

# Reverend Sun Myung Moon

New York, New York

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\* My gift to you doesn't come in a box with \*  
\* ribbons, but it may prove to have priceless \*  
\* value for you. Won't you please give me five \*  
\* minutes of your time to find out what it is? \*  
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Dear Friend:

Hello. I am Reverend Moon.

I am sure you have heard of me, and I know the first thing you are wondering is why I would want to write to you. I am writing because I have a vital message to share with you -- one that can make life happier and more rewarding for you and those around you.

Why did I choose to write a letter? Because I have no other way to communicate with you personally. So far the only way you could learn about me has been through the American press, and my problem is that the media has not truly conveyed what I stand for.

I can't visit every home myself, and you might not be willing to open the door to a total stranger representing me, so please understand that I consider writing this letter to be the only means of communication left between you and me. Would you kindly put aside whatever you have heard about me and read this letter with an open mind?

## AMERICA -- WHERE IS IT HEADING?

On my journey through this land I have been impressed again and again with the greatness of America's spiritual heritage and material achievements. Today, however, I see this great nation beset by grave problems.

I shall never forget my first visit to New York. I stood on Fifth Avenue during the rush hour. I looked at the wonder of the Empire State Building and the magnificence of the World Trade Center. Suddenly tears began streaming down my face, and I asked myself, "Does God dwell in these buildings?" I felt that this beautiful city was crumbling -- and that the decay was more than physical.

Even though I am not a native American, I am deeply concerned about your country. I am worried about the problems that are ripping apart the fabric

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of your great nation. Americans are plagued by inflation, the gas shortage and unemployment. But problems of this kind, no matter how painful, will not bring the nation down. The problems I am talking about are the moral confusion and the absence of a clear standard of values.

We learn from history that the fall of the Roman Empire was not caused by outside enemies. It collapsed from within because of its own corruption. When its moral fiber was gone even this mighty empire could not endure.

I am not predicting America's fall. Neither we nor God can afford that, but I know you will agree with me that there are danger signals in too many areas of American life today.

#### LET'S LOOK AT SOME FACTS

What do I mean? Do you know that up to two million children are abused -- by their own parents -- and 5,000 children die from parental abuse and neglect each year? In Los Angeles alone police estimate there are more than 10,000 teenage prostitutes. A half million abortions were performed on girls below the age of 18, and 250,000 fatherless children were born last year.

~~Right now almost half of all serious crimes are committed by juveniles~~ under the age of 18. An estimated 15,000 drug deaths occurred and 35,000 Americans committed suicide in 1978. There is a murder approximately every 27 minutes, a rape every 8 minutes, a robbery every 78 seconds, an aggravated assault every minute and a burglary every 10 seconds.

More than anything, I am grieved over what is happening to American families. One out of every two marriages now ends in divorce. So many couples are striving for happiness, but somehow they can't make their marriages work. My heart has ached for their struggles. There must be a better way to build our families, our society, our nation and our world.

#### HOW ABOUT YOUR OWN HAPPINESS?

Now I want to bring up an even more sensitive subject -- your own well-being. I sincerely ask: Are you truly happy? Do you have a sense of fulfillment? Do you feel you have found something bigger than yourself which has lasting value? Have you ever thought about eternal life? You don't have to answer me, but please answer in your own heart.

I know that each person is involved in a deep search for happiness. Wouldn't you be interested if I told you that there is a way to find greater happiness and real value in life?



## A QUIET REVOLUTION

We find problems on every level, from the individual to the nation. But where can we look for solutions? Can we expect the government to do it all? Can we expect other people to do it first? No, our larger problems are but the manifestation of our individual problems. The ills of society stem from the confusion in the hearts of individuals.

We need, therefore, a change at the most basic level -- in the individual hearts of men. When our hearts change, everything changes -- our lifestyle, our family life and our social relationships. What we need is a revolution of heart. Without bullets or fire, this is the most powerful of all revolutions. This quiet revolution must be ignited in the hearts of men. Who should begin? We should. Yes, you and I.

But what can ignite this quiet revolution in our hearts? Only God can! We are not our own creators nor are we complete by ourselves. Therefore, without knowing the Creator who gave us life and purpose, we can never achieve happiness for ourselves and our world.

You might say, "Reverend Moon, this is nothing new. We already have hundreds of faiths that preach God and religion." Yes, many people may believe in God, but that is not enough. We must know God in reality, and we must feel His heart.

