



WHY THE IDEA OF AN ELLIPTIC UNIVERSE STRUCTURE?

The revelations of cosmology are of immense value because it "presents cosmic data in such a manner as to illuminate the spiritual teachings contained in the accompanying revelation." (1109:ML) A comparable description of philosophy reads:

"Philosophy dare not project its interpretations of reality in the linear fashion of logic; it must never fail to reckon with elliptic symmetry of reality and with the essential curvature of all relation concepts." (1137:5)

"The local universe consists of three degrees of reality manifestation: matter, mind, and spirit. The morontia angle of approach erases all divergence between the findings of the physical sciences and the functioning of the spirit of religion." (1136:3) "...therefore will religion always be characterized by paradoxes, the paradoxes resulting from the absence of the experiential connection between the material and the spiritual levels...." (1121:3:2) But it is not paradoxical that the idea of the elliptical structure of the universe is SYMBOLIC of truth. "God is the source of truth in the mind spheres; God overshadows all in the material realms." (23:#2:1) Even man's meaning grasps and value realizations are denominated "psychic circles." Linear thinking will never achieve high circle attainment. Truth expands circularly in mortal mind through experience. Since truth is ever widening, ever expanding circularly, it follows then that spirit values swing around the curved path in obedience to the incessant absolute pull of the gravity spirit of the Eternal Son and returns to its Paradise Source.

Rather than being mathematically round--wanting in creative imagination and beautiful complexity--the physical universe is symmetrically and truthfully elliptic. The ellipticity of truth is reflected in the pattern of the cosmos. THE COSMOS IS PATTERNED BY TRUTH.

--Georgia Gecht

HAS SCIENCE DISCOVERED THE ULTIMATON?

In the June 1971 issue of Scientific American there is a most interesting article entitled "The Structure of the Proton and the Neutron."

The authors, Drs. Henry W. Kendall and Wolfgang K. H. Panofsky, while researching the internal structure of the atom at the Stanford University Linear Accelerator Center, have come upon startling results in the course of tests. The results indicate "the way ultrahigh-energy electrons are scattered by protons and neutrons suggest that these elementary nuclear particles have a complex internal structure consisting of pointlike entities called partons."

In Paper 42, "Energy--Mind and Matter," of the Urantia Book, the existence of the ultimatton is revealed. The ultimatton is described as a "minute sphere" and being "the first measurable form of energy" as well as "the basic unit of materialized energy."

One hundred ultimattons are required to form a typical electron. It is further stated, "The entire segregation and grouping of electronic matter, together with electric differentiation of negative and positive bodies of energy-matter (the electron and proton), result from these various functions of the component ultimattonic interassociation."

The ultimatton is the basic unit of the structure of the atom. Is the parton the ultimatton?

--Scott Forsythe

PALM SUNDAY MEETING

Vern Grimsley, founder of the Family of God radio program and dedicated student of the Urantia Book, will speak. The title of his talk:

"SO SEND I YOU"

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BIRTH

Patterns of consciousness,
Distorted by fears,
Suspended in time by traditions,
conditioning, dogma;
Consciousness suddenly made fluid, draining
out of all artificial forms and molds,
Momentarily transcending time and space,
Reminded of origin, destiny, and identity,
Begins to crystallize itself around a
radiant nucleus of faith.

Cosmic diamond crystals,
Worship-radiating to the outermost regions
of being,
Expanding-growing along rays of truth and
goodness,
Re-Forming the distorted patterns into a
reality of divine perfection.

I rest in awed submission, ready, antici-
pating,
As an ever increasing vibration
Deep within my being, signals;
The fantastic process of cosmic birth has
begun.

--David Kantor

(Ed. Note: The above poem was written by a Urantia student now attending the University of California at Santa Cruz.)

HOW THE URANTIA BOOK HAS INFLUENCED ME

In January 1971 I was discharged from the U. S. Army with plans to finish my college work while using the G. I. Bill. I decided not to enroll that spring, however, since I had just become interested in the Urantia Book and wanted to devote all my spare time toward studying the book. I then used the next five months to begin a serious cover to cover study of the Urantia revelation, and I quickly discovered that no other religious teaching I had come in contact with was to have such a profound influence on my thoughts and actions as had the Urantia Book.

When I returned to Cal-State Fullerton in the fall of '71 I was very pleased to learn that a Department of Religious Studies was in its first years of development at CSCF. I decided then to enroll in the program and took two classes in the Religious Studies area. One of the courses, Problems in the History of Religious Thought, was divided into three major areas of study: God, Word, and Revelation. All members of the class were asked to bring in a class project which typified our comprehension of the concepts we were discussing as well as a personal statement of our own faith or beliefs. I presented readings from the Urantia Book along with a brief statement regarding the origin and history of the book with an emphasis on the Urantia Book as an example of modern day revelation.

Another class I enrolled in in the fall was called Ritual and Symbol, and I found that the Urantia Book was of invaluable aid in sorting out the factual information of our religious origins from the myths of our eastern and western traditions.

This semester my studies include a course entitled The Future of Religion, a seminar in anthropology called Alternative Futures, and a third class in which I am studying Jewish and Comparative Mysticism. At least five members of The Future of Religion class are Urantia Book readers, and the professor, Dr. Donald Gard, has welcomed our enthusiastic perspective. Dr. Gard, the chairman of the Religious Studies Department, is presently reading the copy that the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles donated to the Cal-State Fullerton Library.

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URANTIA BOOK INFLUENCE (Continued from page 2)

I see a very challenging and positive future for the Urantia revelation within the established higher educational system. Traditionally, the colleges and universities have been the proving grounds for many of the new ideas within cultures, and it is my sincere hope and desire that those individuals who are personally active in the spreading of the Urantia teachings who are also active in universities will aid in the continual growth and progressive evolution of the "good news" that we all see within the teachings of the Urantia Book. I trust that this "good news" will truly become infectious in its transforming power and that with hard work, courage, and determined optimism the teachings of the Urantia Book will become an important influence in transforming the colleges and universities into true schools of higher learning.

Let's put the universe back in the university!

--Pat McNelly

A DEDICATED URANTIAN

Julia Fenderson stands tall among those who have dedicated many years of their lives in working for the dissemination of the truths contained in the Urantia Book. She started reading the Urantia Papers in 1939, and since the Urantia Book was published in 1955 she has read it from cover to cover many times.

When Julia came to the Los Angeles area in April 1945 she knew that several families living here had read the Urantia Papers and had been regular attendants at Dr. Sadler's study forum at 533 Diversey Parkway in Chicago. She contacted these persons and organized an informal study group on religious philosophy, discussing the world's religions.

Julia served as secretary for this little band of Urantia students, and monthly meetings and picnics were held.

On October 1, 1956, the second charter in the United States was granted to this group by the Urantia Brotherhood. Fred Squires was the first president. Julia served as secretary for many years, later as vice-president and president, and is now membership chairman.

Several years ago she was appointed Western Field Representative by the Urantia Brotherhood. She also serves on the Brotherhood Council which meets every August in Chicago. As Field Representative, her duties include visiting other study groups, assisting in the formation of new societies, and answering requests for information from new students.

During this time she has also carried on the family obligations of wife, mother, and grandmother. Now she has more time to devote to the Urantia movement which is so important in her life.

STUDY GROUPS

Julia Fenderson hosts a group in Culver City every second Thursday of the month beginning at 8 p.m.; (213) 838-3215

James McNelly of Fullerton, 114 E. Glenwood, hosts a group every third Friday, 8 p.m.

Marley Stevens has started to host a study group. They will meet the second and fourth Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Eastern Arts Studio, 811 E. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim. For details please call Marley Stevens, (714) 635-9773.

Georgia Gecht leads a group the second and fourth Sundays, 2 p.m. For further details, call (213) 454-8961. Classes are held in a Santa Monica location.

Jean Becker hosts a study group every Monday evening, 500 Mariposa Ave., Sierra Madre. This is a new group.

A new group starting soon will be led by Candy Johnson, 1174 N. Mariposa, Los Angeles. For further details call (213) 664-1691. The meetings will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Polly Parke leads a study group on Friday evenings in the San Fernando Valley. Call (213) 360-5048 for details.

Stanley Colobrese, a professor in Bakersfield is starting a study group.

According to reports, Bill Fenderson, one of our editors, has made progress in his health. We love and appreciate you, Bill.

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HOW THE URANTIA BOOK HAS INFLUENCED MY LIFE

I have been a student of the Urantia Book for about three and one-half years. Previous to exposure to these supernal writings, I possessed no understanding or awareness of spiritual realities. My childhood religious training had been wholly non-existent. My moral training, thanks to my loving parents, was based upon a universal brotherhood of man. However, the parentage of this brotherhood was uncertain.

As I grew and began to try to think for myself, my agnosticism evolved into atheism. This happened as a result of seeing the effects of traditional organized religion on the church members. So many of my friends who attended church regularly seemed to be enslaved and restrained from living and loving by many negative rules. This experience led me away from organized religion and because of my immaturity led me away from the search for spiritual realities suggested by the Christian religion.

As I grew into my twenties, I experienced a hunger for something inexplicable. This hunger led me to experiment with life in unusual ways. I became interested in astrology and other ideas of the occult. Along with this I began using psychedelic drugs. I found in myself a gnawing dissatisfaction with my life and a great confusion as to what my life meant, why I was here, where I was going, and what happened after death.

It was at this time I sought psychiatric help. I spent one and one-half years with a very helpful psychiatrist who did much to help me straighten my thinking.

However, I was still unsatisfied as to my basic questions concerning my destiny.

One day it occurred to me to find what Jesus had to say on these things. I knew he spoke on brotherly love but I knew nothing more of his teachings. I decided to go directly to the source of his teachings and determine for myself what this man taught over 2000 years ago. That would be of value to me. So I borrowed a copy of the Holy Bible and began to read the gospels starting with Matthew. As I read I became discouraged because my hunger was not being satisfied.

The Bible sounded so much like the religionists I had heard on radio, T.V., and elsewhere. So I abandoned the Biblical study. Like a miracle, at this very time a friend showed me a copy of the Urantia Book. I was immediately impressed and bought a copy that same day and began my intense reading.

This event marked the beginning of my entrance into the spiritual brotherhood. I began experiencing tremendous changes in my thinking concerning the existence of God and other matters. Several months after beginning reading, I was forced by the weight of my experience to accept the existence of God.

The tremendous change of belief was the direct result of reading the Urantia Book. My reading satisfied my intellectual sensibilities, my emotional needs, and my spiritual longings. Since that time my faith in the spirit realities of the heavenly kingdom has strengthened and my trust in the validity of the Urantia Book has become total.

--Kermit Anderson

EDITORS NOTE: Kermit Anderson has had an opportunity to join the Teachers' corps. He will first do some teaching in Hartford, Connecticut, and then will go to Africa for two years. Godspeed to you, Kermit!

IN MEMORIAM

A service in memory of Audre Forsythe was held in Santa Monica Unity-By-the-Sea Church on Tuesday, July 18.

Vern Bennom Grimsley from Berkeley performed the service, which included the reading of poetry by Stevenson and Tennyson and readings from the Bible and the Urantia Book.

Audre was a diligent student of the Urantia Book and a member of the Santa Monica Study Group.

Those of us who knew Audre were blessed by knowing her. She had developed a strong faith and she lived by that faith.

Our love goes to Ray, her husband, to Scott, her son, and to Bonnie, her daughter. We wish her well in her ascent to the mansion worlds.

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A DEVOTED URANTIAN--FRED H. SQUIRES

Fred H. Squires is a distinguished pioneer in the Urantia movement. In the early days in Chicago he was an ardent reader of the Papers, and later on in California he devoted himself to the work of the Urantia group on the west coast. He is a dedicated and beloved leader.

About a dozen former readers of the Urantia Papers met at Fern Dell Park in July 1945, where Fred was elected president of this first study group. This small band met about once a month through the years and studied the religions of the world--always with the hope that the book would soon be published.

The Urantia Book was finally published in 1955, and Fred immediately set up the processes of establishing our group as a Society. He applied for the second charter of the country and the world; the group met the requirements and was chartered on Oct. 2, 1956. Fred Squires was elected president of this group and is still serving as President Emeritus.

The first group was named the West Coast Urantia Society. Fred spent much of his time and money in helping newcomers who were attracted to this revelation. Fred continues to attend meetings, and when he speaks we all know that it comes from his heart and his deep insight and study of the Urantia Book over many years. --Julia Fenderson

JUNE AND JULY MEETINGS

The June meeting was three-fold. Polly Parke presented a paper, "As We Go Forward," setting forth some philosophic values for a religious school such as our School of Meanings and Values.

Nancy Hoag then presented a plan she had devised for including various types of programs meeting the needs of more people with the following aspects: business, social, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual. Later, during discussion, some members suggested a modified program that will incorporate all of these elements.

