

Praise for Philip Stott's Novel

I remain very impressed by this novel. As far as I know, nothing like it has ever appeared in print. I would be surprised if it should be anything less but very well received by the Christian community at large. *Another World* provides a window into a past world that looks and sounds eerily familiar; a world only separated from us by a little time and a lot of water. No one who dares to compare that world with ours can escape its fearful implications. Philip Stott has written a novel that may be called, as he himself says, Biblical science fiction. It is certainly Biblical, and it is scientifically tenable. That leaves precious little fiction to hide behind. May all who read this account of the first world's terrifying ruin by flood be driven to seek refuge from the judgment that is yet to come by fire.

—Rev. Barry Beukema

Pastor of the United Reformed Church of Thunder Bay
Ontario, Canada

Scientist, educator, and author Philip Stott takes us on a harrowing journey back to the future. The time: a few thousand years ago. The place: a world we can barely imagine—and may not want to. Here there is much to amaze, but there is also much to appall. Here, all but a few have forgotten God; here, none but a few realize that God's judgment is coming—terrifyingly—from above and beneath. To enter that world is to risk seeing our own. But enter it you should—the better to prepare yourself for another world that is soon to come.

—Dean Davis

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1 The Planet

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters...”

“You’re not serious!”

“Surely that must classify as hate speech!”

“I always knew you were a liar.”

“Come on, Shell, he can’t have said that!”

“I’m telling you. That’s exactly how he started the lecture. His very words!” insisted Shelah as he looked through a steadily thickening alcoholic haze at his friends seated around the battered, beer-stained oak table.

A waiter arrived with five large mugs, set them down, collected the empties, and held out his hand for the money. The five young men grinned sheepishly. By the yellow light of smoky oil-lamps hanging from the low, oak-beamed ceiling, it was easy to see that these were freshmen, still wet behind the ears. New arrivals revelling in the novelty of being away from home for the first time. Their table was far from the door and even farther from the bar—not the most popular spot in the large, noisy room, but even here there were only a few empty places. They had to bellow to be heard above the surrounding chatter.

After the waiter left, Asahai looked at Shelah with a long, deliberate, half-inebriated stare. “Shell, you scandal-monger, you ought to pay for two rounds after a story like that.”

A murmur of approval ran around the little group, which had already downed four rounds and begun to sound very merry.

“Great idea. You can have mine, Shell.”

“No. It was my idea. He can have mine.”

“Why not both?”

The youngsters laughed. They didn't notice a group of seven men swagger into the bar through the swinging doors. Everyone else did notice and looked uneasy. The general hubbub of conversation began to fade. Rendo, the leader of the new arrivals, had a self-satisfied smirk on his face as he savoured the hush. His smirk sagged to a scowl when laughter bubbled up from a table on the far side of the room. Rendo swung round toward the sound and peered through the smoke. His thin lips narrowed to a hard line.

“I suppose it could be true,” Hoshea's loud voice slurred. He had obviously drunk more than he could handle. “Professor Zalomo just might have said something like that. His daughter's married to one of Old Doom and Gloom's sons.”

“Come off it!”

“It's tall story night!”

They all laughed again.

“No tall story. It's true!”

“Oh yeah, and where'd you get that from?”

“My dad went to school with Doomy's eldest. He's called Japh. He used to come and visit us now and then.”

“Didn't mind associating with a sled-man then?”

“Well, actually, he did the sled-men's course at Super Swift with my dad. I was just a little kid then. Didn't finish and get a licence though; went off instead with Old Gloom to Tarshish or some such God-forsaken spot.”

“Pity they didn't stay there.”

“If they had, they'd 've been strung up long ago. You know what goes on in Tarshish!”

They chuckled again, not noticing the general hush in the room. Nor that the newly arrived group was heading in their direction.

“Your dad wasn’t scared to be seen with him?”

“And the neighbours didn’t burn your house down?”

“They’d want to fumigate the neighbourhood after a visit by anyone connected with Old Gloom!”

Another ripple of laughter went round the table.

Several of the other patrons looked uneasily from the new arrivals to the noisy bunch and back again. One or two looked as if they were trying to catch the attention of the youngsters. But the cheerful group were oblivious to it all.

