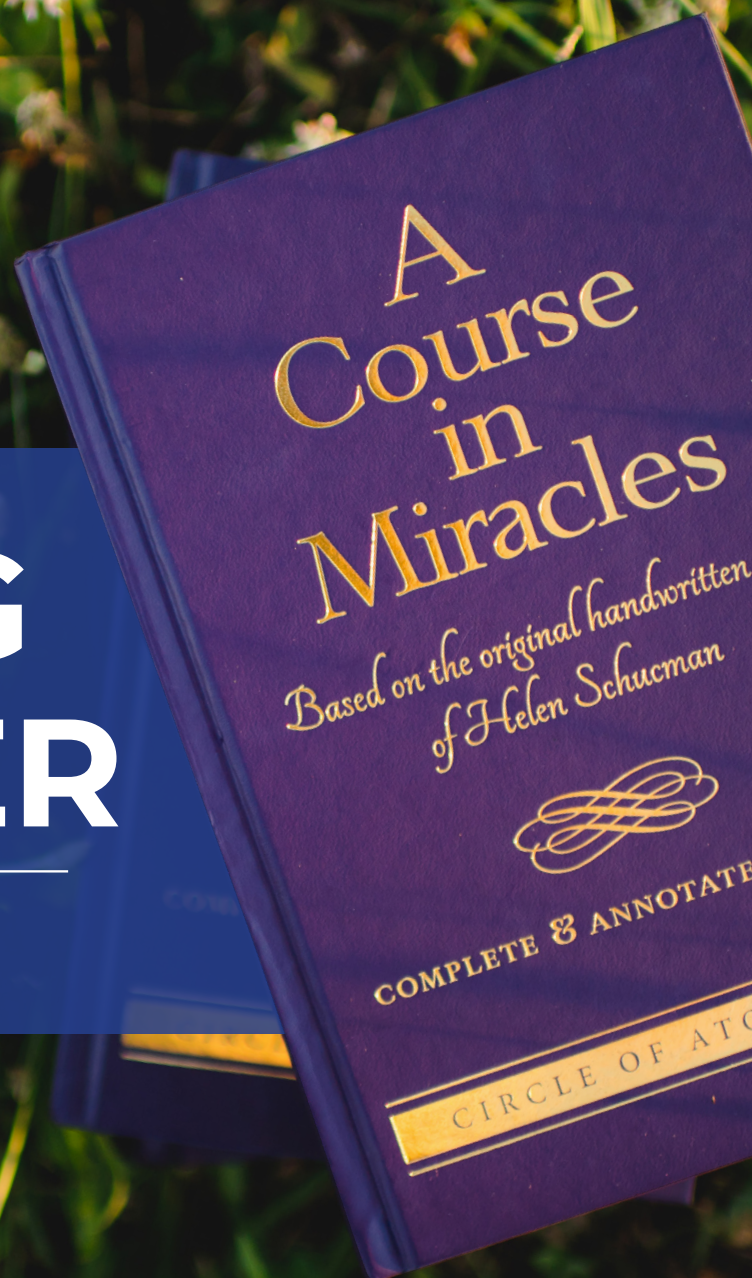




CIRCLE OF ATONEMENT

WALKING TOGETHER

An Introduction to the Circle



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An approach where fidelity to the page is paramount is essential — and this is where the Circle excels. This approach never strays and is the foundational integrity of the work.

– CRAIG

A Course in Miracles

*Based on the original handwritten notes
of Helen Schucman*



COMPLETE & ANNOTATED EDITION

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WELCOME

A Course in Miracles is a masterpiece of spiritual wisdom. Its gift is to teach us how to see ourselves, others, and the world differently — through the lens of forgiveness and love.

In a world that often feels fractured and fearful, we believe seeing each other differently and responding with love is the healing message needed most right now.

At the Circle of Atonement, we have been a home for Course students since 1993. Our approach is simple: we help you understand what the Course is actually saying — faithfully and without bias. We clarify how to live the Course, and we walk the path alongside you.

Inside this guide, you'll find everything you need to know to get started — who we are, what we offer, and where to begin. Take your time, explore at your own pace, and if it feels right to you, we'd love to welcome you to the community.

We're so glad you're here.