The program concluded with role playing skits by James and Pat McNelly, which demonstrated effective and ineffective ways of approaching people with the good news of the Urantia teachings. James and Pat brought out that we should look at our task in terms of whole systems with a broad understanding of why this revelation has been given to us in our present stage of evolution. Some very deep concepts were expressed, providing a take-off for questions and discussion relevant to a total philosophic approach.

At the July meeting Nancy Hoag led a discussion on the purpose of the Urantia Society and the School of Meanings and Values. There was agreement that we should keep a flexible format for the purposes of communication, fellowship, and spiritual inspiration. The idea was presented that topics bringing forth good participation and discussion should not be cut off for the purpose of conforming to a rigid agenda.

It was announced that a one-unit course based on study of the Urantia Book will be offered on Mondays from 7 to 10 p.m. at the University of California at Bakersfield starting in September. The class will be taught jointly by Drs. Robert W. Hunt and Philip Calabrese. (Interested persons please contact Julia Fenderson for further information.)

Pat McNelly presented a touching idea for a ceremony of remembrance of Jesus and his teachings. --Polly Parke

Deadline for receipt of articles for publication in the next issue of the Agondonter is Sept. 10, 1972.

Please send your contributions to Elizabeth Schiavo, 285 Pleasant Street, Pasadena, California 91101.

THE DAWNING OF A NEW ERA

The F.U.S.L.A. meeting of June 4, I feel, was stimulating to all. It reminded us that we all need to re-evaluate our group goals and change accordingly. F.U.S.L.A. is ready for some changes. At Julia Fenderson's group meeting the following Thursday we carried the discussion even further. I will briefly try to summarize some of our feelings.

In the past our meetings have been dominated by the intellectual aspects of the Urantia Book. This has been good, but we are now ready for more of a balance. Many of us have deep spiritual needs that are not being met. We crave to feel the joy and love of true brotherhood, to reach that marvelous high we can only attain through spiritual fellowship. We must break through worldly barriers and love one another openly and joyously.

Through prayer and divine guidance we can find how to create a spiritual atmosphere at our meetings that would be meaningful to all. We all need help in our efforts to do the Father's will. Our meetings should be so filled with love and joy that anyone who visits will look forward to coming again. We can no longer neglect this necessary spiritual emphasis that is so important to our Society's progress.

F.U.S.L.A. is entering into a new era. Our Society has been silent, but soon it will be overflowing. We must organize and prepare now. We need a solid foundation built on spiritual brotherhood and group worship. Remember, we are involved in a movement that is destined to change the course of world history! We have a right to be excited.

--Cheryl McQuade

NO GENERATION GAP ON THE URANTIA PATH

A newcomer to a meeting of Urantia Book students may be surprised at the many age levels represented and observe the loving rapport that wipes out any hint of a generation gap.

At a recent meeting, this was evidenced by the presence of our first president, Fred Squires, 91, and John Lynch, 16, who were both deeply engrossed in Dick Ziglar's talk.

Later Ward Culbertson, who became a mem-

ber of FUSLA in 1960 and served two terms, as president, told the group he was now "two times thirty-nine" and commented on the excellent rapport between young and old students.

It is interesting to note that three generations of one family are studying the Urantia Book: Helen James, her daughter Dorothy Elder, and Dorothy's two youngsters, Diane and Lee, in addition to Aunt Nancy Hoag and Uncle Herb Hoag.

It is plainly evident that the enduring truths learned and lived from the Urantia Book are "bridging any troubled waters" with loving service.

After all, what does age on Urantia mean when you consider the eons it takes to make the long evolutionary climb to Paradise?

--Bill Fenderson

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ANAHEIM: Meets second and fourth Sundays at 2 p.m. at Eastern Arts Studio, 811 East Lincoln Avenue; phone Marley Stevens at (714) 635-9773 for details.

SANTA MONICA: Meets second and fourth Sundays at 2 p.m.; call Georgia Gecht at (213) 454-8961 for further details.

SIERRA MADRE: Every Monday evening, 500 Mariposa Avenue; call Jean Becker at (213) 355-8772 for further details.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY: Meets on an irregular basis on Friday or Saturday nights; call Polly Parke at (213) 360-5048 for details.

HOLLYWOOD: Second and fourth Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., 1174 North Mariposa; call Candy Johnson at (213) 664-1691 for details.

BAKERSFIELD: Call Philip Calabrese at (805) 327-3137 for details.



4th URANTIA TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Every three years, each URANTIA Society of URANTIA Brotherhood chooses two of its members, one delegate and one alternate, to attend the Triennial Delegate Assembly at URANTIA Brotherhood headquarters in Chicago. The purpose of the triennial is to choose new members to the 36 member General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood, to vote on various resolutions that come before the assembly, and the reporting from each URANTIA Society of its activities over the previous three year period.

This year, the delegate from FUSLA was our current Vice-President, Scott Forsythe, and our Book Committee Chairman, Patrick McNelly, served as alternate.

Unseasonably fine weather greeted the delegates and visitors this year when the delegate assembly opened on the morning of Friday, August 3rd.

Miss E.L. Christensen, Trustee Emeritus of URANTIA Foundation and President of URANTIA Brotherhood, opened the Triennial with an uplifting address of welcome to all delegates, alternates, field representatives and visiting members of URANTIA Brotherhood after which was heard an inspiring keynote address from James C. Mills, Vice-President of URANTIA Brotherhood.

There are nine Departmental Committees of URANTIA Brotherhood, and following the keynote address, the committee chairpersons reported on the activities of their committee during the triennial period. Reports were then heard from the Field Representatives of URANTIA Brotherhood, each telling the assembly of the progress that has been made in each of the field areas in the last three years.

Later in the day, Lewis Clark from Wenatchee, Washington, spoke on growth in the Northwest. Paul Snider, the new president of URANTIA Brotherhood spoke on "Faith" and Helena Wall spoke on "Modern Teenagers." Copies of their talks are available from Chicago.

On Saturday, the election of new Councilors took place and both Julia Fenderson and Scott Forsythe were elected to nine year terms. At twenty-seven, Scott is one of the newest and youngest members of the council.

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1st WEST COAST URANTIA CONFERENCE

Hundreds of URANTIANS from all over the planet converged upon Brentwood School in Los Angeles for FUSLA's first major conference. Dozens of speakers with enthusiasm bordering on religious zeal energized the crowds over the weekend of June 29 to July 1.

Like the Triennial, Christy opened the conference, this time speaking on "Love and Service." She was followed by Martin Myers, an agent of the URANTIA Foundation, who spoke on "Unity-not Uniformity."

Vern Grimsley and Adrienne Kulieke then presented a memorial to both Fred Squires and Alvin Kulieke who had recently moved to the Mansion Worlds.

Professors Philip Calabrese and Robert Hunt of California State University, Bakersfield, gave a joint presentation on their experiences teaching a college course on the URANTIA Book. Following their presentation, Bob led the first of many successful "rap-sessions."

The evening was filled with song and merriment with scores of people staying long after the presentations were over. Richard Keeler of New York was the hit of the evening with his rendition of "The Found the Father Boogie!"

The second day opened with FUSLA's newlyweds giving presentations on "Marriage and the URANTIA Book." The first hour witnessed Pat McNelly, his brother Jim and Bob Boden reporting on all of the various aspects of marriage along with slides of their own weddings. They were followed by psychologist Dick Ziglar who spoke on "Self-actualization, a ConCom. to the Parental Experience."

Patricia Bedell, FUSLA's Secretary, presented a paper on "The Woman's Evangelistic Corps" but humorously touched on all of the URANTIA Book's lessons on the status of woman in past and present civilizations.

Scott Forsythe, FUSLA Vice-President, gave a talk on "Love, Loyalty and Friendship." Mo Siegel from Colorado fostered a rap session that followed. People were sharing their own religious experiences and the openness blossomed into a spontaneous outburst of group prayer.

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MICHAEL PALMER DIES IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

On Sunday, July 1st, one hour after the West Coast Conference ended, Michael Palmer, the newest member of FUSLA, was killed in a motorcycle accident. A memorial service was held within the week at Brentwood School and was performed by Vern Grimsley with the help of musician, Jim English.

Every person who attended the West Coast Conference couldn't help but be moved by the feeling of love and brotherhood that filled the air. One of the reasons the conference was a success was the enthusiasim of Michael Palmer.

Michael lived close to Julia Fenderson and visited her often during the months of preparations for the conference. He was the background dynamo behind much of the paperwork and procedural technicalities that Julia just didn't have the time and energy to do alone.

Few persons have ever been as dedicated to the URANTIA Book as was Michael. He had, according to his parents, completely changed for the better once he started reading the book about two years ago. He had a constant smile that charmed everyone who saw him.

He was al ways trying to get to know everybody better and his translation from the flesh has taught us all a lesson on how fragile our young Brotherhood is. Many of those who knew him have dedicated themselves to the end of getting to know all of our URANTIAN Brethren better. If we only see each other occasionally, we need to make those moments as open as we can.

THE THREE RING CIRCUS

by the Ghost-writer, Jim McNelly

A theme that we find throughout the URANTIA Book is the use of food imagery to convey spiritual concepts. Perhaps there is a great truth to the belief that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Whet your spiritual appetites with this quote from Jesus, "Give the milk of truth to those who are babes in spiritual perception. In your living and loving ministry serve spiritual food in attractive form and suited to the capacity and receptivity of your inquirers." (1474)*

We are, during this spiritual energy crisis, in possession of that wonder bread that helps build strong morontia bodies twelve ways. (1208)* We are here sowing a material body to reap a morontia body for fast evolutionary relief of nagging divinity tension.

Let's look at some of man's past eating habits and glean some food for thought. "Early man was a cannibal; he enjoyed human flesh and offered it as a food gift to the spirits and his primitive gods." (979)* These were the types of men that if you showed them some literature on "how to serve man better" they would believe it was a cookbook.

Dog-eating eventually replaced man-eating and even became a sacred ritual - a 'dog-eat, dogma. During the pastoral age of herding, men loved their cattle more than their wives. Today, they love football more. The Greeks believed that pork and garlic were two of the greatest causes of defilement.

An ancient custom was to have a feast to wipe away dishonor. Today, the practice is to raise the cost of food so people forget the dishonor.

The changing of water into wine was no miracle we are told. Neither was the sudden appearance of the loaves and the fishes. "To us here below there are many miracles. But the wine, bread and fish transformations we regard as an obvious one."

We will still be eating when we get to the mansion worlds. I plan on bringing along some popcorn to enjoy on the long ride getting there. The greatest thrill I will ever have, however, is when I find that I am "mustard" in the Corps of the Finality.

Solution to last issue's crossword puzzle.

CORE	SANHEDRIN
LLAMA	ROAD A E
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IRE	N ELEMENTS
AIDS	U ENEMY A
DEANS	SAD E N
INDWELL	I TUG
C	H C SI
U	NORLATIADEK
LEI	A LENS E
MELCHIZEDEK	UF
A MEAD	S TEA

HEALTH IS YOUR HERITAGE!

In Genesis it says that God has made us from the soil of the earth, and he breathed into us the breath of life.

What does this all mean? It means simply this: If we do not have the proper vitamins and minerals of the soil in our bodies we cannot be healthy.

It is necessary for our well-being that we use all of Nature's resources. Natural healing is simply the art of living naturally. It means that we seek to take advantage of Nature's curative possibilities, of Nature's desire to help us maintain efficient, healthy bodies. We must live in conformity to the natural law. Once we realize the marvelous things accomplished through the forces of Nature, it is easy to understand the significance of natural living.

There is nothing new about the natural healing art. It is when we drift away from natural living that we become run down to such an extent that disease enters into our bodies. There were no doctors in the beginning, and there would be no need for doctors today if people would live the natural life. You who are sick remember that in the beginning of time when man was created, there was also created everything for his health and well being.

--Ben Schiavo

THREE IN ONE

One

Was alone and

Created Two

Together forming Three,

A divine reality

That was and is

Now and eternally.

In God there is no tense of "be"

Except "I Am".

The "was" is man

(Who thinks in terms of time),

The substance shadow
of sublimity

That starts with one--a personality,

Made up of three--mind, soul, and
body,

Moving toward the reality

Of Spirit Love

Eternal Mercy

Father.

--Polly Parke, 9-14-72

4th URANTIA TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY (con't)

An important resolution was passed on Saturday supporting the URANTIA Foundation and the copyright of the URANTIA Book.

Reports were then heard from each of the URANTIA Societies around the United States, after which Vern Bennom Grimsley of the Family of God Foundation Radio Broadcast ended the assembly with one of his typically inspiring orations. As usual, Vern was filled with the evangelistic zeal of Peter and his talk was well received.

The next Triennial Delegate assembly will be in 1976 and I hope that by then, each of us will be even more dedicated to the Father's will for our lives as we grow and share together in the work we have ahead of us bringing to the hungry people of our planet the teachings of the URANTIA revelation.

-Pat McNelly

FUSLI Meeting on Sunday, August 26, noon until five. Potluck social and elections. Bring a hot dish, salad or desert and bathing suit. Next meeting is September 9.