“Well, that was a few years ago. Doomy used to be quite popular once. A bit before my time, but my dad told me about it.”

“They say he used to try and scare people by telling them they’d end up burning on a bonfire.”

“So why did he change his story to say everybody will get drowned?”

“Well you see, all that water puts the fire out!”

All five burst into howls of laughter. Their faces were wet with tears, their sides were sore and a lot of beer had been spilt by the time order returned to the group. They had been too distracted to notice the spivs sitting down at the table next to theirs.

The Planet was almost exclusively patronised by students of Salem University. The new arrivals were obviously not students. A little too old, for one thing. Too flashily dressed, for another. And a bit too surly... and they all had knives in their belts. But Rendo, as a one-time drop-out astronomy student, considered himself part of the scene and he liked to invite his buddies to The Planet now and then. Rendo demanded fear and respect from the students. He was not one little bit pleased that the five freshmen at the next table had failed to notice him arrive. Neither was he at all pleased with their talk.

Asahai beckoned a waiter and ordered another round. His

friends drained their mugs and banged them down on the table. They were still smiling from ear to ear and giggling sporadically when their beer arrived. Another waiter, with a worried expression on his face, hurried with a tray of drinks for Rendo and his gang at the next table.

“Is it the unmarried one that your dad knows?”

“Yep,” said Hoshea, after a long draught.

“I suppose he’ll stay that way,” said Loshan. “Not much chance of finding a girl who’d be prepared to even talk to him.”

“Why not invite him to marry your sister, Loshy?”

The group guffawed loudly.

“No good—he’s sure to be looking for a virgin!”

The group sprawled helplessly across the table spilling beer, gasping for breath, holding their sides.

“They’re an endangered species!”

“All but extinct!”

“Stamp out virginity!”

“Definitely no prospects for him in Salem!”

As the half-drunk students spluttered and choked with laughter, Rendo, at the next table, glanced toward them. His eyes darted from one to the other. He had remarkable eyes; both brown, but very different. The left was hazel with little flecks of green; the right was dark, almost black. He turned his gaze back toward his sidekicks. They sat staring at their mugs. Not saying a word. Maybe they were thinking the same thoughts he was. Why was everybody always talking about that miserable wretch of a preacher and his three lousy sons? These stupid little creeps hadn’t even noticed him. He and his buddies got up to some nasty cool stuff. Why wasn’t somebody talking about that?

“Hey, Loshy, you know old Jeremiah’s daughter? The ugly one who’s so cross-eyed you can’t tell if she’s looking at the professor

or the clock on the wall? I'm sure she's got a king-size crush on you. We could take her to meet him. You could stand next to him and she'd say 'yes' not realising it was him doing the asking."

The drunken quintet thumped the table and held their aching sides, tears streaming down their cheeks.

Rendo's hard lips pursed into a scowl and two shades of hatred smouldered behind his angry glare. How dare those worthless scum joke about a girl just because her eyes are a bit different!

He leant forward and murmured something to his gang. They stood up to go.

Rendo made a show of tripping over Hoshea's foot as he left the table.

"What'd you do that for?" Rendo demanded angrily.

"Oh, sorry," said Hoshea, withdrawing his foot from the aisle.

"Trying to land me flat on my face in all that beer you jerks 've spilled on the floor?"

The students at the next table got up and hurried for the door as unobtrusively as possible.

"Hey, he told you he was sorry. It was an accident," managed Shelah through his alcoholic haze.

Tables throughout the room were emptying rapidly.

"Yeah, it was just an accident. Leave him alone."

Rendo's gang waded in with boots flying and fists flailing.



2 Interrogation

"Come in."

The door opened and two male nurses entered, supporting a heavily bandaged figure.

"Bring him here," said the middle-aged police-inspector seated

Another World

Some of the Science Behind the Story

THE floating forests were inspired by the work of Dr. Joachim Sheven. His research shows that a great deal of the world's coal probably comes from forests that once covered much of the ocean.

Huge meteorites striking the earth were first proposed by Dr. George Dodwell after many years of research into the changing tilt of the earth's axis. His work points to an enormously catastrophic impact only a few thousand years ago.