With love,

Robert & Emily Perry

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

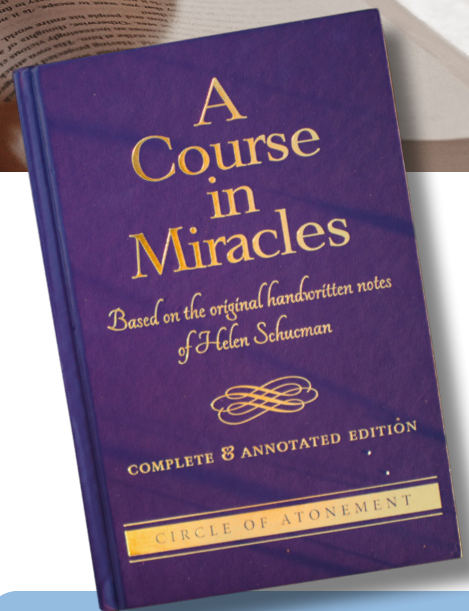
- 1 God is pure love. He loves us beyond our comprehension and never judges us.
- 2 God created us perfect and, in our true nature, we remain exactly as He created us.
- 3 All the suffering we experience is the result of forgetting who we really are.
- 4 *A Course in Miracles* is a path of waking to our true nature by seeing the invisible divine reality in everyone without exception.
- 5 When we see the inherent holiness of other people, we forgive them for what they've done to us – and that is how we ourselves get home.



WHO WE ARE

We're devoted to helping students understand the teachings of *A Course in Miracles*, walk this path with confidence, and share what they've learned with others. We do this in four ways that are unique to the Circle.

- 1 We publish the CE — an edition built directly from Helen Schucman's original handwritten notes.** We are the publisher of the *Complete and Annotated Edition of A Course in Miracles* (the CE). The CE restores 45,000 previously omitted words and returns the book to its original wording — along with extensive footnotes and 33 cameo essays showing how the author applied the Course's principles in everyday life. Students tell us regularly that the CE was the edition that finally made this path come alive for them.



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I've acquired every edition of the Course and followed a number of teachers in my desire to go ever deeper in understanding and application. However, the biggest boost came when I started to study the Complete and Annotated Edition of *A Course in Miracles*.

— MARY ANNE

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The Course was not meant to be experienced alone. Being able to walk the journey with this community has made a huge difference for me.

– ROSALYN

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Our fundamental commitment is to be true to what the Course itself says.

We have spent decades building up a detailed understanding of ACIM — in both theory and practice — that, above all, is faithful to the Course's own words. Our experience is that the truer we get to those words, the more profound and practical our teaching becomes.

3

We've built a warm, active community where no one walks alone.

Course Companions is our flagship membership program — and more than a program, it's an online spiritual home. Students from around the world gather every day to study the Course together, attend live classes, and support one another on the path.

4

We're working toward something larger than any one student's journey.

Our deepest goal is to build a living tradition of *A Course in Miracles* in the world — a global community of students who have studied the Course and are kinder, more forgiving, and more loving because of it. We believe the Course has the power to heal our hurting world — and in healing the world, we heal ourselves.



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT HERE

For more than 30 years, we've had the privilege of walking the Course's path with students from every corner of the world — people who came to us at every stage of the journey, from total beginners to long-time practitioners ready to go deeper. We know this material. We love this material. And we'd love to share it with you.



*Scenes from the Circle's
Love-Centered Leadership
retreat in Salisbury, England*

Structure that makes the Course come alive.

We give you the structure, guidance, and daily support to make the Course not just understandable, but genuinely transformative.

“ I've been studying ACIM for 25 years. In that time, I haven't understood a fraction of what I've grasped in the last few days.
– ELLEN

Real and lasting change.

You may find yourself responding differently in difficult moments, letting go of grievances you've carried for years, feeling a more lasting peace as you move through your days.

“ My 15-year dance with the Course is over. I am finally committed completely because I am finally able to make sense of all the things that held me up before.
– ISADORA K

A spiritual home.

We are more than a place to study — we are a warm, active, global community of Course students walking this path together as friends and companions.

“ No words can begin to say the depth of love and gratitude I have for this community.
– SHELLIE



Expert guidance.

Our community is led by a team of dedicated teachers, all of whom are serious about practicing what they share.

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I hung on the sidelines for 5 months until I was convinced that Robert and Emily were practicing what they were teaching. They truly do — the authenticity and commitment to Jesus' teachings in the Course is unwavering.

