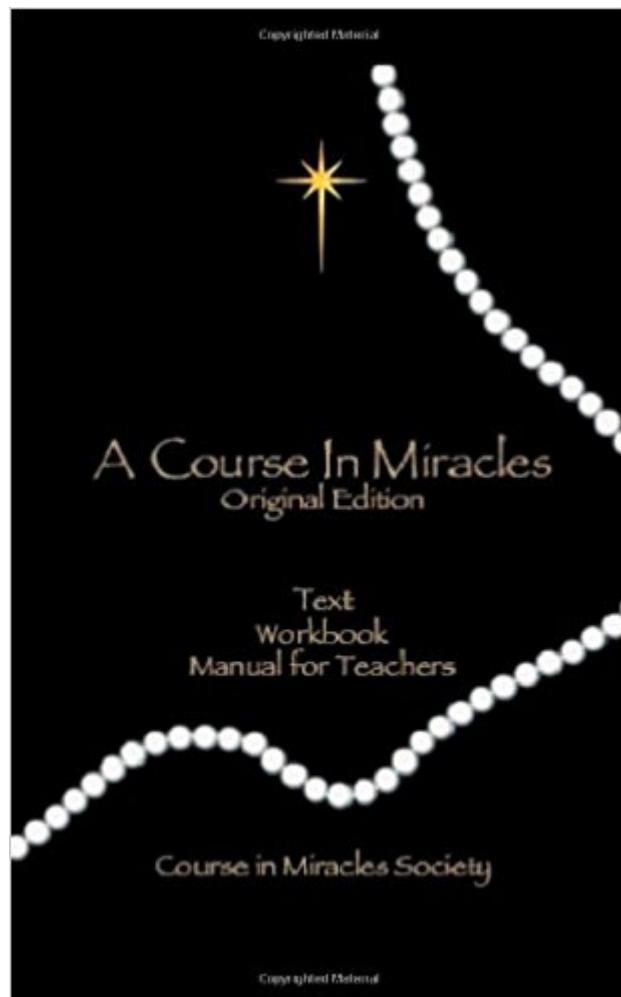


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# A Course In Miracles-Original Edition



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The great classic work, *A Course in Miracles*, is devoted to teachings about who we are, our relationships to God and with each other, and the actually mental nature of our bodies and the world. There are three constituent parts to the Course: The Text, a Workbook for Students, and the Manual for Teachers. The Text lays out the theoretical foundation for the metaphysical system of the Course. The Workbook contains a series of 365 Lessons to be practiced daily for the purpose of retraining the mind and healing our perception. Finally, the Manual contains information for and about advanced teachers of God. The Course is also about miracles, which students understand to be, in part, a shift in perception to healed vision. But miracles are more than a shift in perception, because the shift has consequences in the world as we see it. The Course is a self study educational program for retraining the mind that is spiritual, rather than religious, in its perspective. Although the Course uses Christian terminology, it expresses a universal experience, and its underlying ontology is reminiscent of ancient refrains, echoing the world's most hallowed traditions.

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I, Rev. Tony Ponticello, teach *A Course In Miracles* classes through the Community Miracles Center. I use the Original Edition in all the classes that I teach. I lecture frequently about ACIM. I always quote from the Original Edition when I lecture. I write about ACIM. I always quote from the Original Edition when I write about ACIM. This means that I think that the Original Edition currently is the best ACIM edition readily available to ACIM students. This should be obvious. (Isn't it obvious?) Do I think the Original Edition is perfect? No. I think it's the best practical alternative we currently

have. Taking even this position has been a risk. Many, many more people still use the Foundation for Inner Peace edition. I would have a greater possible student base if I used the FIP edition, no question. I know teachers who still use the FIP version even though they believe the Original Edition to be better for just this reason of having a larger base of perspective students. However, I don't use the FIP edition. That edition is not acceptable to me anymore. There is, in my opinion, a better, readily available book. That book is the Original Edition. --From Miracles Monthly, Vol. 25 No. 4, June 2011

The story of the Course began when Columbia University research psychologist Dr. William T. Thetford decided he had had enough of the the intensely competitive and negative climate he was experiencing and declared to his colleague, Dr. Helen Shucman, "There must be another way, and I am determined to find it. She agreed to help. What ensued was a dramatic progression of waking dreams for Shucman, which culminated in October of 1965 with her experience of a voice which spoke clearly in her mind, saying, "This is a course in miracles. Please take notes."