Use of the Earth's formerly powerful magnetic field for transportation was put forward by Professor James Hanson.

The theory of hydro-plate tectonics comes from Dr. Walter Brown.

Ideas concerning dinosaurs come from a number of researchers who have not always come to exactly the same conclusions. They may or may not be accurate.

The contributions of a number of scientists are outlined more fully in the **APPENDIX—POSTSCRIPT** beginning on page 243.

Some information and illustrations regarding dinosaurs and mag-sleds is also given in the **APPENDIX**, pages 251–263.

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APPENDIX

Postscript

THIS story could be considered “Biblical science fiction.” The aspects of the story, such as that man lived alongside the huge creatures of Job 40 and 41 (“behemoths”), that the Flood of Noah’s time in Genesis 6, 7, and 8* was worldwide, etc., are certain because God’s Word is true. The ideas in the story taken from those recognised as “scientists” are less certain. Scientists are fallible, like everyone else, are liable to make mistakes, and are still learning.

Possibly the first scientist to propose that the earth had been struck by a large meteorite was Dr. George Dodwell, a renowned Australian astronomer. Dodwell was born in 1879, became an assistant astronomer at Adelaide Observatory in 1899, became a Government Astronomer in 1909, and represented Australia at international astronomy gatherings. He retired at the age of 73. He derived a size of approximately 200 km (124 miles) diameter for the impacting body. He noted that our moon, unlike the planets, does not orbit over the equator and suggested that this could be because of disturbance due to this impact. His work showed that if an impacting body were responsible for the huge

* Unless otherwise noted, Scripture quotations are from the King James Version.

difference between the observed changes in the tilt of the axis and those predicted by normal calculations, then it probably struck the earth about four and a half thousand years ago, which coincides with the Biblical Flood.

Dodwell's idea gained no popularity with scientists during his lifetime since it does not readily fit into the millions of years of earth history which were then universally accepted. Since then, considerable numbers of scientists have come to question this timescale and Dodwell's theory is now being considered seriously.

Unfortunately, the present American copyright holders have not published Dodwell's book on this subject, perhaps purposely to suppress it, and copies made available by the previous Australian copyright holder are scarce and hard to come by. Fortunately, the important first chapter, "Astronomical Investigations of the Obliquity of the Ecliptic," had become fairly well known before the book became obscure.

The idea of meteorite impacts became popular when Walter Alvarez and Luis W. Alvarez published a famous paper describing a worldwide iridium anomaly that they could account for by the impact of a meteorite of about 10 km (6.2 miles) diameter. Their observations were, as I would have predicted, interpreted in a way that squeezed them into the popular geological timescale. Some scientists do recognise that such an event could destroy the fundamental assumptions on which Charles Lyell and his disciples had built that timescale! Evidence has led many scientists to theorize that at least one major meteorite has struck the earth with devastating consequences.

Calculations on the effects of meteorite impacts have been done by many scientists, perhaps the best known being Thomas J. Ahrens and John D. O'Keefe of the California Institute of Technology. In 1982, they showed that a body of 10 km (6.2 miles)

diameter would produce tsunamis (formerly called tidal waves) 5 km (3 miles) high that would overwhelm the entire globe in 27 hours. It would also have led to earthquakes millions of times more powerful than those we observe today, thousands of millions of tons of water being thrown up into the atmosphere, etc. They asked how it would be possible for any land-dwelling creature to escape drowning. The scientific community on the whole preferred to ignore this theory, and to speculate instead on dust being thrown up, cutting off sunlight, leading to reduced vegetation, starvation of dinosaurs, etc., and no change to the popular mythology about an earth many millions of years old.

The pre-flood world had no rain (Genesis 2:5). This may be due to the lack of a strong wind system (as would be expected if the axis were not tilted), together with lack of dust in the uniformly fertile and well-watered (“very good”) Earth. Without particles to act as condensation nuclei, water vapour does not form drops of water, which, therefore, cannot then form clouds. There was probably a great deal of water vapour in the atmosphere. There is evidence that suggests that the atmospheric pressure before the Flood was about double that of today. Much of the atmosphere could have been blown away into space during an impact event. Most of the water vapour that remained would have condensed on dust particles thrown up by the impact (and by volcanoes) and come down as rain. The present “water cycle” of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation probably began during the Flood.

