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Percy Seymour was born in Kimberley, South Africa, where, at a young age and nurtured by his grandfather, he took a keen interest in astronomy. He received his education in Kimberley, and went on to study at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. From there he transferred to Manchester University in the UK, where he specialized in physics and astrophysics. During his advanced degree research, Percy pioneered the use of mathematical techniques to first, study the magnetic field of Earth, and then to investigate the magnetic field of the Milky Way Galaxy.

After several years as a school teacher, he became senior planetarium lecturer at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, home of the Prime Meridian of the world. Prior to retiring in 2003, Percy was principal lecturer in astronomy at the University of Plymouth in England. In addition to several scientific papers, mainly on magnetic fields in astronomy, he has written numerous articles for magazines and newspapers. In 1984 he made world news when his Star of Bethlehem research at the planetarium in Plymouth was reported on the front page of *The Times*.

Percy's books include; *The Birth of Christ; Halley's Comet; Adventures with Astronomy; Cosmic Magnetism; Astrology: The Evidence of Science;* and *The Third Level of Reality.* Several of these books have been translated into German, Dutch, Italian, Portuguese and Arabic. He is married with one son and currently lives in Somerset, England.

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