1st WEST COAST URANTIA CONFERENCE (con't)

Throughout the entire conference, the ladies of FUSLI were hard at work running the many coffee stations. On Saturday night they outdid themselves and prepared a minor feast for the evening social. Undannounced to the group, the beautiful folk singer, Buffy-St. Marie was to do a concert for the 172 persons assembled in the majestically decorated hall.

Buffy, who has been reading the URANTIA Book for nine years, played a medley of her old hits and some songs inspired by the URANTIA Book which she says she may never record. The audience was touched by her presence and rapture is the only word that describes the feeling when she was through.

On the final day, Clyde Bedell, author of the Concordex, spoke on "The Universe Changing Front." He was followed by the lovable crew from The Family of God Foundation in Berkeley led by their dynamic founder, Vern Grimsley, they brought to a close on a high note one of the greatest fusions of personality types that have ever gathered at one place before. If Jesus were here, he might say, "The kingdom of Heaven is like a URANTIA Conference."

-Jim McNelly

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FULSA ACTIVITIES

1973 was a busy and productive year for FUSLA and nothing could have topped it better than the November and December meetings which drew over sixty Southern Californians to each gathering.

At the Brentwood school auditorium on November 4th, Bob Boden, A FUSLA member from Fullerton, gave a most unique and inspirational talk on personality, especially the personalities of Abraham Lincoln and Jesus of Nazareth. Bob's talk delved into the home lives of both of these men and showed how the influence of the home later proved to be the foundation of some of their greatest decisions.

The presentation was dynamic, insightful and well researched. After a most provocative discussion following the talk, Bonnie Abbott, our most gracious Hospitality Chairman, hosted the gathering with a bounteous array of delicacies and delights. Everyone had the opportunity to meet with many new people and to visit again with old friends.

At our meeting in December, the Reversion Directors had their day as the Fullerton Art Players hosted the FUSLA Christmas Party and presented a series of humorous skits depicting the hysteria of URANTIA in a Loco Universe.

We watched a Violet Man and an evolutionary Sangik meet outside the garden wall and solve a most unusual problem - how to get an unruly fandor back into the air. The following skit took us to the Resurrection Halls of Mansonia where we witnessed two overworked Morontia Greeters playing a trick on an unsuspecting arrival from URANTIA.

We then dropped in on the hypothetical future where the people were playing the "URANTIA Game" which has those tough trivia questions like, "Who is Malvorian?" or.. "How many Senior Archangels are assigned to each Avonal on a planetary mission?"

The Fullerton Art Players then gave us an idea what it might have been like as the women evangelistic corps took on the preaching duties of the Kingdom at

FANDORS

Winter's icy form has come upon us and we are all being asked to tighten our energy belts for a chilly season. Cars will spend more time in garages and less time on the road. Wouldn't it be nice to have a gas-less fandor handy to do your travelling with?

Fandors were used extensively by our early ancestors, but became extinct about thirty thousand years ago. Soaring high on outstretched wings, fandors could carry two full-sized passengers for a nonstop flight of over five hundred miles. Passenger birds are very affectionate and intelligent, and have a small but proficient vocabulary. On Jerusem, the transport birds fly at a speed of about one hundred miles an hour, about the speed of a two-seater airplane.

Fandors come from a large ostrich-like land bird that existed 45,000,000 years ago which stood ten feet high and laid a thirteen inch egg. Prior to that, the reptiles gave birth to the entire bird family in what the URANTIA Book calls the greatest single pre-human leap of evolution.

In Dalamatia, under the directorship of Bon, the fandors were raised and trained by the Board of Animal Domestication and Utilization. They also first made use of carrier pigeons for the purpose of sending messages. The art of fandor flying was known to the Sangik tribes at the time of the First Garden as well.

At one time, the natives of Eden had decided to take the Adamic couple to the temple of the Father in order that everyone might worship them. The Midwayers caught wind of the plan through Van and transported the Materi Son and Daughter directly to the temple while the fandors were still winging their way to pick them up. Adam then explained to the confused mortals that worship was to be directed to no one but God.

On the next page, FUSLA member Jim English has drawn his idea of what it would have been like on the third day of Adam and Eve's stay on the planet when they took a fandor ride around the garden in order to survey their new home, the most beautiful place on Earth.



NEW READERS

The URANTIA Foundation has sent word that URANTIA Books are selling like hot-cakes, at a rate of over a thousand a month. This demand has prompted talk of a fifth printing even while the fourth is just getting out. This active sales rate is reflected in the number of letters that Chicago receives and by the number of calls on the L.A. URANTIA phone.

One person who has recently found the URANTIA Book is an inmate at Soledad Prison in California. He wrote to the Foundation, and through them and South West Field Representative, Julia Fenderson, we have heard from a number of prisoners who are daily reading the URANTIA Book and are literally climbing the walls for letters from fellow URANTIANS.

Several inmates in Soledad were reading a borrowed copy but they now have had a copy donated to their library through FUSLA, and one individual, Tom Wicks, has also been given a copy.

From his letters, Tom sounds like a real dynamo who is trying to get the whole prison buzzing with new energy. Here are some excerpts from his letters: "I was on the verge of spiritual death... I was like the wind which blows in four directions at once: lost for direction! My life has changed because of the URANTIA Book, and because I've changed in "here" amongst all of the wolves, I know when I get out, I'll be able to really put forth some dynamic appeals to the outside world."

You can reach Tom and his friends at these addresses: Tom Wicks, Box-B, 48280, Jamestown, CA 95327. Richard A. Francis, B-39469 CTF-North, LA112, Soledad, CA 93960, John Pastorello, Box-B-43414 CTF North, Soledad, CA 93960

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the Master's command. To end the merriment, Jim and Sue McNelly were pictured in their declining years, reminiscing over old times with a young man over to discuss the URANTIA Revelation with two of the "old timers."

FUSLA salutes Bob and Cheryl Boden, Pat and Vicki McNelly, Jim and Sue McNelly, Jim English, Fred Shupp, and Gerry Ricci, a Non-breather, and David Zebadee for their hard work and obvious time and effort

A PRAYER TO THE FATHER

By M. Ditowsky from Chicago

Our Father, of whom we are your sons and daughters- Infinite Creator, Controller and Upholder of the vast far-flung galaxies of space- of which you are God- Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven- We thank you for bringing us together and for your sustenance which you ever place before us- Give us the wisdom to discern your mandate and the strength to follow it. We are both humble and thankful for the exalted privilege of serving both you and your Paradise Son at this transition point in the age of our planet- Give us the patience which breeds forbearance- The understanding which begets the compassion and leads to the love of all of our brothers and sisters so that we may become perfect even as you are perfect.

into making the afternoon's meeting a grand success. All of the costumes, make-up, props and lighting came second to love and joy in making the Christmas Party the high point of the monthly meetings in 1973.

Jim English and Gerry Ricci combined their musical talents and sang a song composed by Jim called "I Think I've Got a Clue" which was a real hit with the crowd. Bonnie Abbott once again outdid herself organizing a delicious pot-luck dinner which ended the festivities.

THE AGONDONTER

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NEW CONCORDEX

Clyde Bedell's *Concordex* is something out of the ordinary. The title itself won't be found in any modern dictionary, but it seems to fit the character and flavor of the life-long effort which is now in a new revised edition. Located in the literary spectrum as a blending of "concordance" with "index", Clyde's masterpiece baffles *The URANTIA Book* reader with feats of logic and intellectual cross-fertilization that serve as a macroscopic-microscopic tour guide and study aid of the enormous text of *The URANTIA Book*.

Every concept and fact seems to be categorized in triplicate so that the *Concordex* ends up as more than simply a glossary of term references, but instead appears as a symbol sifter, a quote chaser, a fact finder, a truth testifier, and a meaning magnifier.

Piloting the certain mind through a foggy memory is flight controller Clyde's greatest pleasure. The more vague the notion, characteristically Urantian, the greater the chances of finding its source using the *Concordex*. Under key title headings are listed numerous references and connections especially under the titles: *Jesus, Jesus Quotes, God, Truth, Jews, Thought Adjusters, Life, and Spirit*.

The *Concordex* is also filled with a menagerie of adventures equipped with wizardlike gadgetry. Under the listing "Challenge" are not references to the use of "challenge" itself, but items from *The*

URANTIA Book Clyde feels are challenging to the reader. He has devised a code of abbreviations whereby we learn things like: "Spiritual: symmetry comes from H S, S of T, T A, 380 A."

This means, of course, from Holy Spirit, Son of Trinity, Thought Adjuster(s), from page 380 of *The URANTIA Book* on the top quarter of the page. A "B" would mean the second quarter, "C" the third and "D" the bottom.

Then there are some of the "post-Urantian concepts" like "Computer" and "T-V Television". If someone was looking up the source of a reference about anti-socially minded individuals and used the vernacular form "Beatnik", they would be led to 910 D where they belong.

There are many improvements in the second edition over the first. It is larger, more accurate, has a new and more informative introduction, and most of all, offers the A, B, C, D location guide. I had the pleasure of aiding Clyde, along with many others, in listing each reference with the new location guide. Completing fifteen pages was a stimulating effort, but seemed nothing when matched with the editing and proofreading that went into the production of the *Concordex* itself.

The new edition is a must for dedicated students of *The URANTIA Book* who are looking up ideas for a purpose or just something out of the blue. Even if you have an old edition, the new issue is well worth the reinvestment. - J. McNelly

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human watchcare of the Apostle Andrew, the first of the Apostles chosen by Jesus. Some of the readings included 'The Young Man who was Afraid', 'The Draught of Fishes', 'The Centurion's Servant', and 'The Epileptic Boy'. After the readings were finished, the group had a small discussion about the nature of study group formats and how we all can participate in bringing about the thousands of study groups that must be formed if the *URANTIA* revelation is to grow in its influence throughout the world. Unity in purpose rather than uniformity in structure was emphasized as a basic quality in study group formation. Study

groups not only give us the opportunity to study *The URANTIA Book* with others but provide meaningful occasions for us to share our emerging religious faiths with other believers.

Afterwards, we all gathered to celebrate the recent marriage of one of our dedicated members, Polly Parke Friedman, who was with us along with her husband Jerry. Again, Bonnie Abbott with the help of many members prepared a delicious feast and the meeting ended late in the afternoon after a joyous day in Autumn.

- P. McNelly

A SPECIAL THANKS

The "Agondonter" would like to especially thank all of our dedicated readers who have contributed to the support of the *FUSLA Newsletter*. The "Agondonter" functions mainly because of the generous donations of many individuals on our mailing list of over 300 brothers and sisters. As costs for paper, printing, mailing, and miscellaneous supplies continue to rise, *FUSLA* is indeed grateful for the voluntary contributions it has received to help support the "Agondonter".

BOOK COMMITTEE UPDATE

The *FUSLA Book Committee* wants to remind our friends in the L.A. area that copies of *The URANTIA Book* are always available from either Pat McNelly in Orange county, or from Vincent Ventola at (213) 395-0892 in the Los Angeles County area. You can contact Pat at (714) 870-7239 for more information on how you can help the *FUSLA Book Committee* in its work of placing copies of *The URANTIA Book* in strategic locations in the Southern California area.

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"THE PICNIC"

by Buck & Arlene Weimer

(On the afternoon of September 14, more than fifty men, women, children, and domesticated animals of FUSLA's finest, experienced their most recent picnic. The Rustic Canyon Park in Santa Monica Canyon proved an ideal location. The sponsoring motive of the Venice Study Group was simply to create an atmosphere of family communion while in a natural surrounding.

Here is the view of that event as described by a 6-year-old boy named Ahab.)

"Riding past the ocean, the grown-ups in the car asked if we knew why we were going to a picnic. My best-friend David and I (he's 7½) both shook our heads no because we didn't understand what was meant by communion. They said it was a time to only think good thoughts about everything, and most of all to have only good feelings. We still didn't understand, but both David and I agreed to give it a try.

"In armloads we carried the charcoal, grills, balls, rackets, and potatoes down the canyon road to the picnic area. Our dog Festus was as excited as we were. Most of all I was so surprised to see so much space with trees and green grass around.

"It wasn't long (I can tell time now) before some of the grown-ups took off their shirts and began sweating a lot while bouncing around on the volley-ball court. A guy by the name of Bill Brehio yelled the most — I guess because he was on the winning side. After climbing a tree, David wanted to peek through the holes in the fence to watch and hear the tennis games. It seemed strange at first to see the women (Cheryl McCade & Sara Lindoerfer) playing with the men; and just as good, too! But then, why not?

"For a long time after that we laughed a lot while throwing the frisbee with some people called the Glenwood Gang. It was fun, but once I did fall down and scratch my knee. But the smell of charcoal, cooking hamburgers, hot-dogs, and chicken followed me everywhere — and I finally got hungry. A lot of kids and grown-ups sat around a nice person named Julia Fenderson to share their food.

