

## About the Author



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Prof. Mascarenhas has traveled widely around the world, but recounts his trip to Israel and Egypt as the best. He loves to popularize science and has written popular articles on Science in various magazines. He loves beautiful Anagrams and he is among the top 30 Anagrammatists in the world. Origami, the ancient art of Paper Folding fascinates him. He has given talks on "Science and the Bible", "The Dead Sea Scrolls", "The Names of God" at the Karunya Deemed University, Coimbatore. Every year he conducts Introductory Astronomy workshops for High School students with the CIET acting as the host and the astronomers from the Radio Astronomy Center, Ooty giving invited lectures.