Findings of unfossilized dinosaur bones containing DNA and red blood cells have discredited the idea that dinosaurs became extinct millions of years ago. Such bones are the remains of post-flood creatures, certainly no older than three or four thousand years. The existence of historical documents, like those of

Geoffrey of Monmouth, Alexander the Great, the old English saga *Beowulf*, etc., describing easily recognizable dinosaurs, points to their existence within the last few thousand years. This agrees with the account in the book of Job (40:15) where God, speaking out of the whirlwind, tells Job to “behold now Behemoth, which I made with thee...” The description appears to fit that of a *sauropod* dinosaur. Dr. David Rosevear, has pointed out that certain dinosaurs (*Lambeosaurus*, *Corythosaurus*, etc.) had structures in their skulls similar to those in the rear end of bombardier beetles. These little creatures fire boiling acid from their twin cannons by exploding hydroquinones and peroxides in an explosion chamber. This offers theoretical support for the existence of such creatures as the one described in Job 41 with the ability to fire smoke, sparks, and hot gases from their nostrils.

All dinosaurs are given abbreviated names in *Another World*: tyrano instead of *tyrannosaurs*, trico instead of *triceratops*, etc. The appendix gives brief descriptions of most of those mentioned in the story.

Dr. Walter Brown’s hydroplate theory is detailed in his book *In the Beginning*. It is based on the fact that observed geological features are consistent with vast quantities of water having burst forth from underground reservoirs when overlying basalt was pierced. A crack would spread at the speed of sound in rock until it completely encircled the globe. Dr. Brown does not attempt to determine what led to the cracking open of the basalt over the reservoirs. A meteorite impact is one possibility.

It is quite likely that the force of the water jets could have thrown water into the stratosphere where it would have rapidly cooled to far below freezing temperature. Its violent motion could have prevented it from freezing until it came to an abrupt halt upon hitting the earth. This is similar to what happens in arctic

waters when windblown sea spray at sub-freezing temperature hits a ship and turns to black ice on impact. There are many cases of mammoths being found apparently “super-quick frozen” and in a very good state of preservation. The Berezovka mammoth is a particularly famous example. One Royal Society dinner in London featured extremely well-preserved mammoth steaks. Some of the mammoths found had grasses and flowers (notably bluebells) in their mouths and undigested flowers and grasses in their stomachs. This suggests extremely rapid freezing at a very low temperature. The ice in which they are found is often described as very dirty. Others are in “muck” which is no longer fully frozen. This would be consistent with the “fountains of the great deep” eroding material from the sides of the crack leading from the underground chambers to the surface. Dissolved salts and carbon dioxide could explain many otherwise puzzling geological features like “evaporates” and surprisingly pure, widely distributed and impressively huge calcium carbonate deposits.

The earth’s rapidly decaying magnetic field was first analysed in 1883 by the famous mathematician Sir Horace Lamb, who pointed out that using well-established laws of physics and any reasonable assumptions about conditions within the earth, the magnetic field must have decreased from an extremely high value only a few thousand years ago. Many observations confirmed his analysis, which was refined by Professor Thomas Barnes in 1973, and subsequently later significantly modified by Dr. Russell Humphreys in the light of more recent observations. His analysis showed how a major disturbance at the time of the Flood could lead to rapid fluctuation in the magnetic field, with possible field reversals. The field would then have risen to a strength less than before the Flood, but several times stronger than today, before resuming decay with the currently observed “half-life” of about

fourteen hundred years, which means that at the end of every period of fourteen hundred years, its strength has fallen to half of its value at the beginning of that period.

The idea of the earth's formerly powerful magnetic field being used for transport comes from Professor Emeritus James N. Hanson, of Cleveland State University, who proposed it as a possible means of transporting the enormous blocks of stone used in some huge ancient structures.

The floating forests come from German paleontologist Dr. Joachim Scheven, whose work indicates that many of the world's gigantic coal deposits were formed from vast floating forests of lycopod trees.

These scientists could, of course, be totally wrong. Scientists are fallible but, as far as I can tell, there is good observational support and no conflict between their work and statements of Scripture.