"It wasn't long after eating before the grown-ups got stuck together in small groups and started talking a lot — mostly

about a URANTIA Book. They talked about how they had found it; as if it had been lost for a long time. And about the most often heard word I understood was: "CLICKED". They kept saying something clicked, so we thought the book might have a lock on it. One very tall man who said his name was Dan Massey from Boston never once stopped talking about some creatures from midway that could go faster than light.

"Some of the people were beginning to leave when I checked my watch late in the afternoon when the talking quieted down. A couple of people sat on the grass and just stared at the evening sky. It really felt good then — everything did.

"Rustic Canyon seemed cleaner then too, because most people quietly put their trash in the barrels. But when Tracy, Tanya, Talisha, Michael, Bonnie, and Bob Hunt left, I knew the picnic was about over.

"On the way home we could see the sun set into the ocean. My face was tight with sunburn, my knee hurt, and I knew my mother would make me take a bath soon, but I still felt good, at peace with everybody and everything. David did too.

"It worked!" I shouted, and the grown-ups asked what worked.

"At the picnic I really forgot about myself and everything, and really had a fun time. Let's do it again, soon."

THE END

REMEMBER THIS DATE!

On Sunday, December 8, 1974, at Rustic Canyon Park, another "fun" picnic will happen. A multitude of recreational facilities will be available for children and adults alike. We must, however, bring our own food and grills for cooking, as well as frisbees, volleyballs, basketballs and tennis equipment.

Directions: As the Santa Monica Freeway continues onto the Pacific Coast Hwy. turn right at Chautaugua Blvd. onto West Channel Rd. Then turn left on Mesa Rd. and Left again on Latimer Rd. The park is ahead one block on the left.

CHILDREN AND THE STUDY GROUP

by William Sherwood

How can we accommodate children in our adult study groups in a way that they too have the benefit from a study experience? Do we sacrifice our efforts, to concentrate on teaching them? Or do we farm them out to baby-sitters because to reach a compromise seems far too difficult?



Denise Flanders, age 8 catches (surprise! surprise!) one of the many frisbees that filled the sky during "The Picnic".

We in the Venice study group were about to resolve ourselves to this last alternative when Julia Fenderson said she had an idea that she wanted to try. We knew it would have to be good to direct the combined energy of five healthy children ranging in age from three to ten. Things had gotten pretty desperate for us because some one or two were always having to keep an ear open to what was going on in the next room. Consequently the group benefits were not enjoyed to the fullest by all.

Julia's idea consisted in a story format in which she used some of her accumulated artwork (drawings of various scenes relating to Jesus' life) as teaching aids. In this case she described the Nazareth home life and liberally interspersed her story with questions designed to evoke participation from all the children. Various aspects of Joseph and Mary's one room house were discussed, including its stone construction, the room that had to be added on later as the family grew, and the guard rail which Joseph built along the stairs to the roof when Jesus had taken a surprise fall. Enthusiastic response came when she asked the children why they thought

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there was a tent on the roof. The family spent hot summer nights sleeping on the roof.

Julia went on to talk about the home life of this Nazareth family and with a separate drawing she showed how Jesus helped his mother to grind flour by pouring in the grain as she turned the millstone. Julia mentioned that in his later life Jesus said that anyone who kept the little children from coming to him would be better off if a millstone were tied around his neck and he were cast into the sea. The drawing appropriately demonstrated the size and weight of a millstone. But, there was more to come. Julia then explained just how difficult it is to get good drawings for these sorts of things, especially drawn by children. She asked the whole bunch if they could help. Needless to say, the children set themselves to drawing their own Nazareth houses with the colored markers and paper at hand. We adults observed the harmony of well directed energy. The room was alive with energy.

All in all it had been most entertaining and educational for the children as well as for us adults. But, how are you managing in your own circumstances? Will you let us hear?

CHILDREN'S PARTY

By Sara Lindoerfer

The first Urantian party for children took place at the home of Mrs. Julia Fenderson on September 15th. Guest of honor was Nathaniel Lindoerfer who was visiting with his mother from Berkeley. Julia's other guests included Tanya, Tracy, and Talisha Hunt, Denise and Jim Flanders, and Lani Brittin.

The children's ages ranged from 3 to 10, and they quickly became caught up in the spirit of the evening's activities. Jim and Denise Flanders sang a fine, on tune rendition of *The Me That I Want To Be*, and *Another New Day*, and led the other children in these songs. Julia captivated the seven as she read stories about the early childhood of Jesus from a booklet, influenced by *The URANTIA Book*, put together by Dr. Bob Slagle and his family.

The children enjoyed the idea of the party being a "cuzz" party . . . just because they are loved and because they are God's loving children.

URANTIA SCHOLARS' QUIZ

This issue's Scholar's Quiz is taking a new twist, as all of this month's questions deal with a specific theme from *The URANTIA Book*. Some of the answers may surprise you but you'll have to wait until our January issue for the page references if you can't find the answers on your own. Found below are ten new questions and the answers to those in the August issue.

1. Which were the first land animals to appear on Urantia?
2. On what continent did camels and llamas first appear?
3. What was probably the greatest single leap of all pre-human evolution on Urantia?
4. Why did the dinosaurs become extinct?
5. How thick are the coal-bearing strata in some parts of North America and Europe?
6. How many great Ice Ages have there been on Urantia?
7. Why will the "missing links" of archeology forever remain "missing"?
8. Was there ever a land bridge between South America and Africa?
9. Who were the builders of the great stone faces on Easter Island?
10. Who was the discoverer of fire?

Page references from our last issue's questions:

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- P. McNelly

LITERATURE

Southern California URANTIA Brotherhood Member at Large, Bob Hunt, gave a talk to FUSLA that he had previously given to the World Future Society entitled "THE URANTIA BOOK: A Guide to the Future and Beyond". This talk is designed as an introduction to the book for an intellectually orientated audience. The "Agondonter" is pleased to be able to offer his twenty-page presentation for the price of one dollar each, postpaid. Communications should be addressed to the "Agondonter", P.O. Box 5488, Fullerton, Calif. 92635.

Julia Fenderson would like to tell our readers that she is offering at cost several study aids for *The URANTIA Book*. The items she has available are:

- Study Groups, 2 pages \$.20
- Maps Illustrating the Life and Travels of Jesus, 18 pages. \$1.00
- An Annotated Bibliography for Parents, 27 pages \$1.75
- Reaching Children with the URANTIA Teachings, 17 pages \$1.00

You may write to Julia through the "Agondonter" Post Office Box or by phone at 213-836-2432.

How I Found The URANTIA Book

by Mark Freeman

As a Christian minister (nondenominational) I was searching for a more complete definition of spirit, both for my own enlightenment and also to find more specific information for another interested person. As doctrine, I had been taught that spirit was simply an activating force, but I was aware that the original Greek and Hebrew words had meanings that also included qualities of mind.

In the La Jolla, California public library I picked up a copy of *The URANTIA Book* and, flipping haphazardly through the pages, noticed a number of pages defining the Father's spirit as a fragment of himself that indwells our mind and "adjusts" our thoughts.

Aware that most of mankind's knowledge is only partial at best, I discovered that the Father, Son, and Spirit can truly function as a Trinity just as many religionists believe. At the same time my belief that Jesus was not the second person of this Trinity was also confirmed.

Similarly the new revelation corroborated my belief in the direct creation of Adam and Eve while convincingly broadening my understanding of man's evolutionary beginnings on this planet. Here again opposing views of science and religion were both shown to be partially correct. The book's explanation that man was the final result of a long series of sudden mutations that "Life Carriers," in cooperation with divine spirit, had designed as an inherent part of the original life implantations, thoroughly satisfied my theological logic.

This much enlightenment was sufficient to overcome the other two obstacles to my reading through the entire book. First, it was an unusually long book containing many scientific explanations that I thought probably wouldn't be very interesting. And second, it would require me to acquaint myself with what seemed to be a great many new terms with extensive definitions. Would it be worth my time? I decided to start at the beginning and read it at least as far as it would continue to hold my interest.

Accustomed to keeping close track of the time I spend on various projects, I began reading on March 16, 1972. By page 651 my notes had become so lengthy that

I began to first consider the possibility of buying a copy of my own from a used book store. I was surprised to learn that used *URANTIA Books* sold quickly and that many of these dealers were acquainted with the book whereas most clerks in religious book stores had never heard of it.

About this time I also discovered the *Concordex* which not only contained far more exhaustive reference material but had it indexed for fast retrieval. After all the writing I had been doing, this would have been a real bargain for me at double the cost. Still, I bought the *Concordex* simply as an aid to revive my memory of the ideas I had read whether or not I ever finally did get a personal copy of *The URANTIA Book*. I just couldn't believe that the book could continue to sustain my interest for an additional 1,400 pages.

I noticed personal differences in writing style from paper to paper but no inconsistencies; minor differences of speculative opinion but no contradictions. The incidental fact that I found no typographical errors in such a long book also impressed me. It seemed almost too perfect. I felt sure I'd find some parts of it disappointing before I reached the last page. At the same time I found my interest intensifying. I even began praying at the end of each day that nothing unforeseen might happen to prevent me from reading the book through at least once.

Often I would read a statement that sounded so complex that I was sure it was beyond my understanding. Yet, invariably, throughout the book each succeeding paragraph continued to clarify the concept presented until it seemed that my mind could at least grasp hold of it with some degree of actual comprehension.

With the exception of a few book dealers and librarians, no one I spoke to knew about it and no one I met had read the book beyond more than a few pages. I searched in vain for book reviews and magazine articles about it. The thought suggested itself to me that I might be the only person on earth who had read it, because as a minister discussing many of the subjects the book contains, with thousands of individuals and hundreds of

congregations over a period of more than twenty years, no one had ever mentioned *The URANTIA Book*. Yet I couldn't believe that there wasn't a group of people somewhere who got together to talk about what they had read and how they could best put the information to use.

Alvin Kulieke, then President of the *URANTIA Brotherhood*, was the first to reply to my inquiries. The next letter was from Clyde Bedell who told me about the Los Angeles Society; through them my name was given to Captain Bill Hazzard in San Diego who invited me to the meetings at his home where, in turn, I met Betty Tackett — the individual who had donated the book that I discovered in the La Jolla Public Library. In discussing it, neither of us felt that my finding it had been just a chance occurrence.

WEST COAST FIELD REPRESENTATIVE VISITS ALASKA AND HAWAII

Julia Fenderson has just returned from six weeks visiting Alaska and Hawaii meeting with *URANTIA Book* readers everywhere she went. While visiting these areas, she was also making contact with various radio stations to have Vern Grimsley's "On Campus" program put on the air. She reports: "Each day brought new adventures. These experiences were so rewarding and exciting that it reminded me of Jesus talking with his young student, Ganid from India. It is not strange that one enjoys the exhilaration of meeting a new-found brother." One could only bring back positive and joyous reports.

David Saunders, a dynamic and spiritually active member of the First *URANTIA Society* of Los Angeles, living in Hawaii, writes about Julia: "Her presence, her loving service to all was greatly appreciated; we felt her strength and enlightenment and it spread into many hearts. I am truly thankful that she waited and attended our retreat."

Julia was able to put Vern's radio program on every station she approached.

The *Agondonter* will publish a more complete account of Julia's travels in the next issue.

- J. McNelly

MONEY... THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL?

It was a great feat of social evolution when man was able to conceptualize his economic transactions into a standard medium of exchange. Requiring only a modicum of trust, money has made life more unified and diverse, aiding co-operation and introducing new items into a culture. The URANTIA Book points out that economics, in our modern culture, is the only thing that comes close to being an international language.

Far from being the necessary root of all evil, money serves as a circulation network for the social organism. It also is a mirror of man's intentions, reflecting the state of his own value orientation.

On the front page of a newspaper during the 1930's depression years, there were two similar stories. The first was about a poor man with a family who inherited five thousand dollars from a long lost uncle. The second was of a formerly wealthy man who committed suicide after he was told he was down to his last five thousand. The figures were the same, but the value that was attached differed.

Money as a metaphor was used frequently by Jesus in teaching advanced concepts of value to his followers. It was a bold pronouncement for his time for Jesus to exclaim that the widow's mite was a far greater offering before God than the larger token sums of the rich men.

This is not to mean that Jesus held the rich in disdain. He was as quick to commend the spiritually motivated rich as he was to condemn the materially minded poor. He did make the claim that

it was, however, easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than it was for a rich man to get to heaven.

For years, the image of a giant camel trying to get through a needle puzzled my imagination, when, in a Bible history class at the University I attend, the parable was explained to me. It seems that Jesus was speaking, as usual, in the language and concepts familiar to the audience he was with at the time. The "eyes of the needle" were openings in the walls of large cities, such as Jerusalem, to allow the free flow of foot traffic in and out of the city when the main gates were closed for defensive purposes.

