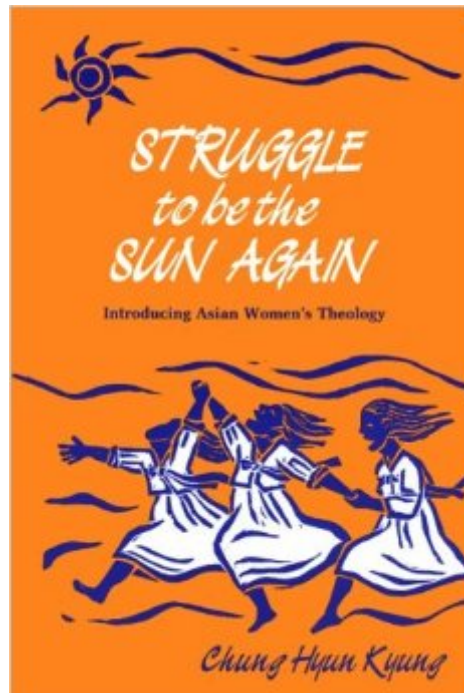


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Struggle To Be The Sun Again: Introducing Asian Women's Theology



Synopsis

Chung Hyun Kyung electrified the 1991 World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra with her vivid presentation of Christianity in an Asian context. After describing the historical and social context of Asian women's theology, Chung Hyun Kyung considers the questions with which Asian women are concerned. Who is Jesus for Asian women? Who is Mary for Asian women? What form should spirituality take for Asian women? Indeed what should their theology be? --This text refers to the Print on Demand (Paperback) edition.

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I have read this book several times and always find new insight out of Chung Hyun Kyung's work. "Struggle to be the Sun Again" gives voice to Asian and Asian-American women who are academically and spiritually doing work in the theological field. I highly recommend this book if you are interested in exploring the theological challenges for Asian women in the church.

At the time this book was published in 1990, Chung Hyun Kyung (who has a doctorate from Union Theological Seminary) taught systematic theology at Ewha Women's University, in Seoul, Korea. She wrote in the Preface, "This book is about emerging Asian women's liberation theology. I intend to present the context and specific contributions of emerging Asian women's theology out of their struggle for survival and liberation." She begins by observing, "Doing theology is a personal and

a political activity. As a Korean woman, I do theology in my search of what it means to be fully human in my struggle for wholeness and in my people's concrete historical fight for freedom... My theological questioning neither falls from the sky nor is derived primarily from the academy. Rather, it comes from my anger and hope as a Third World woman who refuses to be victimized by any kind of colonialism. My theology is also inspired by my burning desire for self-determination, and it originates from a liberation-oriented, Third World interpretation of people's history." (Pg. 1) She regrets that, although she now has decided that she "would not waste my life solving the theological puzzles of the people who were the cause of our suffering," she spent most of her theological education "reacting against white European and North American theologies," and "hardly found the time and energy to construct my own theology." (Pg. 3) She suggests that Asian women's yearning for, and rediscovery of, a Godhead "which contains both male and female qualities," is the same yearning for full humanity "in which both males and females are fully represented as equal partners." (Pg. 48) Nevertheless, she points out that many Asian women feel closer to Mary as a model for full humanity than to Jesus, "for the obvious reason that Mary is a woman." (Pg. 75) This is an excellent contribution to the gradually-emerging field of Asian women's theology, and very much worth reading.

Professor Hyun Kyung Chung breaks new ground, with this vision of women's spirituality which acknowledges our pluralist cultures. Insightful, original, authentic: a book in which spirit moves.

What an uplifting story and account of women's struggle to gain/regain who and what they are! Eye-opening, inspiring and reassuring comment on the indomitable rise of the human spirit!

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