

## **Bringing an End to Hate and Prejudice -- the Avar Press Scholarship Challenge. Free Copies of "Xen" by D.J. Solomon, MD Available from the Publisher**

*Now in its second printing, the remaining few boxes of the original printing of "Xen" will be distributed to American and Canadian high school students free of charge on a first come, first served basis. "Xen's" message is too important to store in the stockroom.*

Wilmington NC. (PRWeb) March 1, 2007 -- Now that "Xen" is in its second printing, Avar Press has decided to distribute the remaining copies of the first edition with original cover, to the first American and Canadian high school juniors and seniors to request copies. This will be done at no charge. Why? "Xen's" message is too important to store in the stockroom.

The "Xen" literary scholarship competition, now in its second year for high school juniors and seniors, has begun to accept essays for its first, second and third place cash prizes and publication. The deadline for entries is May 15, 2007. Please refer to the Avar Press website, for complete competition information and to read last year's winning essays.

The end of hate and prejudice begins one person at a time, believes D.J. Solomon, M.D., the author of "Xen." People all over the world continue to take steps to this end. But much more needs to be done. "Xen" tells the story of one person's extraordinary plan to rid the world of xenophobia, mankind's fundamental flaw, the source of hatred and prejudice. "Xen" is contemporary Utopian fiction with an attitude. What would the world be like as a matriarchy, but without racism, conspicuous consumption and greed, and without the exploitation of anyone or any animal? It's a story within a story. Due to subject matter and some explicit language, "Xen" is not recommended for readers under the age of 16. However, it is the perfect book for a literary competition as last year's winning essays demonstrate.

To request a free copy, including shipping & handling, or to review the scholarship competition information, please follow the scholarship links on the Avar Press website. Supplies are limited of course and requests must be post marked before March 15, 2007.

About the author: D.J. Solomon is a Stanford M.D., Brandeis Phi Beta Kappa, and Westinghouse Science Talent Search Scholarship winner. He has a private practice in rural North Carolina. "Xen" is his first novel, second book, the first published in 1979 by W.B. Saunders, when he was 25. He lives with two dogs and has three children. He has several works in various stages of development, both fiction and non-fiction.

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