

## THE AUTHOR – VE D'ASSONVILLE

Prof. Victor d'Assonville is a well-known South African writer. He has written about 35 books and 250 articles as the author, VE d'Assonville (snr). His books include a wide range of topics on Christianity, History as well as several Biographies.

Prof VE d'Assonville completed his academic studies in Potchefstroom (South Africa), Edinburgh (Scotland) and Pietermaritzburg (South Africa), obtaining BA, Th.B., Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees as well as a doctoral in Church Polity. He served as a minister (pastor) for more than two decades in several congregations of the Reformed Churches in South Africa: Pietermaritzburg, Johannesburg Central (Afrikaans and English), Pretoria Sunnyside, Potchefstroom Noord, Potchefstroom Cachet and Noordbrug. In 1978 he was called for the chair of Church History at the Faculty Theology of the Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education (today the North West University's Potchefstroom Campus). At the Faculty of Arts, he was amongst other things also Head of the Department of Biblical Education. At the Faculty of Theology and the Theological Seminary he had the chair for Church History until 1991. As retired Professor of the North West University he has concentrated fulltime on his writing since 1993. A lot of his research work for many publications was done in various archives in South Africa and abroad.

In his **Christian and Religious publications**, the writer focuses on themes regarding the Psalms, Church history and the last book of the Bible, for instance his publication "The book of Revelations" (available in English and Afrikaans). He addresses many questions of today, giving a better insight and understanding of the Bible, serving as inspiration and food for the soul. His books provide hope and insight to readers about the problems or questions of today and offer guidelines often needed in the existence of our daily lives and hope for the future. In his most recent Christian book, "Wat is die Hemel en wat is die Hel", he tackles the question of heaven and hell, with insight and application from the Bible.

**Historical books** written by Prof. VE d'Assonville include the following:

*Books about important events and themes in the history of South Africa*

Majuba / Majuba – (available in English and Afrikaans)

Bloedrivier / Blood River – (available in English and Afrikaans)

*Books about events between Boer and Brit in the 19<sup>th</sup> century*

Diamantroof

Kruger en Rhodes

*Books with new research and facts about events during the Anglo Boer War and afterwards*

Generaal de Wet in die Vrededorp-koepel

Op die Bodem van die Vaalrivier

*Books about the "Rebellie" or The Rebellion of 1914 in South Africa*

O Vaalrivier, o Broederstroom

*Books about the works of Eugene Marais in the Waterberg*

Eugene Marais in the Waterberg / Eugene Marais in die Waterberg (in English and Afrikaans)

**Biographies** by Prof Victor d'Assonville include

SJ du Toit van die Paarl

Dit is Totius

Totius – profet van die Moirivier

Oorlogsdagboek van Totius

The author did many years of research about the poet and Bible translator, Totius, and also his father SJ Du Toit, which resulted in the above.

Prof. Victor lives in Pretoria with his wife, Therese d'Assonville (née van der Merwe). They have been married for over 60 years and have 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.