This original edition of the Course in Miracles is worth buying if you are a Course student or contemplating investigating Course material. Though all the versions of the Course are merely a reorganization of symbols "twice removed from reality," this original version contains, in the first five chapters, one-fifth more very direct, intimate words from Christ than the edited version which is the version commonly read. For example, there are 107 Principles of Miracles in the original edition, only 50 in the edited version of the Course in Miracles. After reading the original version of the Course in Miracles, I had to order A Course in Miracles: Original Edition.

Of the several offering the "hugh lynn cayce" version of the course on for the kindle, this one has the best formatting and is the most polished of the three I viewed samples of. At 4 dollars it's also the least expensive. Now this course is technically out of copyright and anyone could take these and distribute them online for free... however converting a document like this to kindle format with such a well polished presentation is not necessarily an easy task and I was more than willing to pay the 4 dollars to have it on my kindle with no fuss. Nice complement to both the Foundation for inner peace version which is also formatted quite nicely, and a copy of the URTEXT I found somewhere that is formatted well enough for what it is. One recommendation to the author of this particular version... offer the textbook for students as a separate book for ease of use reasons, that way a person can read the text and do their workbook lessons without having to flip around. Now this is

something I can quickly do myself, but it would be nice to offer this to those who might not have that skill.

This review is not intended to encourage one to study A Course In Miracles (ACIM), there are better reviews that can do that. My purpose in this review is to encourage looking at the available versions before committing. I started into ACIM several years ago with the edition published by The Foundation for Inner Peace (FIP) which helped me tremendously in my spiritual journey, I grew in leaps and bounds. If there were nothing else available I highly recommend the ACIM FIP version. I will also recommend the ACIM FIP version for those attending work groups that mostly use the FIP version, because it makes it simpler to follow along. If one can afford, I feel it is worth owning both versions: FIP version for classes; and the Original Edition for a greater understanding of the first eight or so chapters which are the bedrock for an in depth understanding of ACIM. It seems note worthy to point out that I've seen claims that ACIM Original Edition contains personal information that was never intended to be published. This is not accurate. It is the ACIM URTEXT Manuscripts (also available on ) that contains personal information, not the ACIM Original Edition. The ACIM URTEXT Manuscripts are very difficult to follow and possibly made more difficult because of the personal information. I've read very little of the URTEXT, BUT, the URTEXT states that it was Bill Thetford that was to do the editing, not Helen Schucman. From what I could find, without too much time invested, the ACIM Original Edition is closest to, if not exactly what, Bill Thetford was involved in editing. The ACIM FIP version was significantly edited by I believe Ken Wapnick and possibly with Helen Schucman's help. It appears to me that Bill Thetford was not at all involved with the ACIM FIP version. I believe anyone that reads both the ACIM Original Edition and the ACIM FIP version will come to the same conclusion that I have, that being the ACIM Original Version is superior. I've been studying with the ACIM Original Edition for well over a year now and have just in the past few days purchased another copy of ACIM Original Edition for my wife who is now desiring a better understanding than her ACIM FIP version offers. As said before, if nothing else is available get the ACIM FIP version. If you are only going to purchase a single version and planning on attending classes, find out which version the class is using. Also noteworthy: ACIM is intended for self study. In my mind ACIM Original Edition is the absolute best version for self study, the additional material in the first eight or so chapters is worth having available. Hope this helps?

I bought this addition on the advice of a woman who was teaching study groups on A Course in Miracles. Good advice! This original edition doesn't have pieces edited out or rearranged as is the

case in the later revisions. It also contains the entire workbook and teacher's guide all in the same volume, so nothing separate to buy. I still find the narrative rather dense and "wordy" to read, but I'm getting adjusted to the style of writing and the verbosity, as I go. There are wonderful nuggets of wisdom and thought-provoking statements scattered throughout that are more than enough to keep me reading. I highly recommend doing the workbook AS you (slowly) read the text...it helps to clarify, both ways.

This book has literally changed my life. I now know who I am. I was always questioning organized religion because there was so much that didn't make sense. This book answered all of my questions and opened my eyes to what is real...

This is the "original" version republished. It is a great program AND this version provides insights that have been released from later versions and gives rise to some of the interpretations offered by others who have written about the Course.

Absolutely wonderful. Read it every day. S, Maclean.

This book changed me, my mind for the better. It's not a book, it's a journey not for the faint of heart. You will take a hard look at yourself if you are honest. Mainly I identified the constant thought stream of judging, which prevents me from liking let alone loving myself

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