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This book is dedicated to God, the initiator and inspiration of this project, as well as to my parents. You are forever my heroes.

"For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed."

(Romans 8: v. 19)

Introduction

The story of this book begins on July 10, 2013. At that time, I had no idea about how a significant turning point in my life this would be. That day, while driving my car, like most mornings, I was immersed in my thoughts. While all sorts of meaningless ideas and images were parading in my mind, my attention was caught by the thought of eternity. At that very moment, I could see myself in heaven, holding in my hands all the deeds I had done, while on earth. There was a man standing in front of me and I understood right away that He was Jesus. He warmly greeted me and said: "Enter into the joy of your master, good and faithful servant". Upon hearing those words, an inner joy filled my heart, for I understood that the gates of eternity were wide open for me. A few steps from where we were standing, there was an altar from which huge flames were burning. Jesus then took my works and threw them into the fire. I could hear the crackling as they were being consumed. Some black smoke arose, and then nothing. They had just been set ablaze, like straw. Surprised by the scene, I turned to Jesus and asked: "Where are the rewards for all I have done? Have I not gained anything?" He pointed at a gigantic screen that appeared in front of me and said: "Look,

^{1. 1.} Matthew 25:21.

this the life you could have lived". Images scrolled before my eyes at high speed, and I couldn't understand what it was all about. However, from that day, a deep conviction was anchored in my heart: the life I should have had was immeasurably better than the one I did have. Yet, to me, I had experienced many beautiful things. How could I have had a better life than this one?

Three days later, I arrived at the Las Vegas airport for a three-week vacation. On Sunday, I went to a church located fifteen minutes away from downtown, the International Church of Las Vegas. The pastor Paul Goulet was teaching that day on the importance of growing spiritually, on expanding one's "inner being". During his teaching, he picked the following example to illustrate his point: "Imagine for a moment that you are in heaven. You are standing in front of Jesus and He tells you: "Enter into the joy of your master, good and faithful servant". You give Him your works. He puts them into the fire. The fire burns them all and you realize you are left with nothing in return! Sure, you are saved, but you missed the life God had planned for you." As he went on speaking, I realized that he was describing word for word what I had experienced a few days before. Although we were about 800 people in that building, this message was directly addressed to me. It was not a figment of my imagination, it was indeed a message that God wanted to pass me. From then on, I was left with no excuse. I did not know which life God had planned for me, but one thing was sure: I could no longer bury my head in the sand. I simply had to discover why was I born and what He had planned for my life.

Understanding Destiny led me to discover and grasp the meaning of life and the reason for our existence on earth. It brought me to grasp what our place in this wide universe is and the link that unites Man to God. This research led me to devour books, articles and journals dealing with the topic, attend seminars and conferences, discuss with men and women who were also in a quest for the purpose of their life, and meet people who had completed significant things, because they had understood the reason why they were there; and finally enter my own destiny.

This allowed me to understand who I was and now enables me to help you discover who you are. This understanding is possible only when you realize that God is at the core of life. The denial of His existence has developed a vacuum in men's hearts and all their attempts to fill that void on their own have resulted into deep dissatisfaction and extreme excesses in our world. Our world is anesthetized by the darkness that slowly settles down, but men do not pay attention. They are blinded by their lives' artificial light and would rather convince themselves that all is well, as long as their daily reality is not shaken by the tragedies seen in the daily news. But over 2,000 years ago, three wise men saw another light. It was a star, shining in the sky.

They followed it and it led them to Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world, the One that the Holy Scriptures call the Morning Star. In an era where God's voice becomes inaudible to humans, where darkness overtakes our societies, He desires to make stars emerge, His sons and daughters, so they bring light and truth where they are. While clash of cultures, relationships between peoples and mistrust towards politicians are stronger than ever, the time has come for the sons and daughters of God to be revealed.

This book is neither eschatological nor religious because those discourses rarely bring solutions. It rather aims at breaking with the religious spirit and put God back at the center of Creation. The religious spirit defines itself as an attempt by Man to draw closer to God, by creating a set of rules and precepts, rooted in human traditions and understandings, or as the fact for a believer to be convinced that obedience to rules would lead them closer to God.

In both cases, this way of thinking has resulted in making the "relationship" between the believer and God monotonous, guilt-inducing and frustrating. No matter what one does, they can never find fulfillment if they do not reconnect with the Source of life, which will lead to a better understanding of the purpose of their life.

This book is divided into four parts:

- The first part "The consequences of a world without God", draws up an observation of the current situation within our modern societies and how we got there.
- The second part "Between God and Man", takes us back to the origins of Creation and to God's plan for Man.
- The third part "Begin living a victorious life" reminds us that those who have chosen to really walk with God will be able to live a victorious life, not one exempt from trials and difficulties but one in which trials and difficulties make them stronger.
- The fourth part "Destiny", allows us to grasp the purpose of our presence on earth and understand how God has chosen His people to represent Him.

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