We are generally indoctrinated with the evolutionary idea that man was formerly a primitive descendent of an ape-like creature, a brute with little intelligence and no technological development. We can see that this is untrue when we consider that ancient maritime civilisations are known to have had global navigation systems the likes of which modern man has only achieved quite recently. Some of the blocks used to build the ancient city of Tiahuanaco weigh hundreds of tons. The technology to lift such blocks into place has been with modern man for less than a century. The blocks used to make the great pyramids have edges straight to the accuracy of a modern optical straightedge. The structure is so accurate in its construction and orientation that it required a technologically-advanced civilization to build it. Artefacts that appear to be pre-flood in origin show that a method of rust-proofing iron by a sulphur

treatment was known. Such treatment has not yet been rediscovered. It is also noteworthy that ancient civilisations (e.g., the ancient Greeks) looked back to a Golden Age of enormous learning and technological development, which had been lost. It is also noteworthy that the more ancient the language one studies, the more complexity and subtlety one tends to find.

Decay of the magnetic field and the loss of much of the atmosphere may have deprived us of most of our original protection from harmful radiation and be leading to ever increasing genetic damage. It is highly probable that the erupting fountains of the great deep brought buried radioactive materials to the surface, leading to further genetic damage. Before the Flood, man lived for about nine hundred years, genetically in far better shape than modern man who lives with the accumulation of more than four thousand years of genetic decay. We would expect the pre-flood population to make rapid strides in knowledge. We could expect a productive career many times that of a modern researcher. We see in Genesis Chapter 4 that quite soon after creation, Tubal-Cain was proficient in metalworking and Jubal was skilled in stringed and wind musical instruments.

Most speculation about the Flood concentrates on the rain that fell for forty days and forty nights (Genesis 7:12). But the Bible notes before mentioning this rain that “in that same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up” (Genesis 7:11). We are also told that God “callesh for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth.” (Amos 5:8 and Amos 9:6)

Another detail about the Flood which is often overlooked, is that the “unclean” animals and birds (those not suitable for human consumption—the vast majority) came to the ark in pairs, whereas seven pairs each of the “clean” beasts and birds (those few kinds which are good for human consumption) were

taken onboard. “Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and the beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female” (Genesis 7:2); note: “by sevens” not seven, and “by two” not twos.

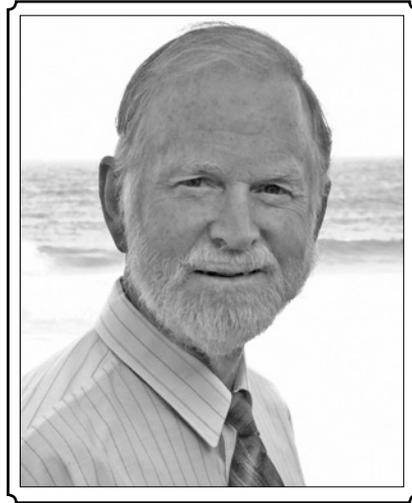
Another World attempts to portray what God states in the Bible, that “all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth” (Genesis 6:12) and “every imagination of the thoughts of his [mankind’s] heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5). If some aspects of this could be considered unsuitable for younger readers, I may have failed to strike the right balance, for which I ask the reader’s pardon.

There are many parallels between the pre-flood earth and the circumstances today. There is a worldwide turning away from righteousness and morality. The killing of unborn babies by abortion has been legalised in many formerly civilised societies; promiscuity and homosexuality are being encouraged as acceptable “alternative lifestyles,” pornography has become accepted as “freedom of expression,” and capital punishment has been abolished as infringing upon “human rights” in most of the countries once considered at the forefront of civilisation. The disastrous consequences—dramatic increases of rape, murder, the breakdown of the family, and general moral decay—seem to be quite acceptable to our “enlightened” post-modern society.

The Bible warns that there will be another judgement, this time not by water, but by fire. It is very likely that the majority of people will be as unprepared as people were in the days of Noah.