Current religion, philosophy and ethics, as good as they are, have been unable to address the problems of the space age. Therefore, they have no power to bring about changes in our society. We need a new understanding -- a new revelation from God -- that will enable us to know God in reality and truly solve the problems of today.

This is exactly what the Apostle Paul said: "For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect, but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away...Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully." (I Cor. 13:9-12)

Yes, what each of us, our families and nation desperately need is a new revelation. With it we will no longer see God dimly but face to face. God will become real in man's heart. Jesus predicted such a revelation: "The hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures, but tell you plainly of the Father." (John 16:25)

Now I say that hour is at hand.

## GOD HAS SPOKEN

I don't know why, but God appeared to me and revealed that higher truth for the sake of mankind. You may find this hard to believe and even

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scoff at the notion. Well, don't take my word for it. I want you to find out for yourself. If what I am saying is true, it will be the greatest discovery of your life, a precious gift.

Throughout history, when God has wanted to reveal His truth to mankind, He has chosen a messenger. He spoke through Noah, Abraham and Moses. He spoke through the prophets of Israel.

In the Bible God called a man named Jonah to save the city of Nineveh. Jonah was reluctant to accept the mission, but God forced him to go, even having him swallowed by a great fish. Finally Jonah proclaimed God's truth in the city and the people listened and changed their hearts. The city found favor in the sight of God and was saved.

The same living God must be concerned with America. He has to choose a Jonah, however reluctant, to come to this country and proclaim God's will for America. There is no limit to what God can do; He can raise up even a rock to shout out His truth. In this case God raised up one Korean man who does not even speak your language well to come to America to proclaim His truth, His plan and His forthcoming kingdom.

#### WHO AM I TO SAY THESE THINGS?

~~Let me share with you some of my own experiences. As a boy, I agonized over such questions as:~~

Who am I? Where am I from? What is the purpose of life? Is there life after death? Is there a God? If He is almighty, why doesn't He take care of the world? Why is there so much suffering on earth?

When I was 16 years old an extraordinary thing happened to me. On a Korean hillside on Easter morning in 1936 Jesus appeared to me, telling me of God's desire to dwell in oneness with man and to build His heavenly kingdom on earth. Then Jesus called me for the mission of being a messenger to give God's new revelation to mankind. For me it was truly an awesome moment.

Over the next nine years, step by step, God revealed this incredible truth to me. I journeyed into the spirit world many times. In this truth I could see the dawn of a glorious new civilization. It was like a sunrise after a long, dark night.

The revelation is known today as the Divine Principle, and God instructed me to teach it in every corner of the earth.

First I began to teach in Communist North Korea, where I was thrown into jail by the Communists. I spent nearly three years in a concentration camp. Only by the grace of God did I survive. The day before I was to be executed,



the U.N. forces fighting in the Korean War liberated me, and I fled to freedom in South Korea.

#### A GOD-INSPIRED MOVEMENT

In 1954 God led me to found the Unification Church in Seoul, Korea and four years later the message was brought to Japan and America. In the short span of 25 years the movement has spread to 127 nations in all six continents. Today the Divine Principle is taught in all languages. This unprecedented success could only have come through the power of God.

God spoke to me again in 1971, urgently telling me to go personally to America, where millions were waiting for His new revelation. God said I must proclaim His message in this country because He had chosen America as the bridge through which to reach the people of the entire world.

In the seven years since then, I have spoken in all fifty states. The Divine Principle has touched the lives of millions of Americans, and Unification Church centers have been established from Maine to Hawaii.

Now the time has come to tell every American of the opportunity to know this new revelation, the Divine Principle. That is why I am writing this letter to you.

As people learn about the Divine Principle wonderful things happen to them. Drug problems are solved. Alcoholism is cured. Difficulties of mental illness are overcome. Physical healings take place. Racism and nationalistic prejudice disappear. Individuals find fresh hope and families find new ways to be united in love. Indeed, genuine concern and love for one's fellow man become a way of life.

The Divine Principle has also provided a way to establish happy and lasting marriages. I recently helped in the engagements of many young men and women of God, over 1,400 beautiful Americans. With the foundation of this new truth as their common ground, I know these marriages will succeed and result in happy families.

Dear friend, you too are entitled to know the joy and happiness all these people have found.

#### HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO

I want to share this new revelation with you. You can find out about it simply by responding to this letter.

What am I asking you to do? Simply this:

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★ PLEASE COME TO ONE OF THE WORLD OF HOPE FESTIVALS which takes place every Thursday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Manhattan Television Center, 311 West 34th Street. It is free. I know you will enjoy this evening of exciting music, dance and an introduction to the Divine Principle. You will receive tremendous inspiration and also be able to confirm what I have said in this letter.

Your tickets are already enclosed. All you have to do is come. Bring your family and friends if you like. You can check Box #1 and send in the reply card to let me know when you are coming so that seats can be reserved for you. (For details please read the enclosed brochure)

★ In addition to the World of Hope Festival, YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TO THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE HOME STUDY COURSE.

You can receive the first volume of the Home Study Course for FREE, without any obligation just by checking Box #2 on the reply card and putting it in the mail. The advantage of this course is that you can study the Divine Principle in your own home and at your own pace.

After you have examined the first volume you can decide whether you would like to continue study. In any event, the first volume is my gift to you. Don't forget to send in your reply card today. (See the enclosed brochure for details)

You are under absolutely no obligation to join or support the Unification Church or to attend any programs. All I am interested in is enabling you to read or to hear this message for yourself.

I believe this is the greatest gift I could give you. I have carried it over 8,000 miles, but the message comes not from me -- it comes from God Himself.

Please let me hear from you. Be sure to check the boxes you wish on the enclosed reply card and mail it to me TODAY. You will receive a prompt reply. In the meantime, may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

*Sun Myung Moon*

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

P.S. If you want your name included in my prayers, please check Box #3 on the reply card and send it to me. The power of prayer works wonders. I shall be very happy to pray for you and the people you love.

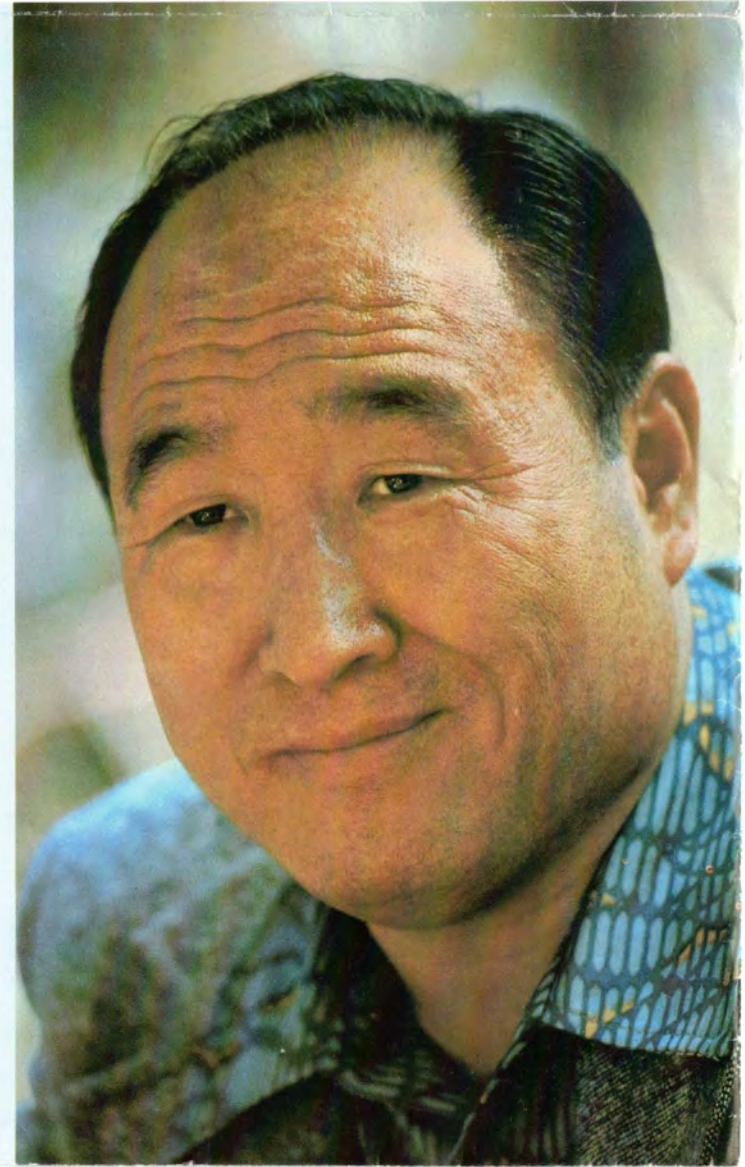
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**2** Please send me completely FREE "The Principle of Creation," the first volume of the Divine Principle Home Study Course. I'm looking forward to reading it. I understand I can keep this volume without any obligation to enroll in the course.