– ELLEN

Complete courtesy and safety.

We have worked hard to build something rare online — a community where people genuinely feel safe and cared for. Our guiding principle comes directly from the Course itself: *consistent courtesy in every interaction*. Every member is asked to uphold it, and our team steps in whenever needed to protect the environment we've built.

100% focus on the Course.

Because we're focused entirely on *A Course in Miracles* you'll find a depth and consistency here that's rare. No detours, no mixed messages. Just the Course, taught faithfully and practiced together.

A welcome regardless of your finances.

We believe no one should be turned away because they can't afford to participate. Scholarships are always available.

OUR PROGRAMS

We offer something for every stage of your journey — from free resources to explore at your own pace, to immersive programs that will take your study and practice to an entirely new level.

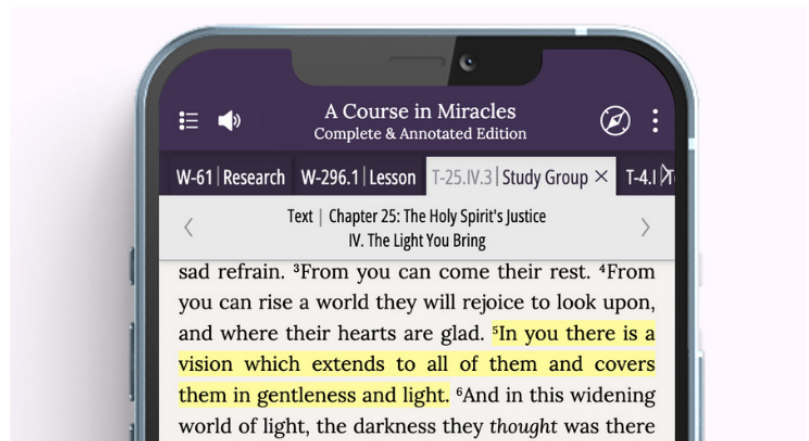
START HERE (FREE)

If you're new to the Circle or simply want to explore before committing to anything

The ACIM CE App

Read, search, or listen to the Complete and Annotated Edition of *A Course in Miracles*, free, anywhere in the world.

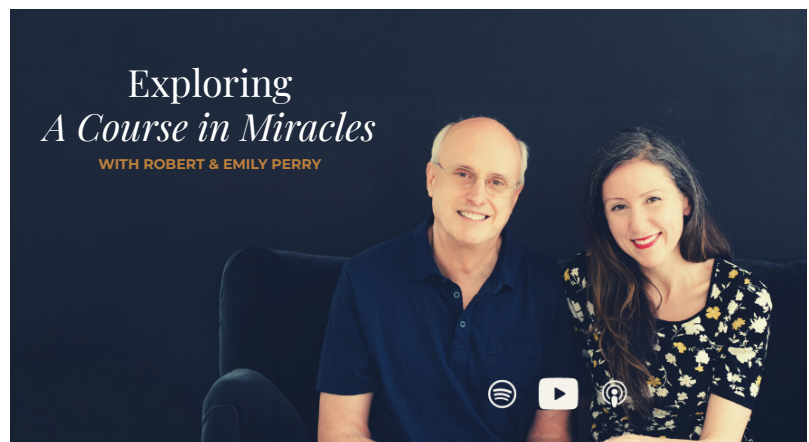
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Podcast: Exploring *A Course in Miracles*

Our podcast with Robert and Emily Perry offering inspiring conversations and insights into the wisdom of *A Course in Miracles*. Available wherever you listen.

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Circle News

Our weekly newsletter with teachings, reflections, and what's happening in the community. The best way to stay connected and up to date on everything we offer.

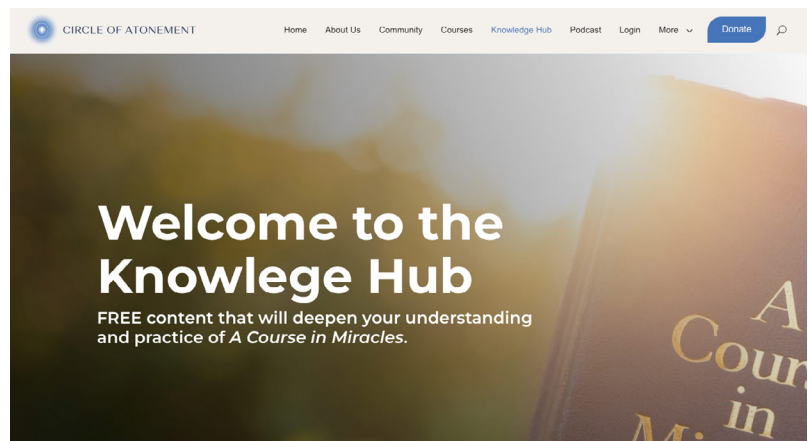
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Knowledge Hub