About the Author



Philip **Stott** was born in England in 1943. He studied at Manchester University, where he obtained B.S. (with honours) and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering. He lectured at universities in Nigeria and South Africa and carried out research in the analysis of geometrically nonlinear structures. He shared the Henry Adams Award for outstanding research in 1969. While lecturing at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, he studied biology. After leaving Wits he joined an engineering consulting firm. His ongoing interest in all aspects of science led to studies in mathematics and astronomy with the University of South Africa and, later, to four years of part-time research with the Applied Mathematics Department of the University of the Orange Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

After many years as a firm atheist, he was converted to Christianity in 1976. Following several years of studying the

conflicting claims of secular science and Scripture, he actively entered the Creation/Evolution debate in 1989.

In 1992, he was invited to address a conference in Russia and since then has lectured, addressed conferences, and taken part in debates in eastern and western Europe, America, Canada, and southern Africa. Venues have included the European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN), a UNESCO International Conference on the Teaching of Physics, and the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Philip Stott is married to Margaret (born Lloyd). They have two children, Robert and Angela; and two grandchildren, Sean and Julie. They live in Bloemfontein, South Africa.



IT has been my privilege to benefit from Philip Stott's superb ministry for more than twenty years. He is a brilliant Creation Science lecturer and I have frequently sat spellbound at his dynamic presentations.

It has been an education to watch Philip Stott at work at secular universities. Even in the face of the most hostile audiences, Philip Stott remains calm and confidently presents the irrefutable scientific facts in support of the Biblical creation position. His *Vital Questions* book is one of the very best scientific books I have ever read.

It is a privilege to recommend the writing and speaking ministry of Philip Stott. He is our favorite Creation Science lecturer at the Biblical Worldview Summits.

—Dr. Peter Hammond
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Publisher's Word

When the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and all the imaginations of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually, Then it repented the Lord that He had made man in the earth, and He was sorry in His heart.

(Genesis 6:5-6)*

Casting down the imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

(2 Corinthians 10:5)

AFTER the Creation, the Fall, and the First Coming of Christ, history's fourth most important event is surely the Great Flood of Genesis. While the Fall of Adam is certainly the greatest tragedy among mankind, the Great Flood must rank second. The Great Flood is simply the greatest material destruction the earth has ever known. Modern man can barely fathom the Flood's impact on the quality of life on earth. It displays God's perfect and righteous justice for man's sin and rebellion against man's Creator.

Additionally, that the late antediluvian world knew almost nothing but vicious wickedness and its accompanying evil is equally unimaginable. In this day of Christ's reign, we may now see pockets, some large, of utter sinfulness and its consequences. These are so repugnant we will scarcely consider them. With such inhumanity as the world witnessed in World War I, World War II under Hitler, and then Stalin's and Mao's regimes, the

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Killing Fields of Cambodia, and the genocide in Rwanda, the Sudan, and elsewhere, we obtain some inkling of mankind's massive depravity at the time of Noah. As brutally evil as these examples seem, according to the Bible they are a drop in the bucket to the dimensions of evil in the earth before the Flood. The Flood era may equal or surpass all the combined atrocities and evil of history since. That God would justly destroy nearly the entire human population of perhaps billions of people* to protect the last remaining righteous few for the salvation of future generations boggles the mind and wrenches the heart.

It is natural to avoid such unpleasantness. However, the Bible itself uses both a carrot and a stick to engage God's people. The carrot is the great mercy and goodness of abundant life and eternal salvation available to us through Christ's atonement and our salvation. The stick is God's angry but righteous judgment over personal rebellion against Him, such sinful rebellion resulting in supreme human wickedness, injustice, and tyranny.

How does our culture—and the church in particular—today render the story of the Flood? Is it not typically in the form of a cute Sunday school story? Noah's animals span the landscape in a long cue, two by two. They all go for a lengthy boat ride on top of the world. Then comes the rainbow. While these redeeming elements are surely warranted in the church's teaching, it should also be important to emphasize the ugly result of sin from which Christ has redeemed us! We need to know from what (and to Whom) we are saved. Where are the cautionary sermons from Genesis Six through Nine? We can hope we will hear more, with good fruit forthcoming, in the future.