**3** Please include me in your prayers. My specific prayer need is described below:

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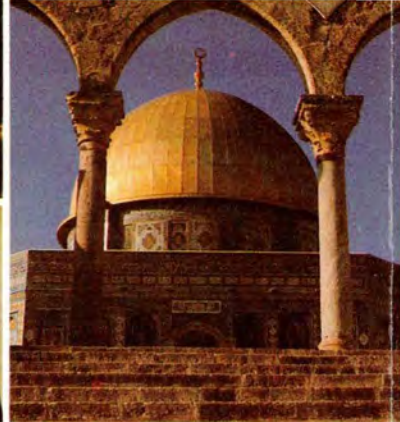
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## How to enter and win:

### Come to the World of Hope Festival!

Fill out your ticket with your name and address and present it at the door. Every Thursday that you come to the World of Hope, your new ticket becomes an additional entry into our drawing. The drawings for the Holy Land tour will

be held on the last Thursday of every month. To win **you must be present** at the World of Hope Festival on the date of the drawing. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of that evening's festival, culminating the exciting program. There's a new opportunity to win **every month**.

Entrants must be 18 or older. No purchase is required. Tickets must be presented in person at the door. The two-week trip includes round-trip jet tickets, accommodations, meals and escorted sightseeing. Winners will travel together in a group tour every six months. Details will be arranged by the Manhattan Television Center. No cash award will be presented in lieu of the trip. The World of Hope Festival is a project of the Unification Church.

