

An autobiographical note:

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The author graduated from Cambridge in the sixties in both Science and Theology. He then worked in the Sudan for the Church Missionary Society as a teacher in a secondary school and later training teachers to teach religious education in the Southern Sudan. He also taught part time in a clergy training project. He later taught English Language in a secondary school, the Khartoum Polytechnic and Khartoum University. During that time he studied Arabic Language and Literature at the Khartoum Branch of Cairo University, on a degree course intended for Arabs, and graduated in 1975. He then branched out and established a tourist company in the Sudan, taking people to see the many pyramids and temples in the desert. From 1986 to 1994 he worked in Oman as a translator and in computing. Since returning home he has worked as a freelance Arabic translator. Throughout his adult life the author has continued with his study of theology, and though this present book is not about Islam, his study of the Quran and Islamic literature has greatly influenced his own insights into Christianity. Though the present book makes no reference to the Hebrew or Greek of the Bible, the author's knowledge of them is never far from the surface. Philip is married with three children.