Hundreds of free articles, recordings, and resources covering hundreds of topics in the Course, all in one place.

circleofa.org/knowledge-hub



The easiest way to access all of this is to join our mailing list. You'll receive Circle News each week along with the latest happenings and resources to support your journey. Join our mailing list at circleofa.org/start and you'll receive our free booklet "What is A Course in Miracles?"



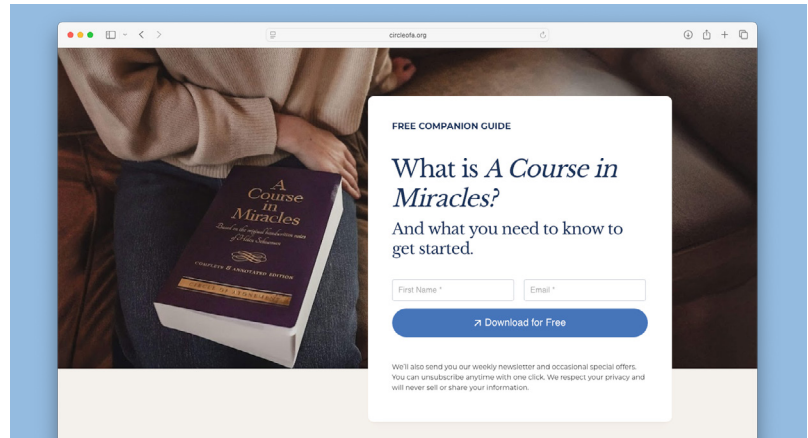
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When you're ready for more structured support

Learn ACIM Beginner's Series

A self-paced introduction to the main ideas and daily practice of the Course, designed to give you a solid foundation without the overwhelm.

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Course Companions

Our flagship program walks you page by page through all three volumes of *A Course in Miracles* with expert guidance, daily commentaries, live weekly classes, and a warm global community of fellow students. Memberships are flexible — monthly or annual billing, cancel any time. Scholarships are available.

coursecompanions.com

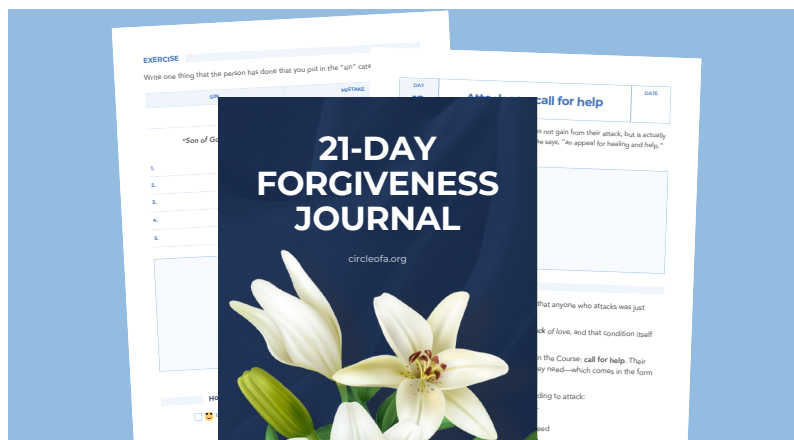


Expert guidance, community, and events to support your journey through *A Course in Miracles*.

21-Day Forgiveness Challenge

A focused, practical dive into the Course's approach to forgiveness. Ideal for anyone ready to finally let go of old grievances — for real this time.

