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Professional History:

1955 Ordained Pastor of ELCA
1957-60 Pastor, Trinity Church, Brooklyn, NY
1960-73 Associate Professor, Biblical Studies,
Concordia Seminary St Louis
1974-79 Principal Lecturer, Religion Studies, Adelaide CAE
1980-83 Dean of Humanities, Adelaide College of Arts & Education
1984-87 Principal, Kodaikanal International School
1988-94 Professor, Religion Studies, University of South Australia
1994-97 Adjunct Professor, Luther Seminary & Flinders University
1998- Professorial Fellow, Flinders University of South Australia
2003 Awarded Member of the Order of Australia (AM)
2004 Convener of Consultation on Ecological Hermeneutics
2007- 12 Convener of SBL Section on Ecological Hermeneutics
2011 Honorary Member Old Testament Society of Great Britain
2012 Honoured by SBL Section on Ecological Hermeneutics
2013 Presented with a Festschrift in his honour at Annual SBL

Selected Recent International Presentations

Christchurch 2000 *The Challenge of Ecojustice Readings for Christian Theology*. AASR Conference
Capetown 2000 *The Principles of Ecojustice Hermeneutics*. International Society for Biblical Literature.
Denver 2001 *The Silence of the Lands: An Ecojustice Reading of Ezekiel*. Annual Society of Biblical Literature
Amsterdam 2002 *The Implications of God Discovering Wisdom in Earth*. Colloquium of the Netherlands Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Melbourne 2002 *The Healing Trail* The National Unfinished Business – Reconciliation Conference
 San Antonio 2004 *Ecological Hermeneutics: Uncovering the Anthropocentric Bias*. Society of Biblical Literature
 Philadelphia 2005 *Playing God or Playing Earth: An ecological Reading of Genesis 1.26-28*. Society of Biblical Literature
 Washington 2006 *Retrieving the Character/Voice of Earth in Genesis 1* Society of Biblical Literature
 Adelaide 2006 *The Hermeneutics of Charles Strong*. AASR Symposium of Charles Strong
 San Diego 2007 *An Ecological Reading of the Exodus Tradition* Society of Biblical Literature
 Newcastle 2009 Anglican Synod, *The Third Mission of the Church*
 Atlanta 2010 Panel debate on *An Inconvenient Text*
 Darwin 2010 Anglican Cathedral, *Green and Grey Readings of the Bible*

Selected Recent Book Publications

1999 *Reconciliation - Searching for Australia's Soul*. Melbourne: HarperCollins.
 2000 *The Earth Bible - Volumes 1 & 2* Sheffield: Academic Press. Chief editor and contributor.
 2000 *The Rainbow Spirit in Creation. A Reading of Genesis One*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press.
 2001 *The Earth Bible - Volumes 3 & 4*. Sheffield: Academic Press. Chief Editor and contributor.
 2001 *Ecotheology 6*. Sheffield: Academic Press. Chief Editor
The Earth Bible Volume 5. Sheffield: Academic Press. Chief editor and contributor.
 2003 *Seven Songs of Creation. An Earth Bible Resource*. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press
 2003 *Habel Hymns Volume One: Songs to Celebrate with Creation*. Adelaide: Flinders Press
 2004 *The Land is Mine. Six Biblical Land Ideologies*. Minneapolis: Fortress.
The Spirit in Creation. Bible Studies on Readings for Series A of The Season of Creation. Adelaide: Openbook.
 2005 *Six Challenges Six Mysteries. A Charter for Lutheran Education*. 6 DVDs plus Workshop Manual. Adelaide: Lutheran Education Australia.
 2006 *Habel Hymns Volume Two: Songs to Share with Those Who Suffer*. Adelaide: Flinders Press
 2008 *Exploring Ecological Hermeneutics*. Editor and Contributor.

- Atlanta: SBL Symposium series.
- 2009 *An Inconvenient Text. Is a Green Reading of the Bible Possible?* Adelaide: ATF Press.
- 2011 *The Birth, the Curse and the Greening of Earth in The Earth Bible Commentary* series. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press.
- 2011 *The Season of Creation: A Preaching Commentary.* Minneapolis: Fortress.
- 2012 *A Rainbow of Mysteries. Meeting the Sacred in Nature.* Kelowna, Canada: Woodlake.
- 2013 *Tree Whisperer: The Story of Wilhelm Habel.* Preston: Mosaic Press.

Selected Recent Articles

- 1988 'The Two Flood Stories in Genesis' in *The Flood Myth* edited by Alan Dundes. Los Angeles: University of California Press 13-28.
- 2000 *Readings from the Perspective of the Bible. Earth Bible Volume One.* Edited by Norman C. Habel. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press.
- 2000 "Guiding Ecojustice Principles" pages 38-53 in *Readings from the Perspective of the Bible. Earth Bible Volume One.* Edited by Norman C. Habel. Sheffield : Sheffield Academic Press, 2000b.
- 2000 'The Challenge of Ecojustice Readings for Christian Theology' in *Pacifica* 13: 125-141.
- 2000 "Introducing the Earth Bible" pages 25-37 *Readings from the Perspective of Earth. The Earth Bible, Volume One.* Edited by Norman Habel. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press.
- 2000 "Geophany: The Earth Story in Genesis One" pages 34-48 in *The Earth Story in Genesis. The Earth Bible Volume Two.* Edited by Norman C. Habel and Shirley Wurst. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000e.
- 2000 'The Inverse Cosmology of Job' in *Concilium* 2000/4, 17-25.
- 2001 "Is the Wild Ass Willing to Serve You? Challenging the Mandate to Dominate' in *The Earth Bible Volume Three: The Earth Story on Wisdom Traditions* Edited by Norman Habel. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press..

