up a lot, and I like it! Now that I have the responsibility for making decisions, the Principles take on whole new worlds of meaning, as I try to apply them to find solutions to problems and questions. And most wonderful of all, I am coming closer to Father, beginning to truly understand what all of this means, and finding deep gratitude and love in my heart for Him, for our Leader, for our brothers and sisters, and for all creation. My thanks go deeper than I can express.

Doug was truly a wonder the week before he left, pumping Jim and I full of all kinds of encouragement and sound advice, all the while he was making his own excited plans for the job ahead. He got us so enthused about New Orleans, that we forgot about missing him, and eagerly pray for results for Father in New Orleans!

We send deepest love and heartfelt prayers in His Name, Sue.

A First Year Testimony

Dearest Family

Leonard Edwards

It is my desire to attempt to convey a difference of feelings that I now have after my first wonderful year in our Father's family. It is my prayer that perhaps my story shall serve as some help to a new member who is being confronted by his or her first serious attacks by Satan.

I was first introduced to our Father one year ago this Past October. Prior to that date, I might add, I was a very anti-religious person. I believed in God, but really didn't care whether I was saved or not. I was raised both in a Catholic as well as Baptist atmosphere.

At age 23, on the 3rd day of October, 1963, I met Orah Schoon in Pershing Square, Los Angeles. Her very first words to me were, "Christ is now on the earth, he is in Korea." I must admit I was a bit startled by this statement. I agreed to attend a lecture on the Divine Principles the following Tuesday night.

Somehow Satan did not interrupt me from attending the first lecture. However, the second night, after work, I fell asleep and woke up too late to go. Thursday night I was to meet Doris and Orah again at the park, and Satan made a third attempt to hold me. Somehow, without realizing it, I overcame Satan and forced myself to go. That evening was one of the most enlightening evenings I have ever had.

At this time I began to seriously consider our Leader and the Divine Principle. So as God was helping me, Satan had to take his share. The very next day was payday and that evening I was robbed of all money except \$5.00 which I had unconsciously folded and put aside. This of course, left me with two weeks of fasting! The very next payday I moved in with Teddy Verheyen and began actively participating in the Kingdom.

From this point, my life has been one continuous change after the other. I cannot possibly relay all of the intricate details of my experiences. But I shall try to express generally the way that Satan tried to hinder my response and growth.

One of the first things that I was told was how Satan would hit me in my weakest spot. This I understood and accepted. At once, with Doris' help, began to try to protect that spot. I was more fortunate than some to realize my weakness, so this left me with no excuse. After approximately three months of preparation, it came. Just as expected, it was in the spot anticipated. However, I underestimated his diabolical and underhanded methods. His power was much stronger than I expected. After only one attack he rendered me helpless. Once Satan had me down he began to kick. Every time I tried to get up, he kicked again. However, I can honestly say that even in my weakest moments, I never lost my desire. Then almost like a miracle,

our Beloved Father came to my rescue, With a series of spiritual experiences and building of my desire, I somehow managed to get back on the right path.

Since that time, things began to happen so fast. I am now working with Pauline Phillips to establish a foundation here in Cleveland, Ohio. I am so happy to at last be again active for our Father.

I cannot express my feelings at this moment. I pray that realization and love shall continue coming as fast as it has been since I have been here, I feel such remorse and shame to have been defeated even momentarily by Satan. I now have a personal war with him. I can also foresee Satan planning even greater attacks for me especially since I am now on God's front line. But also the Father is storing power for me to overcome. So I say to those of you who have not yet really been confronted with Satan. Look out! He's just around the corner. But you have the power to overcome. All you must do is realize that our Father wants us or we would not be here. Therefore, He shall never let us go as long as we rely on Him for our strength and not ourselves. We can be just as diabolical and underhanded for God. I have no pity for Satan, I have learned to love our Father by hating Satan. Don't leave room for him to move. Cut him off before he can act, Ask the Father for wisdom to foresee and outsmart Satan. After you've overcome your first battle, you have one consolation -- the next one will be harder.

My prayers go out to all of our Father's family. I thank Father for my first year in the Kingdom. We must now succeed! Satan is doomed! Love in His Glorious Name, Leonard.

Signs of Increased Awareness. . . .

The following is an article written by Richard C. Halverson for The Presbyterian Journal: Suppose Jesus were born in 1930 and had his advent into history in our time. Suppose His public ministry were in the mid-twentieth century, Would he have done things differently? For example, would he appear before the United Nations, appealing to world leaders to resolve international tensions? Not any more than he appealed to Jewish, Roman, Greek and Barbarian leaders in the days of his flesh.

Would he seek audience with the heads of state? Not any more than he sought to influence the emperor of Rome.

Would he visit Washington, London, Paris, Bonn, Moscow, etc., urging legislation which would solve humanity's problems? Not any more than he appealed to the Senate at Rome or the Council at Athens.

Would he organize crusades against racial, international, industrial exploitations, against crime, delinquency, or alcoholism? No more than he proceeded against contemporary social evil in A. D. 25.

If Jesus were to begin his redemptive work in the mid-twentieth century, he would do what he did nineteen centuries earlier. He would choose faithful men to follow him, He would teach them, train them, and commission them to make disciples of all nations. He would baptize them with His Holy Spirit, send them forth in His power to witness his redemptive love as manifested in his death and resurrection, And by that message, in His power, he would turn the world upside down!

A Contribution from Cleveland., Ohio

Mike Phillips

"The sun rises, the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises." (Eccl. 1:15)

This passage brought forth the concept that the sun rotates about the earth. This was the universal belief for centuries and centuries, until Copernicus gave birth to the idea or theory that the earth rotates about the sun. If the Bible is to be read literally, then the theory of Copernicus was going against the Word of the Bible. By knowing this, we can see and understand why Copernicus was condemned and laughed at. The Bible was read literally by mankind. But, through science and logic, this literal translation of this passage was proven to be false. Simply, the sun does not rotate about the earth.

If the Bible is not to be taken literally, how should one look at it (the Bible) in terms of symbols and parables? "The sun rises. . . ." refers to the birth of a new day, In reference to man, this symbolizes the birth of a new child of God. "The sun goes down. . ." is actually the passage or death of a day. Physically speaking, this would symbolize the death of a physical body. In the darkness of night, man cannot see the sun and therefore thinks that the sun does not exist. But, the sun is always present, even though it can't be seen at all times. Man's soul (spirit) has similarities here, also. There are times when man's spirit feels lighter, and

times when it is hidden in the dark pits of man's mind. But the fact remains - the spirit is also there, whether we perceive it or not, ". . . . and hastens to the place where it rises." means that the sun can hardly wait to come to the day's end, so that it might once more start a new life. Taken in reference to man, this would mean man should have (would have if it were not for the Fall), the desire to prepare himself so that he might start a new life with his Father, and thereby, be full of happiness and love.

This concept should convey with God's insight, to new members (or to people just witnessed to) that the word of God in the Bible should be interpreted many times symbolically. After all, we are children of God, and this is God's way of communicating with us. What child doesn't like riddles (parables)?

The following are the names of those who have recently passed written and oral tests given on the Divine Principle.

Los Angeles	Zed Robinson Tom Robinson Peter Robinson Shirley Robinson
Fresno	Carl Rapkins
San Francisco	Pearl World Tom Keryk
Oakland	Kathy Martin
Berkeley	Bill Morris
Cleveland	Leonard Edwards
Dallas	David Irick Philip Burley Peter Politzki

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