The "eyes" were three or four feet high; such that an invader on horseback could not enter. For a merchant with a camel to get through, all goods must be removed from the camel's back, carried through by hand, and then the beast must be coaxed to walk on its knees through the opening.

When Matadormus, a rich young man who was also a believer, sought to become one of the seventy gospel messengers, Jesus sought to deliver him from the love of his riches. Like the camel metaphor, the rich young man was required to unload the material burdens before he was to enter the gates of the heavenly kingdom. This injunction, it should be remembered, was for the apostles and the seventy evangelists only and did not apply to disciples and believers.

Jesus gave advice on wealth many times during his years of personal

ministry and public work. He knew how men can be obsessed with wealth and commented that where man's treasure was, there his heart would also be found. Morontia Mota explains that we are in possession of "personality credits" making our souls rich beyond belief.

The Master sought to use coins occasionally as an attention getting and teaching device. From the simple face of a coin he made clear the duties of the heavenly and earthly kingdoms. In the parable of the lost coin, he enjoined persistence and dedication in finding that which is lost in the dust and accumulation of time.

It is one of the hopes of the new Revelation that modern man be lifted from the bondage of having to believe in the redeemer-ransom concept. This material interpretation of Jesus' life mission, which portrays the Father in heaven as a stern creditor demanding payment, in blood no less, is an insult to his true nature as a friend who trusts us with his love to the extent that we give it daily interest, investing it in the hearts of our fellows, forgiving their debts even as our Father has forgiven ours.

What a bargain, then, is The URANTIA Book? For less than a penny a page, it can help the individual co-operate with the spirit of God to amass a treasure in heaven and discover the message of greatest value, that our God is a loving Father and that we are all his Universe Children.

- J. McNelly

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CELEBRATION

The Morontia Citizens have senses and perceptions that are more numerous and receptive than we humans, but the creative masterminds of the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles put together a transcendental celebration of Light, Sound and Life that would have done any celestial artisan proud.

We are all amateurs, but we find as each of us brings talents and experience from such a wide range of awareness that we make our group experiences greater than the sum of our parts. There were tapestries of the superuniverses, slides of the Paradise Isle, the planetary evolution seen through a Life Carrier's camera, artwork of the life on the mansion worlds, abstract depictions of the incredible, feasts of taste and smell prepared with hours of care, solemn prayers to the Father, spontaneous expressions of worship, testimonials to doing God's will and triumphant calls to service, and so much more that it could only be experienced.

There may have been URANTIA conferences before, but this was a *celebration*. Vincent Ventola was the spirit who acted as the co-organizer with the Spirit that brought out the living excellence of FUSLA's finest. Vince was our inspiration to new heights of cooperation and teamwork that made the celebration the uplifting happening it was for everyone.

Miniconferences in various regions of the United States seem to have become a means of sharing insights and fellowships without having to travel great distances. Over a hundred and fifty Urantians, mostly from California and the West Coast, came to Brentwood seeking to comprehend the meaning of the fifth epochal revelation and to commune with the Universal Father of us all.

In the words of Vince, coordinator of the experience, "Let all our energies strive toward harmony and increased Self-Realization, and let us plant these seeds of God-Consciousness in the hearts and minds of all in attendance. Let this celebration symbolize our efforts to realize the light and life of our future potential. Let this celebration lead to the worship of the Universal Father and our Creator Father. Let this celebration symbolize our hearts desire and our soul's craving to know God in *this* lifetime on *this* planet, Urantia."

Like mind and spirit gravity, brothers and sisters are entering into the epochal age and ever seek out others to be with and share their lives with. There is something about the type of person who has made the leap of faith to read *The URANTIA Book* and to make some soul commitments to its teachings; it is

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FLASH:

Family of God Expands

Vern Bennom Grimsley's radio broadcast will be carried by the worldwide American Forces Radio Network beginning this fall.

The total number of A.M. and F.M. broadcasting outlets will be 874 including ships at sea.

The short programs will be carried over 63 stations in Germany, 27 in Canada, 13 in Greece and Crete, 10 on Guam, 21 in Italy, 9 in Japan, 3 in the Netherlands, 8 in the Philippines, 21 in Korea, 22 in Turkey, 5 in Taiwan, 3 in Cuba, 2 in Belgium, and 73 in Alaska.

This is the world's most powerful radio network -- more powerful than NBC, CBS, or ABC. This will bring the total number of stations carrying Vern's worldwide program to over one thousand.

By Julia Fenderson

REFLECTIONS

Time to sit down and share some thoughts with you. Thinking about our URANTIA Celebration. Still feeling the love and energy of true fellowship and group worship. Thank you, Father, for bringing us together.

I pray that we all continue to open our hearts. I pray that we all learn to *share* and *feel* the peace, harmony, and love of a living dynamic Brotherhood. As we find ourselves coming into contact with the infinitely diverse members of our ever-expanding family, may we keep an open, receptive mind and a warm and willing heart. In our *relationships* - in all of our *communicating* - let us truly be the makers of peace and artists of understanding. As we open our hearts and learn to love each other, I pray that we *pay attention* and recognize the importance of each meeting and seek to explore the infinite potentials of our growing relationships.

Thinking about the organizational problems facing the apostles of Jesus and the followers of John. In the very face of conflict concerning that which was most dear to them, they surmounted their difficulties by keeping their unifying beliefs in focus. They sought to develop the Positive. Let us seek to better our communications, not by dealing with each other as strangers, but as newly discovered brothers and sisters.... (pardon me for "pounding a point," but we are brothers and sisters, aren't we - or am I reading a different Book?!).

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Dream-like, misty morning sun,
Seemingly sleeping through dark, amorphous
clouds.
Iris luster, shining brilliantly upon meadow
and mountain.
Everchanging, yet everlasting warmth, ming-
ling with a soft flighty breeze.

Oh, to listen to the first few drops of
rain, tumbling, tauntlessly to heather and
fro,
And I, standing like a young sapling, steep-
ing up all its splendor with little or no
remorse.

Could it be that I too, like the sap-
ling, yearn for the sun that glistens spar-
ingly through the shade of my Father's
branches,
Yet thirst for the damp, which flows to the
roots of us all?

And even though in times we miss out on
the spirit food and drink,
Does it really seem possible to deny that
understanding deity that lies far beyond
and within?

Here we tarry through the seasons of a
once planned Paradise, carefully wrought up-
on love and understanding,
Yet we are more eager to stumble about the
ruins of a cosmic rebellion, as opposed to
gracefully following the piece of eternity
that dwells within us all.

Such a pity, for we too, like the rain,
ascend from our heavenly Father, in hopes
of flowing into the streams of righteousness
While lending a hand to those bretheren
whose spirits and souls have sunk into the
mucky perils of the river of iniquity.

And how strange it is also that these
brothers and sisters of ours, have led them-
selves to believe that our days upon this
mighty ship are abundantly endless, where-
fore they know that the very hairs upon
their heads are numbered.

Take not for granted this seed that has
been consigned you, nor take too much time
leading your self,
And all who may hear the way, upon this di-
vine path.

For he who drinks of this stream, drinks the
water and truth of the spirit, while he who
seeks to flow on with the river of iniquity,
will only smother in its brine.

But fear not, for even if our Father has
the power to give and also to take,
He chooses only to give, and his offer stands
forever.

It is we, that either take it, or refuse it.

by Jonathon Johnson

CELEBRATION

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a person with a creative intelligence and a
spiritual attitude about the life of Jesus.
It is a person who loves easily and feels free
with persons who are also eager to love and be
loved. It brings out the urge to perfection,
to be perfect even as our Heavenly Father is
perfect. Only with others can there be group
prayer and worship. Conferences and celebra-
tions of spirit are the natural evolution of
our emerging awareness, ever knowing that from
being together we can share the living Jesus
in our lives and actions so that as transformed
individuals we can make a transformed world.

By Jim McNelly

CALENDAR

The First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles
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TIA Brotherhood. FUSLA usually meets on the first
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a month with two people is an excellent
start. Let us hear on your efforts.

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(213) 676-6109
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PEOPLE . . .

The great northward migration continues! Bob Blackstock, FUSLA Vice President, is moving black, stock and barrel towards Berkeley to be with you know who. (Sarah Lindorfer) The Hunts, Bob and Bonnie with their marvelous brood, are heading towards Eureka to join the Bodens, the Princes, and Sue Jennings. Rumor is that Cindy Terry, and Phil Calabrese are traveling with them.

Leonard and Jan Kidd are the proud parents of Heather Michelle. Bob and Bonnie have added Dylan to their junior study group.

Congratulations to newlyweds Charles Hicks and Dorothy Elder. Also a joyous occasion was the marriage of President Scott Forsythe and Carol Engel. A wedding in the sun was a beautiful experience for Karen and Jonathan Johnson.

Jeff Keys and Jim McNelly have graduated from college, and Jim's father, Dr. Willis McNelly, was selected as the outstanding teacher of the year at Cal State University at Fullerton.

Duane Faw has been selected as the recipient of the Harold Shepherd outstanding citizen award of the Law Fraternity Phi Alpha Delta.

Leo Elliot, author of the crossword puzzle in this issue, has joined the Peace Corps, and like our returned traveler, Kermit Anderson, is going to Africa. You can write to Leo at: Care of Peace Corps, Post Office Box 2583, Dakar Senegal, West Africa.

Nancy Grimsley has received high honors with the Distinguished Service Award for Superior Performance as an administrator for the University at Berkeley.

Julia Fenderson and Vincent Ventola enjoyed a pleasant visit on the weekend of May 31 with our friends Richard Coenberg and Bruce Thurstin at their lovely retreat in the Tuolumne Valley just north of Yosemite. Julia says, "Much communication, appreciation of the beauty of nature, and worship were shared. We are all thankful for this opportunity to grow in understanding and brotherhood."

David and Sue Clearwaters of Rogue River organized a miniconference in the trees with music, talks, worship and wild dancing led by Julia. Vern Grimsley made it up for the outdoors happening along a stream and over sixty persons emerged out of the northwest to camp and share in brotherhood. Mr. and Mrs. Montchalin, organizers of a large study group in Portland, came on down and helped the other Oregonians find some groundwork for possible future organization.

Julia is now National Extension Executive for the Family of God. Julia keeps bopping around getting Vern on the air, but the LA area is running a little slow; time for Jesusonians in the area to get organized!!

Special thanks to Bonnie Abbott and her grandson Skipper for the epicurian efforts at the celebration.

Congratulations to Sue Kantor for becoming a registered nurse. Participants at the summer conference in Chicago are in for a real treat when they see David and Sue's slide show on Evolution, recently shown at the FUSLA Celebration.

By Jim McNelly

LITERATURE

"How I found The URANTIA Book or How The URANTIA Book found me," a new booklet! Seven personal narratives collected by Julia. Every six months new personal narratives will be added. . . . \$1.25.
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An annotated Bibliography for Parents, 27 pp. 1.75.
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Reaching children with the URANTIA Teachings, 17 pp. 1.00.
"The URANTIA Book, a Guide to the Future and Beyond." by Bob Hunt, 20 pp. 1.00.

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If we can keep this "insight" and act as living channels of Our Father's love as well, we will surely love one another even as Jesus loves us.

New thought: The URANTIA Foundation. Do you think people realize that even more than being The URANTIA Foundation, the men and women working there are our brothers and sisters too??? I hope so. It might be nice if we thanked them now and then for doing what must be an overwhelming job. And it might even be nicer if we shared our thoughts with them and related to them in a very positive, constructive, and brotherly manner. But what would really be nicest of all, is if we told them we loved them.

by Vince Ventola

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On Jerusem, the ascenders from isolated worlds such as Urantia "are known as the AGONDONTES, meaning evolutionary will creatures who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone."
*Page 579.

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Going Home to Father

As a college sophomore, I remember pondering the word "God." I couldn't think of what it should mean. It seemed just a word, with no referent, an invention of man. How could people even talk about "God?"

Then I remember hearing the idea that God is abscondite, hidden. He is nothing identifiable. One could only say what he is not. Sort of a black hole in space, maybe. But what use was that? I didn't care enough to think.

Then I got interested in Eastern thought - in Brahman and atma, man merging with the universe oversoul through contemplation and self-identification with deity. That made a little more sense to me. But with it I threw out the idea of any specialized deity attribute of Jesus. Jesus was just a highly developed man of insight. We were all equal sons of God. What could be so special about Jesus?

My next step proved more fruitful. I began consulting the I Ching. Its philosophy became my ethical and moral foundation. I discovered the wisdom of self-restraint. I cultivated a sense of spiritual center. I saw that I was the creator of my destiny. I plugged my life leaks. My living efficiency rose. With a brother I revived a business of my elderly father. I found the young woman whom I wanted to marry. Providence smiled on me. I was working with life.

I have arrived at a point where the desire to harmonize with life, to know the universe will, was my rising intent. In reality I was searching for God. It was his cosmic eye that saw my Need. I found The URANTIA Book. Thank you Jay Newbern! For a year I picked at it.