- 2001 'Let's Read the Text Again. Introducing the Earth Bible' *Thinking Mission: Elements of Creation*. London: USPG, 4-8.
- 2001 'Earth: The Sanctuary of God. *CTC Bulletin of Christian Conference of Asia*. Vol. XVII No. 1
- 2002 'Host nations, Host Spirituality and Healings Sites' in *Religious Journal of Australia Vol. 10, no.1*, 22-28.
- 2002 'Healing Creation' and 7 Bible Studies in *Assembly Study Book for The Lutheran World Federation Tenth Assembly, Winnipeg 2003*. Geneva: Lutheran World Federation.
- 2002 'A Healing Trail' in John Rickard and Vince Ross (editors) *Texts and Addresses from the Unfinished Business Conference, Melbourne 2002*. Melbourne: Desbooks, 158-165.
- 2003 'Foreword' in John D'Arcy May *Transcendence and Violence*. New York: Continuum, 1-2.
- 2003 "The Origins and Challenges of an Ecojustice Hermeneutic" pages 141-159 in *Relating to the Text: Interdisciplinary and Form-Critical Insights on the Bible*. Edited by Timothy Sandoval and Carleen Mandolfo. London: T & T Clark International.
- 2003 'The Implications of God Discovering Wisdom in Earth' in *Job28: Cognition in Context* edited by Ellen van Wolde. Leiden: Brill, 281-298.
- 2004 *Das Urteil Gottes/uber Gott am Schluss des Buches Hjiob* in *Concilium* 40, 391-402.
- 2006 'Earth Ministry: a Third mission of the Church' in *LTJ*, 40, 108-116
- 2006 "'Of Making many Books there is no End" Eccles. 12.12 or The Challenge of Dangerous Writings from Solomon to Strong' *ANZLTA Newsletter* 59, 2-9.
- 2006 'What Kind of God would Destroy Earth Anyway? An Ecojustice Reading of the Flood Narrative' in *Voyages in Unchartered Waters. Essays in the Theory and Practice of Biblical Interpretation* edited by Wesley Bergen and Emin Siedlecki. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 203-211
- 2005 'Playing God or Playing Earth? An Ecological Reading of Genesis 1.26-28' in "*And God saw That it was Good*" *Essays on Creation and God in Honor of Terrence E. Fretheim*. Word and world Supplement Series 5. St Paul: Luther Seminary
- 2006 "The Beginning of Violence: An Ecological Reading of Genesis 4" in *Ecumenics from the Rim: Explorations in*

- Honour of John D'Arcy May*. Edited by John O'Grady and Peter Scherle. London: Transaction Publishers, 79-86.
- 2007 "Introducing Ecological Hermeneutics" in *Exploring Ecological Hermeneutics. SBL Symposium Volume XX*.
- 2008 Edited by Norman Habel and Peter Trudinger. Atlanta: SBL, 1-8.
- 2009 "Canaan, Land of Promise: An Ecological Reading of Genesis 10.15-20 in Context" in *Foster Biblical Scholarship. Essays in Honor of Kent Harold Richards* edited by Frank Ames and Charles Miller. Atlanta: SBL, 269-278.
- 2011 'Water: A Matter on Life and Death' in *Water: A Matter of Life and Death* edited by Norman Habel and Peter Trudinger. ATF Press.
- 2013 'Ecological Criticism' in *New Meanings for Ancient Texts*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox.
- 2013 'The Way of Things! Earth Wisdom and Climate Change' in *Climate Change Cultural Change* edited by Anne Elvey and David Gormley-O'Brien. Mosaic Press.

Selected Popular/Creative Works

- 1965 *Wait a Minute Moses!* St Louis: Concordia
- 1967 *Are You Joking Jeremiah?* St Louis: Concordia
- 1969 *For Mature Adults Only*. Philadelphia: Fortress
- 1972 *Interrobang!* Philadelphia: Fortress
- 1972 *Hi! Have a Nice Day*. Philadelphia: Fortress
- 1971-73 *The Purple Puzzle Tree* (36 books for Children). St Louis: Concordia
- 1981 *Outback Christmas* Adelaide: Rigby
- 1982 *A Bloke Called Jesus*. Adelaide: Rigby
- 1986 *Thomas the Twin*. Musical presented at Kodaikanal International School.
- 1994-5 *The Adventures of Gloria* (6 Children's Books) Adelaide: Open Book.