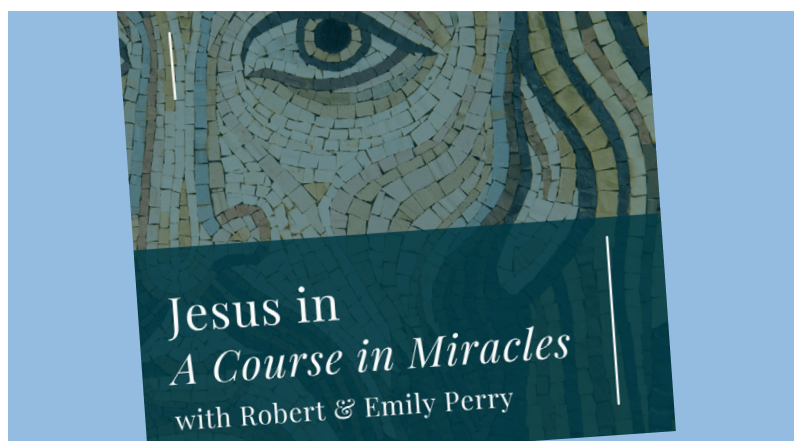
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Jesus in A Course in Miracles

An exploration of the profound and unique role of Jesus in the Course and how his teachings have reshaped our world.

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I have been a student of the Course for seven years but hadn't experienced this type of learning. I feel like a sponge soaking up all of this information. It is finally sinking in and I am practicing what I read.

– MARLENE

CALLED TO SERVE

Advanced training for those who feel drawn to share the Course with others

Study Group Leader Training (SGLT)

Gain the skills, support, and confidence to guide others in learning the wisdom of the Course. Open to current and aspiring study group leaders.



Miracle-Minded Healing

A two-level training program for those who want to bring the healing principles of the Course into your life, relationships, and work with others.

Level One is open to everyone — no professional background required.

Miracle-Minded Therapy

A Course in Miracles presents a radically different vision of psychotherapy, centered on healing the mind through forgiveness. This training brings those principles to life in a structured, ACIM-faithful framework. Open to everyone — you do not need to be a licensed therapist.

Miracle Ministry Academy

For those who feel called to make *A Course in Miracles* your vocation. This six-month intensive will help you start and grow a Course-based ministry.

You can explore all of our programs and find the right starting point for you at **circleofa.org/courses**.

If you're not sure where to begin, our Student Success Path at **circleofa.org/student-success-path** offers a step-by-step roadmap for every stage of the journey — we recommend it to every new student.



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I wanted to express my utmost gratitude for the Circle. I know Jesus better because of your work, I know God better because of you, and I know my brothers and myself better because of you. I am forever thankful. May God bless you and your team.

– MOSSI

OUR CIRCLE COMMUNITY

The Circle isn't just a place to learn — we are a living community of students from around the world, many of whom will tell you that the relationships they've formed here are among the most meaningful of their lives. We think of the Course as a path for life, and our community as a home for as long as you choose to walk it.

YOU CAN SEE
OUR FULL EVENT
SCHEDULE AT

[CIRCLEOFA.ORG/
EVENTS](https://circleofa.org/events)



Life at the Circle

One of the things that makes Course Companions feel like a real community rather than simply an online course platform is that we gather together throughout the week. All of the following events are included with your Course Companions membership. You're welcome to attend as many - or as few - events as you like. Most members attend just one or two things a week and find that's more than enough.

Sundays

Sunday Gatherings on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Think of it as Course church with prayer, inspiring talks, and music.

Mondays

Sacred Silence Gatherings every Monday at 11am Eastern — a 30-minute gathering of guided prayer and meditation.

Tuesdays

Living A Course in Miracles a weekly class with Robert and Emily Perry covering the essentials of living the Course.

Thursdays (1st & 3rd)

Exploring A Course in Miracles Live where Robert and Emily record our popular podcast - be sure to stay for discussion afterward.

Thursdays (2nd & 4th)

Ask Us Anything is our open Q&A with Robert and Emily. Bring your burning Course questions and we'll answer them directly.

Thursdays (2nd)

Course Companions Conversations are informal one hour gatherings where Course Companions come together for connection and conversation in small group discussions.

Pop-Up Prayer

Regular gatherings hosted by our Prayer Ministry.

Healing Circles

30-minute gatherings held throughout the week by Circle-trained healers. Open to those seeking healing and those who want to extend healing to others.

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COMPANIONS

Want to be part of these events? Join our Course Companions community at coursecompanions.com.

Ministries — Ways to Serve and Be Served

In addition to Course Companions, the Circle is home to a growing set of ministries — different expressions of one living tradition.



COA STUDY GROUP NETWORK

Local and online hubs
of learning, led by
trained Circle teachers
around the world.