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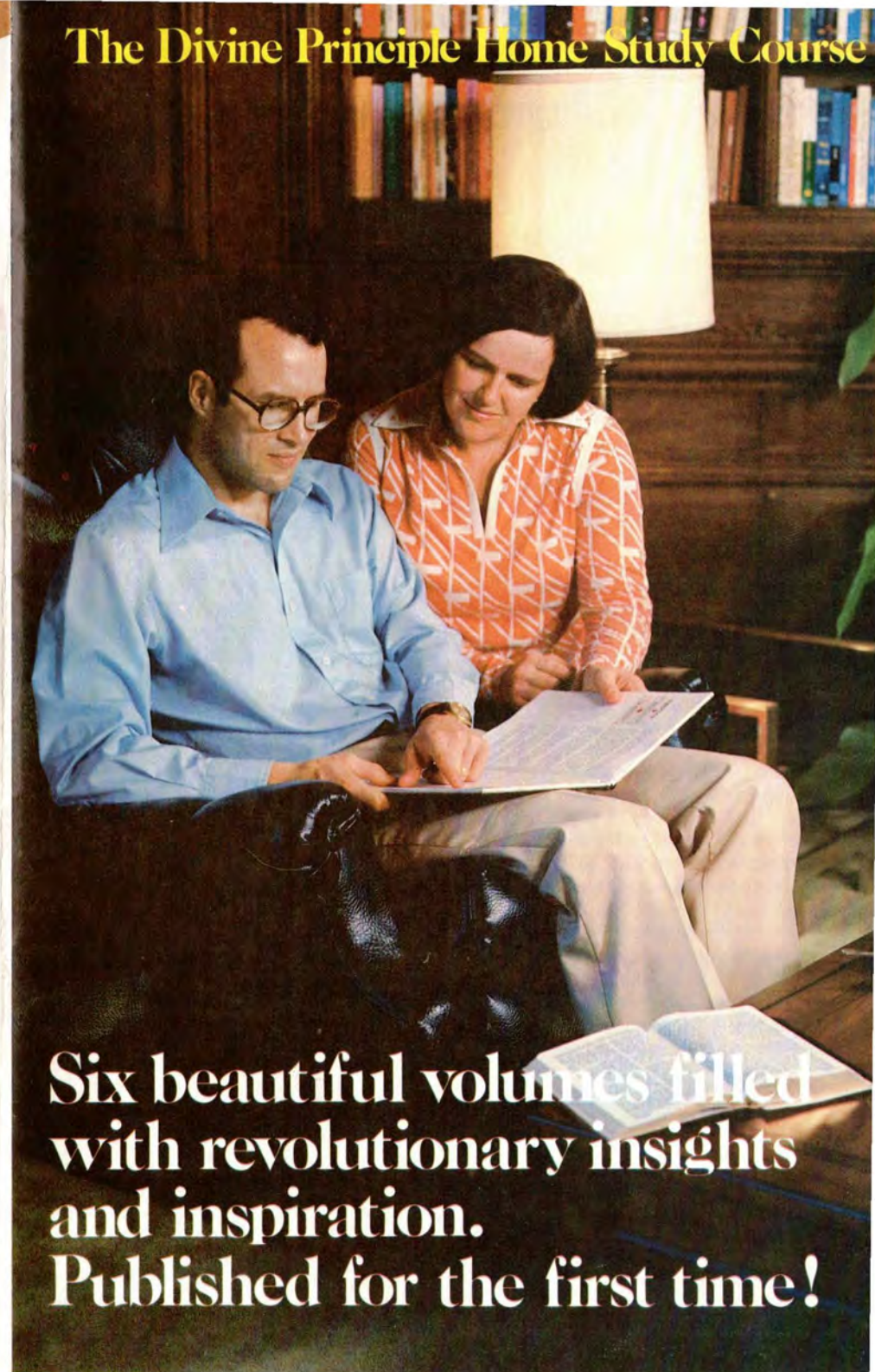
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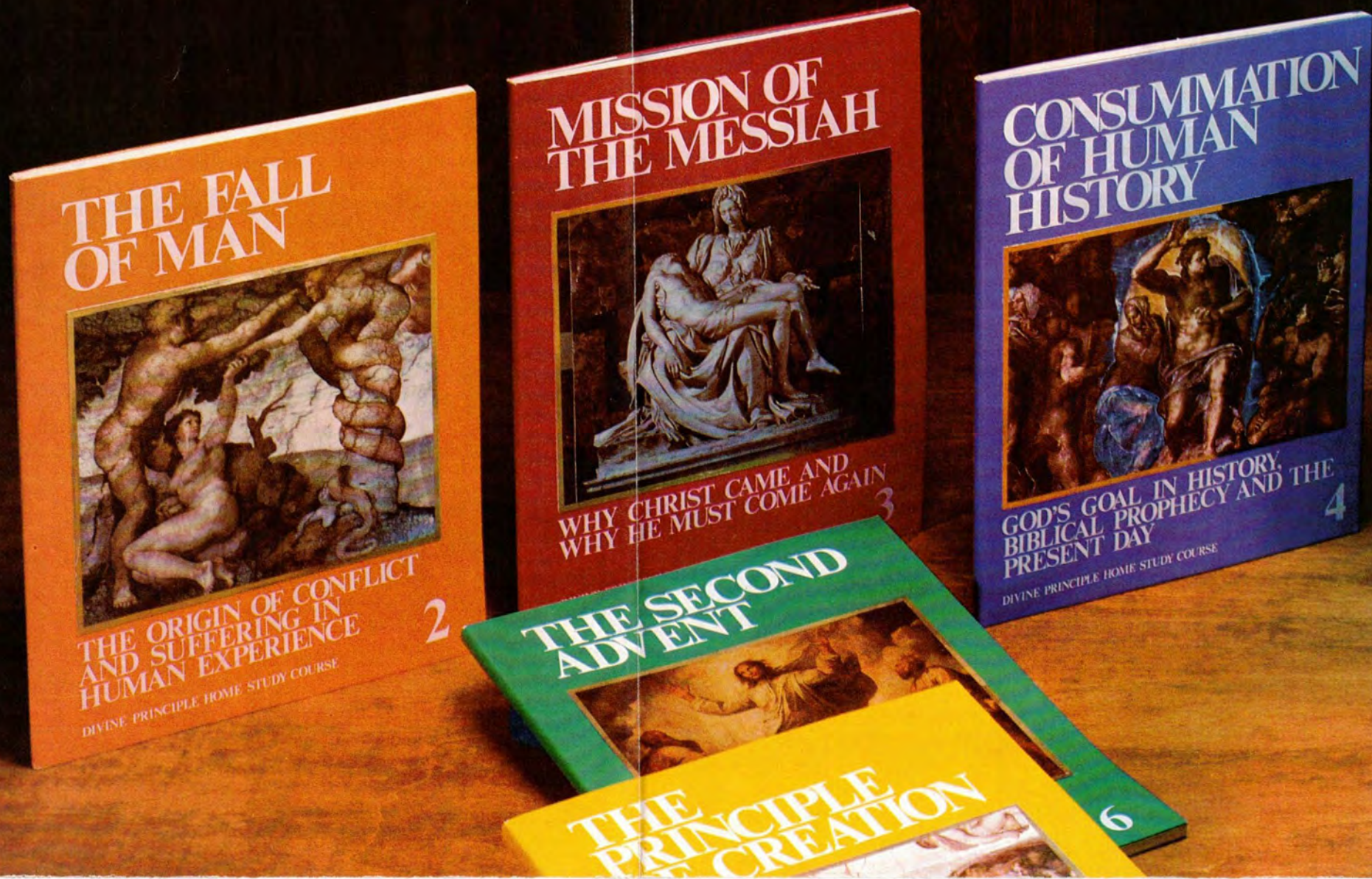