* "Even if we use rates appropriate in the present world ($x=1$ and $c=1.5$), over 3 billion people could easily have been on the earth at the time of Noah." Henry M. Morris, *The Biblical Basis for Modern Science*, (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2002), 392.

In the meantime, this novel, *Another World*, renders a most unique and stimulating treatment of the Great Flood. In it, accomplished scientist, Biblical creationist, teacher, Christian gentlemen, and my friend from South Africa, Professor Philip Stott, illustrates the multifacetedness of the antediluvian era. He draws portraits of the character of the natural earth and of the true human character with forthrightness, imagination, and restraint. Then he dabs the painting with a touch of God's redemption story that a sound representation of the Bible would demand. The story is engaging. It is woefully painful, yet hopeful. It is human in both the worst (sinful) and best (restoration) senses. It suggests the natural wonder—the beauty and the severe dangers—of primeval, fallen earth. That *Another World* is a cautionary tale for our age will not be missed. Altogether, Nordskog Publishing heartily recommends *Another World* to anyone who wishes to understand and appreciate both the significance of the heavenly rebuke and the world's magnificent redemption in the Great Flood of Genesis.

Without God's merciful grace, none of us would be here to read this novel based upon history as told by the ancients in God's Law-Word, and the great story of the destruction of the human race, but also God's redeeming salvation through Noah and his ark.

Another World certainly depicts a world millennia ago and unknown to modern mankind. Here we find some of the ancient mysteries through a Godly speculation. May it lead you to "another world" in God's future eternal kingdom. Praise be to God from Whom all blessings flow.



— **Gerald Christian Nordskog**
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(See selected Scriptures following.)

Select Scripture from Genesis Chapters Six through Nine

When the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and all the imaginations of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually, Then it repented the Lord that He had made man in the earth, and He was sorry in His heart. Therefore, the Lord said, I will destroy from the earth the man, whom I have created, from man to beast, to the creeping thing, and to the fowl of the heaven: for I repent that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (Genesis 6:5-8)

And I, behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life under heaven: all that is in the earth shall perish. But with thee will I establish my covenant, and thou shalt go into the Ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. (Genesis 6:17-18)

Noah therefore did according unto all that God commanded him: even so did he. (Genesis 6:22)

For seven days hence I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days, and forty nights, and all the substance that I have made, will I destroy from off the earth. (Genesis 7:4)

[T]he same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. (Genesis 7:11b-12)

So He destroyed everything that was upon the earth, from man to beast, to the creeping thing, and to the fowl of the heaven: they were even destroyed from the earth. And Noah only remained, and they that were with him in the Ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days." (Genesis 7:23-24)

Then God spake to Noah, saying, Go forth of the Ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with every beast that is with thee, of all flesh, both fowl and cattle, and everything that creepeth and moveth upon the earth, that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and bring forth fruit and increase upon the earth. (Genesis 8:15-17)

Hereafter seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and Summer and Winter, and day and night shall not cease, so long as the earth remaineth. (Genesis 8:22)

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Bring forth fruit, and multiply, and replenish the earth. Also the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the heaven, upon all that moveth on the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hand are they delivered. Everything that moveth and liveth shall be meat for you: as the green herb, have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, I mean, with the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. For surely I will require your blood, wherein your lives are: at the hands of every beast will I require it: and at the hand of man, even at the hand of a man's brother will I require the life of man. Who so sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God hath He made man. But bring ye forth fruit and multiply: grow plentifully in the earth, and increase therein."

God spake also to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, "Behold, I, even I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you, And with every living creature that is with you, with the fowl, with the cattle, and with every beast of the earth with you, from all that go out of the Ark, unto every beast of the earth. And my covenant will I establish with you, that from henceforth all flesh shall not be rooted out by the waters of the flood, neither shall there be a flood to destroy the earth anymore."

Then God said, "This is the token of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and between every living thing that is with you unto perpetual generations. I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. And when I shall cover the earth with a cloud, and the bow shall be seen in the cloud, Then will I remember My covenant which is between Me and you, and between every living thing in all flesh, and there shall be no more waters of a flood to destroy all flesh. Therefore the bow shall be in the cloud, that I may see it, and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living thing, in all flesh that is upon the earth."

God said yet to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant, which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth." (Genesis 9:1-17)