Its style entranced me - straight, flat-out declaratory about the most enormous topics, universe organization and deity manifestation. I liked simple sentences with simple truths, such as God never being subject to surprise. I was intrigued with the foretaste of those things which I would discover when I reached Paradise and search the written records of the Beginning of things.

It was good science fiction, a great story, space age drama, and a masterpiece of prose.

But deeper currents worked on me and within me. I read the first chapters on the Godhead simultaneously with a determined effort to rapidly complete the Jesus section, to understand the life and teachings of Jesus. The ideas of God and God-Man, Father and Son, Father-Brother, and God-Father grew within me. I revered the idea of God the Unknowable, the Absolute, descending to God the personal, into God-Man. I reveled in its fact: Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God, Son of Man. How perfectly right for the Infinite to come to man as man: a descending Son of God offering the helping hand, man to man. It made sense, a perfection of sense. God made sense. He spoke to us, as one of us. How right! How natural! How beautiful!

This idea isn't new with The URANTIA Book, of course. But the incarnation idea had always been linked in my recollection of Christianity with the atonement: Christ crucified for our sins, the sins and guilt of

the whole world shifted onto an innocent lamb, to be crucified, whose blood was to be shed to appease the ruthless wrath of a stern and inflexible God of justice and punishment. That made me sick. I was relieved and heartened to find this idea sifted out and discarded as a remnant of the primitive tribal superstitions and beliefs of the Hebrews, an assault upon the perfection of the divine love, his *unchanging* love.

The URANTIA Book finally makes sense out of Jesus for me. Jesus makes sense. I believe him. And because of him I know something of the Father. What is God if not, at least, the Father of his children? a Father even as this Son so portrayed him! Yes, God is a person. What sense to a world of men endowed with personality, freewill, and deity aspiration? if not to herald the ever-ascending scale of personality realization - even to the ultimate discovery of the primal personality, the bestower of personality, the Universal Father!

So, what is God to me now? He is the one eternal reality. He is my Father, who wills the well-being of all his children, my brothers and sisters in spirit, and he desires that my will become as his will. He is what Jesus says he is. As a child, I was raised with some primitive ideas about him; as a student, I rejected them; and as an adult and as a Urantian, I accept him in his truth. I am a Christian. I am his faith son.

I see how the world is in need, as I was in need of a refreshed Christianity, shorn of its paganism and institutional barnacles, its shells and skeletons of creeds and rites and rules and ecclesiastical tickets to heaven. How we have waited these near two-thousand years for this cleansed message with its simple call to the worship and love of God in faith service to man.

But I find even more than this in The URANTIA Book. It is the resolution to every theological question I have ever entertained. I understand the source of sin in the world (which is not our racial guilt). Above all, I see an end to it. It is not far off. I see the cosmic drama of the Son of God come down to the least of his worlds, that *none* might be lost. I see a glorious destiny for those who join in faith to follow his example. I see a new age. I see Christendom reigning in the hearts of all men. I see URANTIA reigning in the heavens, reborn. We have a destiny. A universe beholds us.

And most importantly, we have work at hand, to the fulfillment of which we can go in confidence that aught is in vain, that each vaguely perceptible step is one *lasting* step closer, that each day each victory of the divine through us is lasting, eternal, from the first, because we have willed it so, and so believe.

We go to inherit a never-ending, always-expanding universe, firm in the faith that human striving is not in vain, that man is no mistake, that eternity is ours insofar as we ever go forth to receive it. Thank you Father. Our hearts runneth over.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord!

Amen

by

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Who Are the Jesusonians?

I believe that everyone can easily accept the idea that the relationship of The URANTIA Book to the Religion of Jesus is that of matter to spirit, of symbol to experience, of map to territory, of impersonal to personal, of external to internal, of object to subject, of reflection to source, of doctrine to creativity. With this in mind, we can approach the question of how to delineate the functions and purposes of: (1) The URANTIA Book, (2) the URANTIA Foundation (3) the URANTIA Brotherhood, and (4) the Religion of Jesus and Jesusonians. Where does the purpose of one end and the other begin? Where do they overlap? At one extreme on the spectrum is The URANTIA Book; at the other extreme is the spiritual, personal reality of the Religion of Jesus. Somewhere in between are the URANTIA Foundation and Brotherhood. I don't claim to fully know the answers to these questions, but I believe that the answers are of importance to the development of religion on our planet and consequently to the development of future civilization. A society can rise no higher than its God-concepts, which act as genes for social expression.

In the present task of spiritual gene implantation - revelation - there are at least two coordinate tasks. The first of these concerns The URANTIA Book itself: the transmission of the pure text to others. This task itself apparently breaks down into two aspects: the text and the teachings thereof. In connection with the text, there are the problems of printing, distribution, and protection. In connection with the teachings, there is the problem of the neutral, unbiased, nonpromotional presentation to others. As I understand it, this teaching of the teachings does not consist of advocating a new religion or making claims to religious and interpretive authority, but of presenting to others the contents of The URANTIA Book with as little personal coloring as possible. From what I can gather, I perceive that the URANTIA Foundation is concerned primarily with the text, and the URANTIA Brotherhood is concerned primarily with the teaching and presentation of it. These functions must overlap in some way.

The second major task in the development of the revelation is, as I see it, the expression of oneself as a creative personality who is spirit-led. This involves thinking and saying things which are not necessarily quotes from The URANTIA Book. It involves the mixing of one's evolutionary life-patterns with the revelatory patterns so as to create a unique, ever-developing synthesis, a growing soul. In this process, one should of course strive never to think, say, or do anything which is not in harmony with the truths of The URANTIA Book, as one understands them. Nonetheless, in so striving, there will result a mixture of evolution and revelation in the developing individual, and this is the divine intent. Hence, while the text and teachings of The URANTIA Book should remain pure and impersonal, the impact of the revelation on the individual will naturally result in a personal mixture. This mixture of revelation and evolution is the goal of the Religion of Jesus, but this same mixture is not the focus in the task of pre-

senting and transmitting The URANTIA Book. So at some point, the personalizing purpose of the Religion of Jesus transcends the impersonal purposes of the URANTIA Foundation and Brotherhood. Of course, it is best if Jesusonians present The URANTIA Book to others and transmit the pure text through time and space, but the scope of the Religion of Jesus goes far beyond the URANTIA purposes in the sense that the URANTIA purposes emphasize the book while the Jesusonian purposes emphasize what the book is referring to. It is the difference between "here it is" and "here I am."

There ought to be the utmost harmony between these two phases, and yet they also ought to be distinct. As I see it, the basis of URANTIA Societies is the pure text of The URANTIA Book and the neutral teaching thereof, and the basis of the Religion of Jesus is the reality of personal experience of which the book speaks. The Religion of Jesus, while described to a degree in The URANTIA Book, is nevertheless not based upon it. Rather The URANTIA Book is based upon the Religion of Jesus. Simply, the book itself is not those realities which it describes.

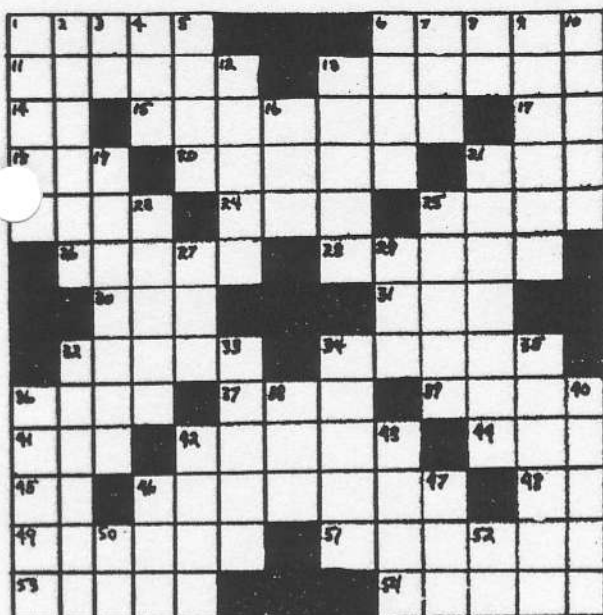
Whereas the revelation that is The URANTIA Book is an impersonal, external object in crystallized form, the meaning of revelation in the Religion of Jesus is that a continuous, never ending personal flow of revelation is within you at all times waiting - even pleading - to be used. We each have our own individualized access to the very Source that is forever pouring forth new thought-patterns. No book is more eloquent about this than The URANTIA Book, which goes so far as to deny itself as the epitome of human philosophy and declares that the religious challenge of our age - not just a religious challenge but the religious challenge - is to construct a new philosophy of living. The URANTIA Book challenges us to go beyond it and put together an even better philosophy than what it provides!

The URANTIA Book does not point at itself as the answer to the world's problems; it points at us. It lays the obligation on living personalities who understand and accept what it is referring to. While The URANTIA Book is an essential link in the divine plan, it is but preparatory to the real work that lies ahead: revealing the union of God and man to others, just as Jesus did. The living reality of the union of God and man is of course not in The URANTIA Book.

The book is a basic training manual for those who choose the Jesusonian way.

By Phil Eversoul

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Across

1. What some Borneans would kill to make ghost journey with master.
6. Generative thoughts
11. "_____ them farewell"- two words.
13. Pertaining to certain Material Sons.
14. Media abbreviation
15. Handiwork of 46 across
17. Site of "Agondonter" publication (I think!)
20. Two-dimensional guide
20. Birthplace of Gautama Siddhartha (P. 1035).
21. Kind of silica
22. Our minor sector (212)
24. In _____.
25. What we must all take
26. What Peter shed
28. Used to seal tombs
30. Object of famous Ode
31. _____ breathers
32. Fragrances, roughly compared
34. What joy of outpoured spirit is for health (2065)
36. Kind of "dike" (!)
37. Kind of pits containing fossils of fangy felines (saber tooth tigers)
39. Work with -gratification,

- maintenance, and -perpetuation
41. Acronym for "European International Symphony"
42. Jewish feast
44. _____ the Lion
45. The late Senator Dirksen
46. Man who changed the course of history
48. _____ apple a day
49. _____ & _____: tools of biblical editors
51. Before, en francais
53. Hollywood man
54. "_____, Seraphim Good Morning"

Down

1. _____ on false teachers
2. Area of many Biblical events
3. L'il _____ ner
4. Compatriot of Amadon
5. Famous garden
6. Craven image
7. Old Testament lion tamer
8. Printer's measure
9. The sick
10. What a fish and a musician have in common
12. Belonging to a particular officer of the Sanhedrin (1791-2)
13. Belonging to Eve's partner
16. Distant relative of early Lom-inid
19. What some religions, sciences, and philosophies are
21. Salvington V.I.P.
23. Biblical personality who did not hit home runs
25. Belonging to Abel's tormentor
27. Rumanian National Railway (abbr)
29. _____-tzu
32. Famous mount
33. In a rut
34. Trinity
35. What honesty does to the intellect
36. "To play for _____"
38. Armenian Rest Home (abbr)
40. Andon's helper
42. What cannot hold a quart
43. "Blessed are the _____"
46. Not plus, but minus (abbr)
47. 1,999 years before the publication of The URANTIA Book
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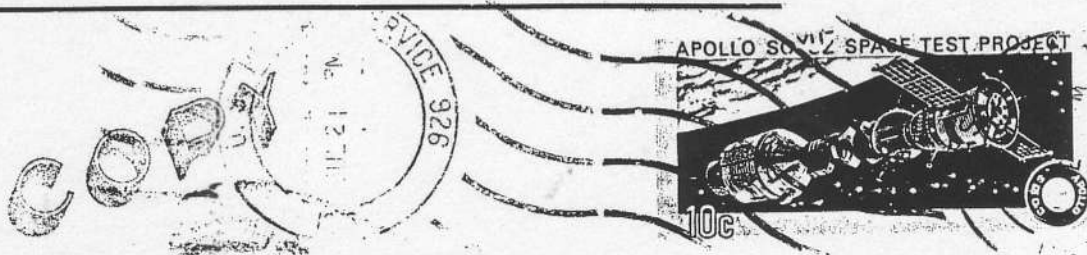
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Oklahoma Set for International Forum

It's not too soon to begin thinking seriously about the 1976 URANTIA INTERNATIONAL FORUM, to be held June 25, 26, and 27, at Fountainhead Lodge, Checotah, Oklahoma, on Lake Eufala.

This promises to be the Urantia event of the year, over two hundred people already having registered. It could very well turn out to be the largest gathering of Urantians to date in the history of the Master Universe.

Sponsored by the First Urantia Society of Oklahoma, the program will be centered around the theme of "matter, mind, and spirit."

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS FEATURED

The three-day Forum will be followed by three additional days of workshops combining in-depth study of deep topics, rest, recreation, and fellowship.

To give you an idea of the growing size and worshipful spirit of the nuclear group in Oklahoma, here is a report from FUSOK President, Tom Allen:

"Ninety-eight people gathered together at a Holiday Inn in South Oklahoma City to celebrate the August 21st birthday of Jesus of Nazareth. It was a glorious celebration, as we all gathered together in love to participate in a supper of remembrance to our Lord."

