

What Do We Know About Spirit World? Phillip Hill's book *A Life That Never Ends*

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My mother died of breast cancer when she was only 50, in the summer of 1970, just after I graduated from St. Lawrence University in New York State. Her unexpected death prompted a two-year quest on my part. Where did she go and where will we all go when we die?

My Episcopalian upbringing didn't answer that question and neither did my studies in Zen Buddhism. I thought about reincarnation but dismissed it as weird and illogical. This lack of reasonable answers made me even more determined to find out the truth about life after death. After a rigorous search, I finally figured it out, and here's how it happened.

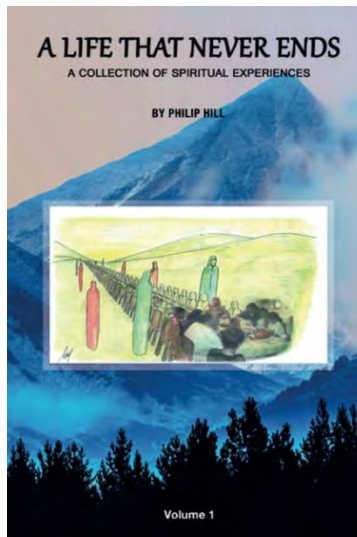
My dad, two brothers and I kind of fell apart, feeling lost and puzzled after losing mom that summer. I struck out for Vermont, where I could lose my sorrows and ponder my questions on the ski slopes. After two years of this rather hedonic lifestyle, I decided it was time to get really serious and pursue answers about what life was really about. What are we supposed to do for 80-100 years on this planet, and what happens after that?

I traveled with friends across the country and, after many spiritual experiences, I met Mrs. Onni Durst on the Berkeley campus on Friday the 13th, 1972. After the evening program in Oakland, I rode with my new friends up to the farm in Boonville. Not knowing what to expect, I found myself listening to the most amazing lectures I've ever heard. Saturday night, as we sat around the campfire, our small group talked about the Principle of Creation and the Fall of Man lectures. I had a conversation with the lecturer about spirit world. He answered all my questions satisfactorily and after a weekend of what was referred to back then as the Principles of Education, I was ready to make the commitment to join the Oakland church family. The Biblical phrase, "The truth shall set you free" resounded in my heart and I began my spiritual journey filled with hope.

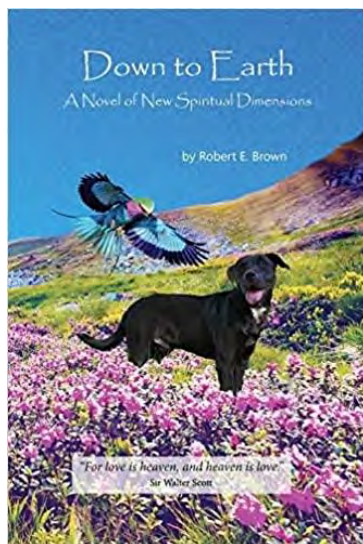
This short bio I've just shared with you may shine a light into the book recommendations I'll make in the next few paragraphs. I've entered my seventh decade now, and this has inspired me to find out as much as I can about the next life, the eternal one, through prayer, studying and reading.

I was an avid reader in my childhood, but I had no exposure to books about life after death. Things have changed and now the topic of spirit world is very popular. The books I've read on this subject are all uplifting, and I appreciate every one of them, but I do have my favorites.

Our Colorado book club found Phillip Hill's book *A Life That Never Ends* fascinating. In his preface, Phillip says that "this book gives clear descriptions of how the spirit world functions, allowing the reader to gain peace of mind, knowing that their loved ones are waiting to receive them upon entering the spirit world when they are called to go." Our book club members learned a lot from this uniquely gifted brother. We were able to step inside the world of one who can see and hear things we can't.



We appreciated the testimonies and the illustrations in the book, the sketches of what he has observed, along with some very interesting photographs. All of us were moved to invest more in appreciating our ancestors and helping them grow in the spirit world.



Robert Brown's book, *Down to Earth* reads more like a science fiction fantasy. He's invented a whole array of characters that discover special communication technology allowing people to talk to one another between the earth and the spirit world. Robert describes his purpose in writing this imaginative story: "The spirit world is, without exception, everyone's destination so wouldn't it be empowering to have some idea what to expect when we leave our physical lives?"

It is my hope that this story will help open our minds to a broader perspective, new possibilities, and reaffirmations of what is important in life, but also be an entertaining read for you."

Even though I've learned a lot about spirit world from Divine Principle and True Parents' speeches, I am still curious to hear more details. That's why I like *Down to Earth*. Robert Brown's book paints a picture that seems truthful, and is full of illustrations of the imagined life in the world we can't see until we get there. His plot and characters are interesting right from the get-go, and at times I found it hard to put down the book because I wanted to know what happened next. I do believe that someday we will have the technology for communication between earthly life and spirit world - *Down to Earth* is science fiction now, but it predicts events that are likely to happen in the future, something True Father has mentioned in his speeches.

Phillip Hill's book is available on Amazon. I have the less expensive soft cover version, but I wish I had the hard cover one because the lovely illustrations show up better in the more expensive book. *Down to Earth* is also available on Amazon. Robert has set up a forum for discussion and, if you're interested, you can contact him at: downtoearthnovel@yahoo.com and/or ask to join the Facebook group: "downtoearthnovel."