PRAYER MINISTRY

A living practice of
Course-based prayer.
Submit a prayer or
join as part of the team.



MIRACLE-MINDED HEALING MINISTRY

For those who
feel called to extend
spiritual healing to
others in need.

Miracle-Minded Therapy Ministry

Training psychotherapists in the
Course's vision of healing the mind
through forgiveness.

Teacher-Pupil Ministry

Training one-on-one mentors of
newer students as discussed in the
Manual for Teachers.

Love-Centered Leadership Ministry

For those seeking to extend Course-
based love and spiritual guidance in
their workplaces and communities.

Children's Ministry (coming soon)

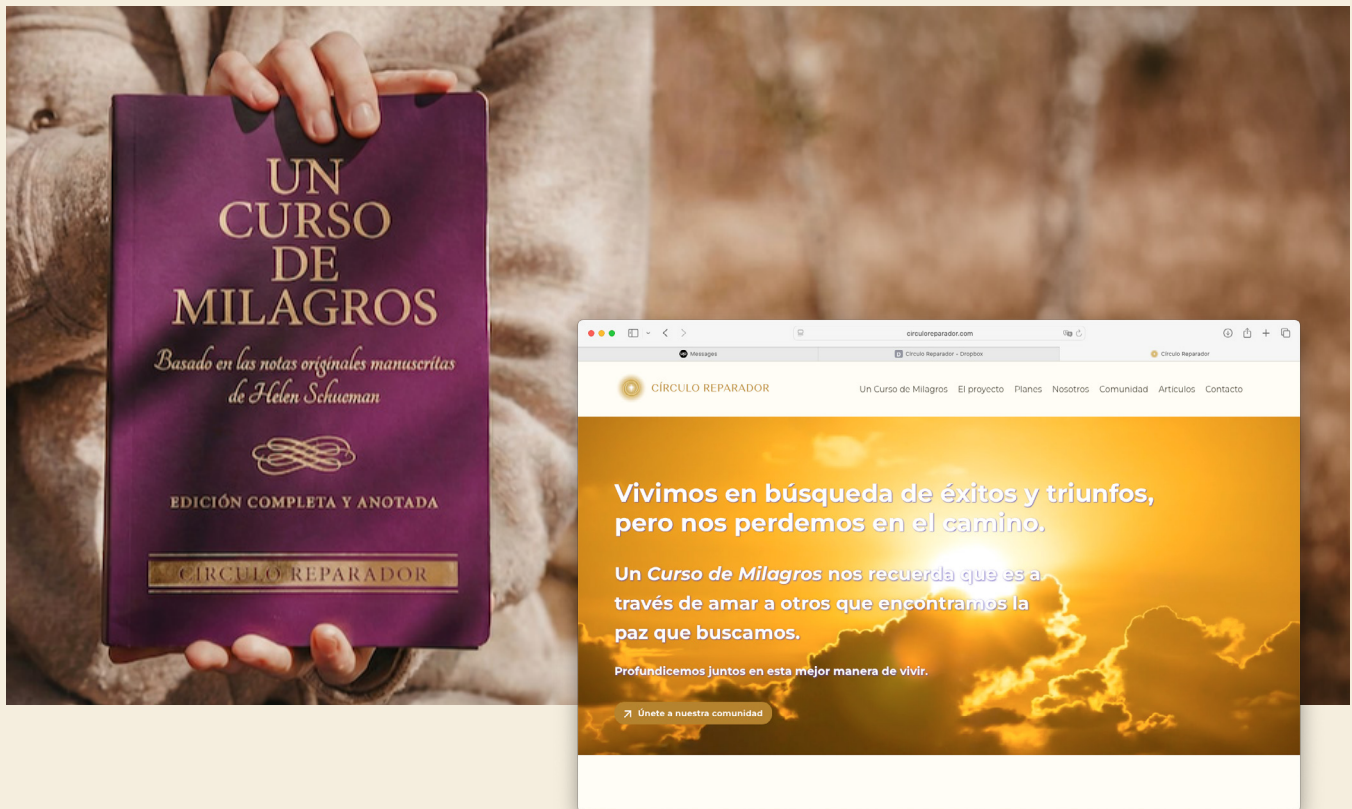
Translating the Course's wisdom
into age-appropriate language and
practices for the next generation.





