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Now published as an eBook by House of Zagada (HOZ) – Valentine’s Day to June Campaign Launched-

February 10th, 2010. (HOZ) announced today the publication of the highly anticipated novella in verse, Manikato: “only the lover can know God” by Philip Dickenson Peters. It is Peters’ fourth book under the HOZ imprint. The novella is a contemporary interpretation of the Old Testament’s Song of Solomon-Song of Song restaged in a tropical Caribbean setting.

The name Manikato is derived from the Neo-Taino Arawak Caribbean culture. It represents the word shouted by the bride and groom and their celebrating party the moment after consummation of the marriage.

The novella captures the fire in the hearts of two lovers who yearn deeply and are preparing to make a lifetime commitment as two souls interlocked. Three narratives define Manikato – the text, driven by the moving dialogue between lover and beloved; the footnotes, which introduces unique words, concepts and images deeply imbedded in West Indian civilization; and the Caribbean island setting staged as a geographic-person rather than merely a contextual backdrop. The body of the novella represents a patient line-by-line, sentence-by-sentence distillation and retelling of the ancient text, which dates back to the ninth century BCE.

“I used the Revised Standard Version as my base,” Peters said, “together with a wide range of interviews, access to historical, literary and contemporary documents and articles were read, to give me a deeper understanding and perspective of the cultural setting in which the original poem was written,” he concluded.

In the original biblical allegory, a mysterious lover – perhaps that of awe struck Solomon himself – is wooed by a Shulamite woman from the village of Shulem. In Peter’ Manikato novella, the main characters – lover and beloved become anyone from anywhere who embraces what the author calls “the Manikato path.”

MANIKATO: “Only the Lover can Know God” is now available as an eBook only from the website www.manikatobook.com. The book will be subsequently sold through digital distributors, and as hardcover and paperbacks in coming months.

About the Author

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