And for those of you who have not attended a large gathering of Urantians, listen to this letter from Lee Armstrong of Iowa City, reflecting on the August Conference in Chicago:

"Wasn't that General Conference amazing? There were so many fine people there with well-balanced personalities and positive outlooks—360 examples! The speakers shared new insights and gave a sense of strength to the older ones. I think Charlene Morrow from Oklahoma had to have been into The URANTIA Book for eighteen years in order to give her talk on the Supreme Being. The slide show that the Kantors and Connie Aller gave was a real experience. A picture is indeed worth a thousand words.

"I felt great joy and strength to share such a beautiful experience with brothers and sisters who are dedicating their lives to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

For additional information and registration forms, write to Berkeley Elliott, First Urantia Society of Oklahoma, 1909 First National Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102.

Although reservations will be accepted until June 1st, please register as soon as possible to help Berkeley with her planning.

A Note from Julia STUDY GROUPS VS. PUBLICITY

Dear Friends:

I want to express a concern and some possible solutions for your consideration and reply. I realize that any discussion should be the composite thinking of many dedicated people and should be expressed to headquarters in Chicago.

In early days we were advised to form thousands of study groups and further, to avoid publicity. In this way people from all walks of life would become knowledgeable from all walks of life. Most of all, individuals' lives would be upstepped, enabling them, in their various walks of life, to grow wisely and upstep the lives of others.

Again: THOUSANDS of study groups before any publicity.

My concern is that of keeping a balance between the continued growth of modest, small study groups and the ever-growing big conferences.

I love the joy, fellowship and presentations at these conferences and I have always been right in there working for them. However, now I am beginning to foresee some real dangers in the emphasis on and fast growth of

big conferences. They appear to be growing at a far faster rate than the smaller, in-the-home, grass roots study groups.

For example, we could easily anticipate a thousand people attending a national conference in the next two or three years. By contrast, we cannot count more than a hundred study groups in the whole world—and more than 55,000 books have been sold.

This is obviously an out-of-balance situation. The emphasis should return to small study groups.

Let's examine some possible hypothetical results of this out-of-balance situation and then set a course to try to correct it. Say that a thousand should attend one national conference. Our first reaction is "GREAT". However, let's think this through. 1,000 come with very little background and study group experience. There always exists a natural, emotional gust of enthusiasm which we all share.

A crowd that large and enthusiastic is newsworthy. I have been married to a newspaper man for twenty-five years and I know that a crowd that size will attract reporters. They will know nothing about the Book. They can only gather a few notes here and there, possibly from people who have had no deep training or interaction with others at small study groups in homes. The reporter may attend some in-between meetings at hotels or restaurants where—you can supply the rest of the possibil-

ities. How will all this come out in his hastily written articles for newspapers or magazines? You can just surmise (and pretty accurately) that it will do a great disservice to our newly organizing movement—yet in its infancy stage.

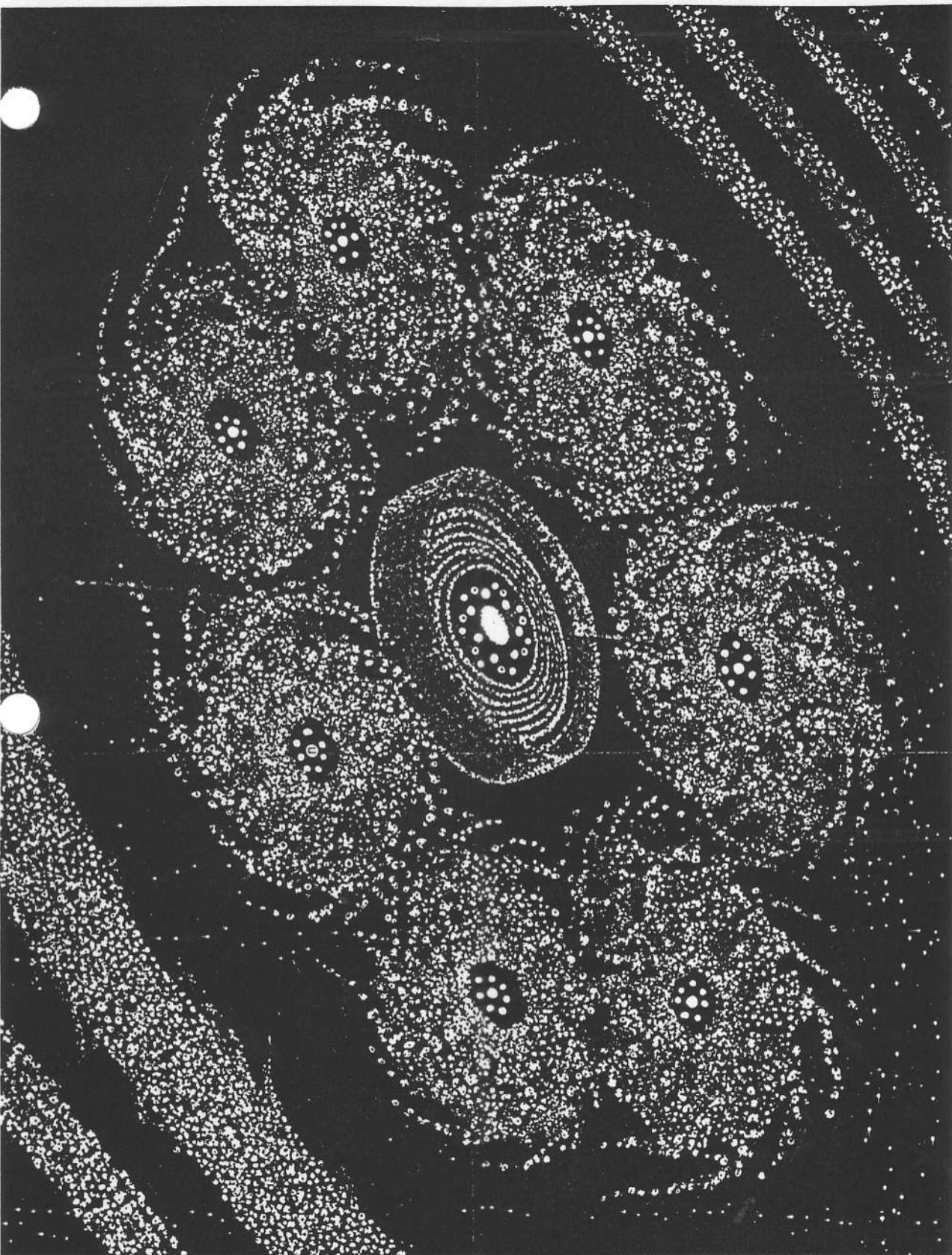
Great credit goes to our leaders in the Foundation and Brotherhood who have so far so successfully kept this quiet through twenty years. It is amazing and worthy that they have done so, and we must continue their good work.

Let's work toward the goal of thousands of study groups. My own stated goal is to be able to report at least 100 study groups from the west at the Triennial Conference in June, 1976 in Chicago. We cannot force study groups but we can help organize the existing enthusiastic individuals into small study groups thus attracting other readers and students and we can improve and up-step present small groups with sparks of new ideas and helps for improved study.

We would deeply appreciate your reactions and helps. We are all working for the Father and in the same loving family.

Love-peace-joy,

Julia
Julia Fenderson
Field Representative



The Master Universe

Pictured here is one artist's conception of the Master Universe, based on descriptions in *The URANTIA Book*, the fifth epochal revelation to the planet Earth (Urantia).

1. At the center is the stationary Isle of Paradise, geographical center of infinity and home of the Paradise Trinity (the Universal Father, the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit.) The cones extending upward and downward from Paradise represent the Space Reservoirs.
2. Circling Paradise are the twenty-on Sacred Spheres, seven associated with each person of the Paradise Trinity.
3. Next come the seven circuits of the one billion perfect worlds of the Central Universe (Havona).
4. The broad encircling band represents the dark gravity bodies which obscure the Paradise-Havona system from the surrounding creations.
5. Slowly circling the Central Universes are the seven Superuniverses, containing the evolutionary worlds of time and space. The capital of our Superuniverse Uversa, is marked in the picture with the letter U.
6. Each of the seven Superuniverses contains 100,000 Local Universes. Our Local Universe has a potential of approximately ten million inhabited planets. Our Local Universe, Nebadon, is represented by the white dot marked with a small circle (o) near the outer edge of our Superuniverse.
7. At the outermost edge of the picture are the four Outer Space Levels, the vast domains of organizing universes destined for future habitation. The entire creation comprises the Master Universe.

Man's Eternal Destiny

A fragment of the Universal Path, harkens each human being on Urantia. As Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." By conscious prayer in worship, we commune on superconscious levels with this indwelling Mystery Monitor, which guides us through the portals of death, and through the Mansion World to the capital of the Local Universe.

Then, as spirit beings, we ascend through the Superuniverses to the Central Universe. After traversing each of the one billion perfect worlds of Havona, we attain the goal of our age-long universe career, the joyous experience of the personal presence of our Paradise Father. Thereafter, we are mustered into the Corps of the Finality for undiluted service in eternity.

—CMM

—"The Master Universe"
An artist's conception by
Chas. Montgomery #1975
Oct 1984 on cloth.

Reflections

—by Vince Ventola

He asked that we do this in remembrance of Him. He asked us to recall the life he lived among us and to remember that he is with us now. As was his manner, the Remembrance Supper was the utmost in simplicity.

This is the joyous celebration of a new dispensation of the bestowal of The Spirit of Truth to our world. This is a celebration of Brotherhood and Fatherhood. This is a celebration!

He would not tell us when to pray. He did not tell us when to have Remembrance Suppers. Many Urantians are moved to remember him this very special way on his birthday and Remembrance Suppers have become a special annual event. And yet, I am continually amazed by the number of long time students of The Life and Teachings of Jesus who rarely celebrate, in the good fellowship of brothers and sisters, the remembrance of Michael's bestowal life on URANTIA.

I would like to share some personal reflections with you. I experienced my first Remembrance Supper three years ago at the home of Julia Fenderson, Field Representative for the URANTIA Brotherhood. (Note: I had The URANTIA Book for two years and somehow managed to miss the entire significance of Remembrance Suppers.) I was intrigued and delighted and wanted to know more about this unique experience.

Julia and I spent much time studying pages 1941, 1942, and 1943 of The URANTIA Book. (Notice how many times they refer to Jesus as intending to institute this new practice.)

I was and still am intrigued by the fact that we are told the Master is really present on all such occasions—and the words "really present" appear in those italicized letters which are used so rarely and so emphatically. Very interesting... I think they are trying to tell us something.

Another interesting item while we're on the subject—from time to time a Remembrance Supper would take place, and a day or two later we would discuss it in greater depth. Often Julia would remark: "But it still isn't right. There's more. I just know there is." And there was...

Example: Many times we noticed that certain individuals had a very difficult time expressing their thoughts out loud. Some were actually so nervous that the entire experience was quite uncomfortable. Often, as a means to break the tension, these individuals would try to say something humorous—which is fine. We should never become overly sanctimonious or grimly solemn, especially since there are so many beautifully humorous events in the life of Jesus.

However, what seemed to keep happening, is that these little anecdotes had nothing whatsoever to do with the Master, his life, or his teachings.

This problem was eliminated by simply stating at the beginning of the Remembrance Supper that is wasn't really necessary to say anything when the cup of remembrance was handed to you. Rather than worrying about what to say, simply enjoy the experience, listen to the remembrances or prayers of those with you, relax into the silences when no one is speaking and try to feel the Master's presence.

When the cup is handed to you, speak if you are moved to speak—or commune silently within. Do what feels best and most natural for you.

Through the years Remembrance Suppers have become more Real, more meaningful, and more valuable simply because we were moved to have them more often. It was by sharing Remembrance Suppers that they evolved. Sharing Remembrance Suppers transformed purely social occasions into deeply moving experiences of fellowship and communion with the Divine. What a beautiful way to welcome new members into your study group and what a perfect way to personally introduce them to this practice, there in the warmth of your home!

At this writing we use water only since many people cannot or prefer not to drink wine. Many times we omit the use of bread.

We used to read certain incidents pertaining to Jesus' life directly from our URANTIA Books. Now we express these incidents in our own words.

We often have a period of group meditation and worship before the actual Remembrance Supper. This helps to center our thoughts and enables us to really focus our minds and energies. It also relaxes us and makes us more receptive to feeling Michael's presence. And above all, we take our time.

I strongly urge you to rediscover this practice and reconsider any negative feelings you may harbor. All Remembrance Suppers will be different. Great! Each and every one a new experience! The Master only sought to suggest the way when he instituted this practice.

He has passed the cup of Remembrance to us and it is now in our hands, waiting to be passed on to our brothers and sisters here today and down to the generations of all tomorrows. All of us sharing in the actual presence of Michael here and now—in this lifetime—on the world of his seventh and final bestowal, URANTIA.