CÍRCULO REPARADOR

Dedicados a *Un Curso de Milagros*



Bienvenidos to Spanish Circle

For Spanish-speaking students, we have something we're especially proud of: Círculo Reparador — our dedicated Spanish Circle.

Círculo Reparador is a fully developed community in its own right, offering Spanish-language versions of our programming, weekly live classes, translated materials, and its own warm community of Course students.

The Círculo Reparador team is also working to make the Complete and Annotated Edition of the Course available in Spanish — one of our most important and ambitious initiatives. If you or someone you know would benefit from studying the Course in Spanish, we warmly invite you to explore circuloreparador.com.



GETTING INVOLVED

If you're ready to deepen your connection to the Circle and our mission, there are many ways to do so.

Subscribe, Follow & Share

The easiest thing you can do to support this work is to subscribe to our mailing list, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube and engage with our content. Your likes, comments, and shares help the Course reach people who might never have found us otherwise. Subscribe to our YouTube channel for podcast discussions and Sunday Gathering messages. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for events, announcements, and daily Workbook commentary.

Subscribe to our mailing list: circleofa.org/start



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Join our Course Companions community (or explore our other premium programming)

If you'd like to take your learning to the next level, our signature Course Companions membership offers an online home where you can receive expert guidance, attend live events, and network with other Course friends from around the world. (coursecompanions.com)



Volunteer

Volunteering is a meaningful way to stay active in your practice while serving others. We have opportunities in a range of areas — from administrative support to ministry work — and we try to match volunteers with opportunities that fit their gifts. All active volunteers are also automatically welcomed into our Friends of the Circle group. (circleofa.org/volunteer)



Donate

As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we depend on the generosity of our community to make our work possible. Whether it's a one-time gift or a monthly contribution, every act of financial support helps us reach more people with the Course. You can give by credit card, PayPal, or by mail here. (circleofa.org/donate)



Become a Friend of the Circle

Friends of the Circle is our stakeholders group, open to active monthly donors and active volunteers. As a Friend, you'll be kept informed on what's happening behind the scenes with Circle administration, finances, and programming, and you'll have the opportunity to join our monthly leadership meetings and offer your input. It's a meaningful way to be genuinely invested in our future — not just as a student, but as a partner.

Full details on all of the above: circleofa.org/get-involved

FINDING YOUR FOOTING

Below are answers to the questions we hear most often from new students. If you don't find what you're looking for here, we're always happy to help — just reach out at info@circleofa.org.



Where do I begin if I'm brand new to ACIM?

Start with our Learn ACIM Beginner's Series — a simple, structured introduction to the Course's key ideas and daily practice, hosted by Robert and Emily Perry. It's designed to give you a solid foundation without feeling overwhelmed. (circleofa.org/learnacim)

Do I need to buy the CE to get started?

You don't need to purchase anything to get started. The Complete and Annotated Edition of *A Course in Miracles* (the CE) is available as a free app (acimce.app) which allows you to read, search, or listen to the book from anywhere in the world. If you'd like a physical copy, you can order one at circleofa.org/store or amazon.com.

What's the difference between the free resources and Course Companions?

Our free resources — the app, podcast, etc. — are a great way to explore the Course and get a feel for how we teach. Course Companions offers daily commentaries, live weekly classes, a warm global community, and structured support for going through all three volumes of the Course. Think of the free resources as the sample, and Course Companions as the full meal.

How much does Course Companions cost?

You can join Course Companions for as little as \$25/month, or less with an annual plan. If cost is a barrier, scholarships are available.

How do I access the community once I join?

All purchased programming is available at community.circleofa.org.



Can I cancel my Course Companions membership?

Yes, any time. You control your membership from within the community, so you can cancel at any time.

Is the community available in languages other than English?

Yes — our Spanish Circle, *Círculo Reparador*, offers Spanish-language programming, translated materials, and a dedicated community at circuloreparador.com.

Do you offer crisis counseling and support?