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**Beatriz Gonzalez, graduate student, Barrytown, N.Y.** I worked in the civil rights movement as a youth because I was deeply aware of the injustices and poverty people endured. But I looked for something which could unite Americans of all colors. I found it in the Divine Principle.



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THE NATURE OF GOD AND MAN, AND THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

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Here you will also find a logical explanation of life after death. You will discover that there is a factual basis for the widely held belief in a spiritual world.

Through this chapter you'll peer over the shoulder of God at the birth of creation. You will understand God's motivation for creating you and see how your life can reflect that purpose. You'll see how important you are and how you and your family can be the dwelling place of God's love.

Whether you have been interested in religion before or not, this volume will help you see the wonderful difference God can make in your life.

# THE FALL OF MAN



THE ORIGIN OF CONFLICT AND SUFFERING IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE

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If God is almighty and loving, why does He allow human suffering to go on? Is it true that man separated himself from God at the beginning of human history? Can we honestly believe that the war, poverty, disease and human heartache that we experience today results from an apple or a banana that the first woman ate thousands of years ago? If not, what is the Genesis story trying to tell us?

One of the most perplexing aspects of human existence is man's inclination toward evil. Many believe this tendency is a consequence of "original sin" — some trait in man that has consistently propelled him toward destruction. It gives rise to an inherent contradiction in all of us. Recognizing this, the Apostle Paul said of himself "I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." (Romans 7:10)

*The Fall of Man* deals with what this original sin was, how it occurred and how it affects us even today. It explores the question of why God did not stop the Fall from taking place. It examines how the Fall has led to the fear and hate in the world and shows how it leads to barriers between ourselves and those we care for. Through this volume you'll have a clear picture of what has gone wrong with man and with the world, and you'll see the way our inner and outer conflicts can be overcome!

# MISSION OF THE MESSIAH



WHY CHRIST CAME AND WHY HE MUST COME AGAIN

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In his time, Jesus Christ was a man of humble birth and little reputation, but his life and teachings have profoundly affected the entire world. Even though we have known of him for the last 2000 years, there are still many things we don't understand about him. Who was Jesus, and what did he come to do? Was his crucifixion really God's will? If his death on the cross completed his work, why did Christ say he must come again?

Through this volume you'll penetrate the inner dimensions of Jesus' life. You'll come to know him as a living human being — grappling with success and failure. You'll discover how he needed those around him and how, without man's doing his part, even God's plans can go awry.

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# CONSUMMATION OF HUMAN HISTORY



GOD'S GOAL IN HISTORY, BIBLICAL PROPHECY AND THE PRESENT DAY

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Some people hold that the sinful world which we live cannot go on forever, and a wrathful God will soon bring everything to an abrupt and cataclysmic end.

But could a God of love simply destroy the Earth? If not, then what do the apocalyptic prophecies of the "end of the world" mean? What of the idea that the Earth is to be dissolved in fire? If this is symbolic, what does it represent?

What is the significance of the turbulent changes now taking place in global politics, economics and culture? The world is torn between communism and democracy. Will this confrontation end? The year 2000 is fast approaching. Can we hope that the world will survive to see it?

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