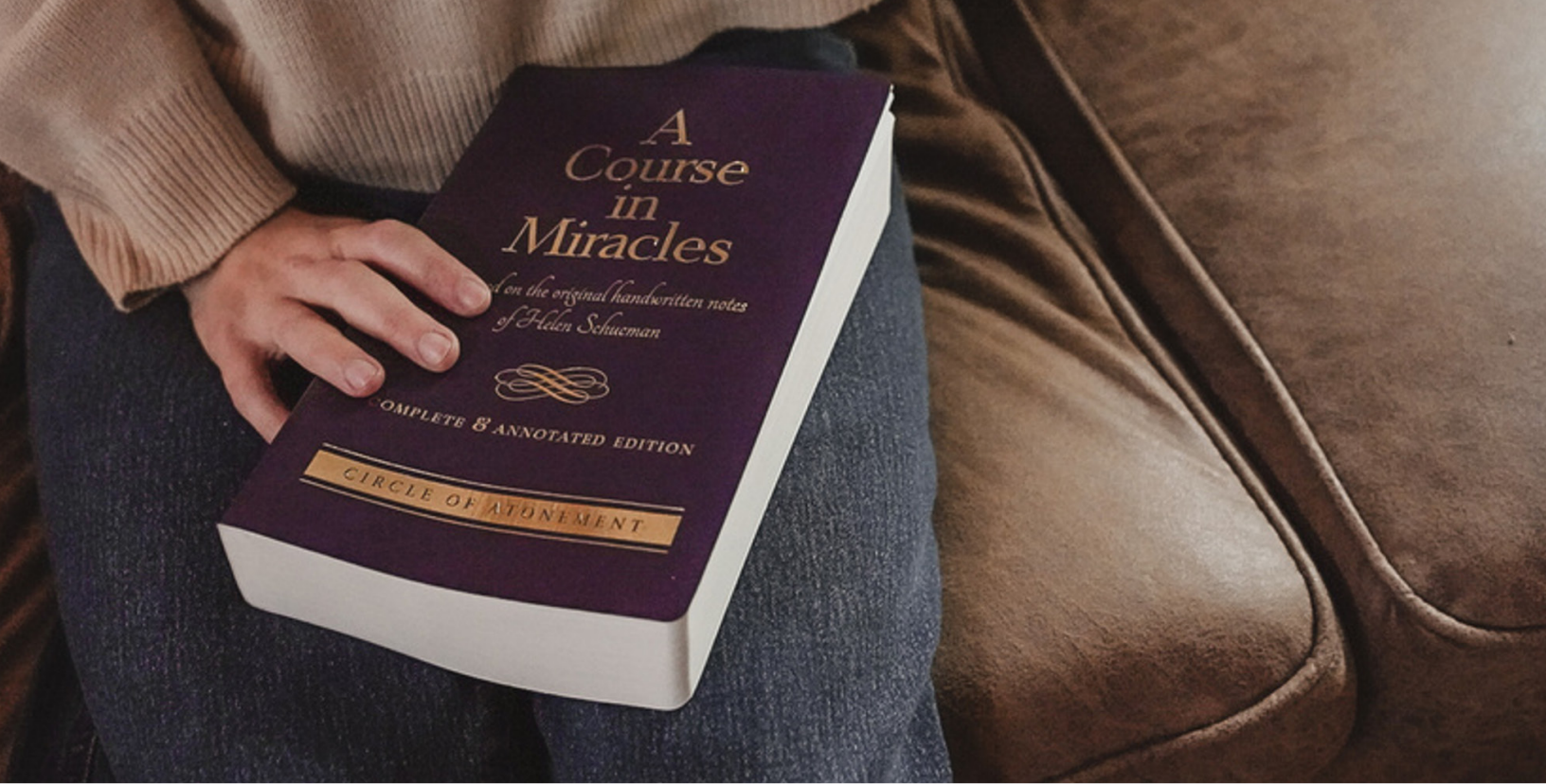
While our community is caring and deeply supportive, we are not mental health professionals and are not equipped to offer crisis support. If you or someone you know is in need of professional help, we encourage you to reach out to a qualified provider.

Is this a religious organization?

We are a spiritual organization, not a religious one. We don't require any particular religious belief to participate, and people from all faiths — or no faith — are welcome here.

How do I contact someone if I need help?

Our team is friendly and genuinely helpful. Reach us at info@circleofa.org or by phone at **(888) 906-9243**.



We don't take lightly the trust it takes to walk a spiritual path — or to join a new community. We're committed to earning that trust, and to being a place where your development is safely held and celebrated. It's why we love this description of what *A Course in Miracles* is meant to do in the world:

"From the paper on which it was written, into the hearts for which it was intended."

That's our mission. And if you feel drawn to walk this path with us, we'd love for you to be part of it.



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