I look forward to sharing a Remembrance Supper with you.

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Sacramento Hosts Regional Conference

Folks Come from Far and Wide

Over 100 Urantians from all over the West Coast and elsewhere converged for a one-day fellowship conference in California's capital city, Sunday, October 12. (See map.)



They came by car and plane from Los Angeles, the Bay Area contingent was out in force, clusters of faith-fellows arrived from the northern outposts, and Dennis Shields reports that he came from Hawaii via a specially chartered fador flight.

The day's activities began at 11:00 AM with group worship discussed and conducted by Vincent Ventola. Other speakers included West Coast Field Representative Julia Fenderson, international radio broadcaster Vern Bennom Grimsley, Family of God staff members Bettina Gray and Nancy Grimsley, and Concorde author Clyde Bedell.

A highlight of the day was David and Sue Kantor's and Connie Aller's sound synchronized slide presentation, "Genesis: Matter/Mind Metamorphosis," a fine depiction of the awesome story of evolution, from planetary birth to Andon and Fonta.

Musical interludes were led by Francyl Streano and Jonathon Johnson, with many joining in melodic and spiritual fellowship into the late evening.



Readers convene in Sacramento

FUSLA Elects New Officers

At its August 10 meeting, the membership of the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles met to elect the Officers and Committee Chairmen who comprise FUSLA's Governing Committee.

The Society membership unanimously ratified the slate submitted by the nominating committee with the exception that the nominee for Hospitality Committee Chairman declined due to personal commitments. At its first meeting on September 7, the new Committee unanimously elected Felice Long to fill this post.

On Saturday, October 4, the Committee again met for a four hour work session at the home of Scott and Carol Forsythe.

The new Governing Committee will serve for one year, and is comprised as follows:

President:	Scott Forsythe
Vice President:	Dorothy Hicks
Secretary	Leonard Kidd
Treasurer	Pat Bedell
Membership Chairman	Julia Fenderson
Book Chairman	Kermit Anderson
Education Chairman	Vincent Ventola
Newsletter Chairman	Charles Montgomery
Hospitality Chairman	Felice Long

Bob and Sara Wed

In a lovely outdoor Urantian wedding ceremony, Bob Blackstock and Sara Lindoerfer were married Saturday, October 11, at a park a few miles north of Berkeley. Amid stately eucalyptus trees, they exchanged rings and solemn vows.

Following the ceremony, all partook of a grand feast of roasted-on-the-spot beef, delicious salads, and tasty main dishes. A wooden wine cask graced the drink table, and the meal was topped off with a wonderful three-decker carrot wedding cake.



Then the dancing began. Square dances and the Virginia Reel, accompanied by live country blue-grass music. What a sight it was, to see sixty or seventy people all holding hands in a circle dance, on that grassy meadow under the sunny-cloudy October skies!

Others played volley ball or frisbee, or simply shared the warmth and glow of the day over rose wine and carrot cake.

Finally, toward evening, a sudden shower forced us to disband, and we began to make preparations for the conference in Sacramento the following day.

Funny, we didn't see Bob and Sara at the conference. Wonder where they were!

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Priorities in Loyalties

In discussion at the last FUSLA meeting, it was pointed out that there are many routes to the Father and that the "Eternal Verities" remain the same, whether or not we have The URANTIA Book.

We agree, and know that the Father is first, and this URANTIA Book second in our order of loyalties. However, equally true, is the fact that many of us would have lost the way to the Father had it not been for this great revelation--The URANTIA Book.

This Book came to save souls and let us cherish it and study it and make it available intact, to save thousands and thousands more souls for the Father.

--Julia Fenderson

PHOTO KEY ▶

Chick Montgomery Agondonter Editor Rich Keeler Wheeler- dealer	Bob Hunt Math professor & proud papa (See picture below)	Bonnie Abbott Concocting goodies Brentwood School kitchen
Bill Brehio with Dylan Hunt 1975	Julia admiring Bob & Bonnie Hunt's new addition, Dylan 1975	Bob Blackstock at the 1973 Brentwood painting party
Wally Ziglar Businessman contemplating the Universal Absolute	Scott Forsythe FUSLA President	Ace Young Radio announcer blinded by spiritual light

"On Campus" Expands Air Coverage

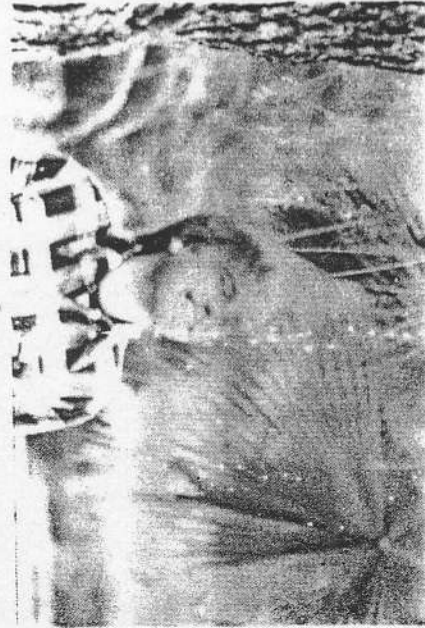
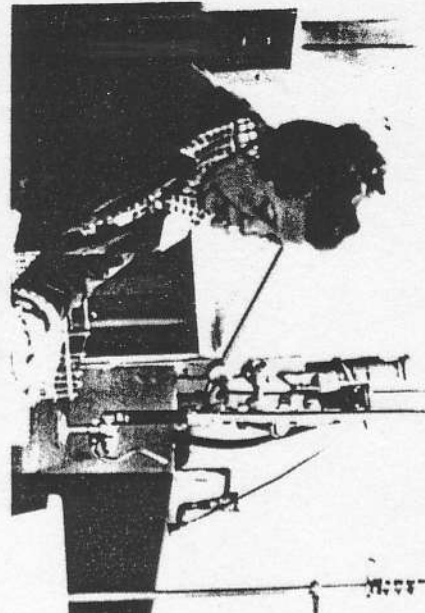
Vern Bennom Grimsley, a student of The URANTIA Book for nineteen years, visibly strives to live the injunction literally to go into all the world and proclaim the good news of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

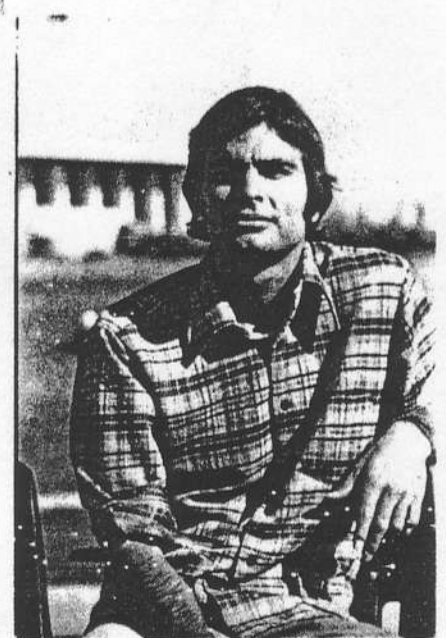
Struggling for years with a dedicated volunteer staff, he has developed himself into such a compelling speaker and his radio program into a vehicle of such technical excellence that "On Campus" was recently accepted by the American Forces Radio Network to be carried over a potential of 874 outlets and relays around the world. Thus Vern will now be heard daily in numerous countries, islands, trust territories, and ships at sea...all over the planet.

Although The URANTIA Book is never quoted or mentioned on the air, it is Vern's intention that the program be consistent with the book's teachings, and we think he succeeds admirably.

Congratulations to Vern for his wholehearted and continual willingness to seek and to actually do the will of the Father. And congratulations to the many behind-the-scenes workers who provide essential support for this work, the loyal members and friends of the Family of God Foundation.

"On Campus" may be heard on Saturday nights in the Los Angeles area, at 10:30 PM over station XEMO, 860 on the dial. In the Bay Area it airs twice on Sundays, first at 8:15 AM over KGO and then at noon over KFAX.





Editorial... break into print!

First, on behalf of all who have enjoyed the Agondonter in recent years, I want to thank and congratulate Jim McNelly, the retiring editor, for the outstanding job he has done in bringing this newsletter to its present state of quality and also for contributing many fine articles himself. Jim certainly deserves the heartfelt thanks and deep respect I'm sure we all feel. Special thanks also to Bill Sherwood for his expert technical assistance in professionalizing the newsletter format. We will depend greatly on his continued service as production manager.

Second, I want to pledge my intent to carry on the fine work which has been begun. I hope to contribute in some way to the further evolution of the Agondonter.

Third, I earnestly request anyone so inclined to assist me in this effort by providing

- (1) Comments, feedback and suggestions;
- (2) Articles, announcements, news, features, fillers, photos, testimonials, and other items of mutual interest for possible publication;
- (3) Any change in your own address, and the names and addresses of others you know to be sincerely interested in receiving this publication; and,
- (4) Monetary donations if and as the spirit moves you.

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With your help, I hope to keep the Agondonter informative, enjoyable, and inspirational, and to facilitate its continued growth as a useful communications medium for Urantians locally and around the world.

--CMM

Love is Fixing Your Friend's Roof

Last May, Julia told the fellows in Rogue River that Vern's roof leaked so badly that they had to use a pump to keep the water levels down in the back room behind the kitchen every time it rained.

"By golly," they replied, "we're just gonna have to get down there and fix it before the rainy season starts."

Sure enough, just as soon as the Sacramento conference was over, David Clearwaters, Terry Watson and Rod Ralston hightailed it over to Berkeley and worked two days putting new roofing on the Arch Street abode.

In an unrelated incident, when Michael and Felice Long needed help putting a new roof on their new home this summer, three or four Urantians immediately showed up to help get the job done.

Urantians don't just talk about love; they demonstrate it!

I am a Son of God

I was lost and searching.
My soul was tormented with uncertainty,
My life was filled with pain.
Suffering was all I could feel.

My seeming endless search for light,
Led me through philosophies and religions,
The religions of my evolutionary fathers:
Superstitions and mystical beliefs,
All things I could believe,
But somehow knew were not truth.

Truth found its way to me,
And now my soul sings.
Joy is filling my being,
And love has opened my heart.

Now I realize my eternal heritage:
I am a son of God.
I am a brother of all brothers.
I am in love with the universe.

My love grows with each passing moment.
Just to know these things,
Gives me the will to live my life
in service to God;
To make my life a loving service,
To my fellow men and our Glorious Father.

I have found the answer.
I am a happy son of God.

--Laura Mabery

PHOTO KEY ►

Dylan Hunt at 2 months A new child for the Father	Painting Brentwood School, 1973 The so-called "Holy Rollers"	Jeff Bedell Mark Hastings At "On-Campus" broadcast, 1974
Fred Shupp Family of God member and former FUSLAN	Pat McNelly Sage of Fullerton	Pat Bedell FUSLA Treasurer Communing with the Father
Sue McNelly Jim McNelly Hearing Vern at Fullerton 1974	Cheryl and Bob Boden at LA Conference June, 1973	Jim English Gerry Ricci Performing at the 1973 conference

HOW I FOUND THE BOOK

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I WAS BORN AGNOSTIC...

RAISED PROTESTANT...

EDUCATED ATHEIST.

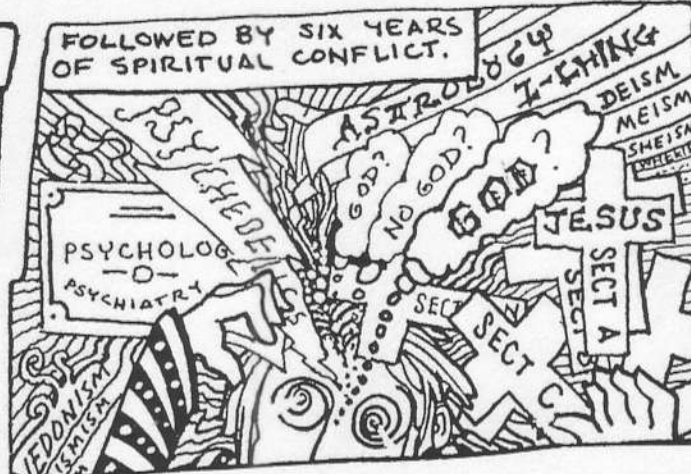
C'MON, MAN..
HAYRIDES!
GIRLS!
NEAT FUN!

THE UNIVERSE
IS INDIFFERENT
TO MY FATE.

THEN, ONE DAY,
A RAY OF LIGHT!

I THINK SOMETHING
LOVES ME, AND,
WHEN I FIND
OUT WHAT IT
IS, I SHALL
CALL IT
GOD.

FOLLOWED BY SIX YEARS
OF SPIRITUAL CONFLICT.



I KEPT PRAYING
FOR FAITH...

GOD, HELP ME.
JESUS,
HELP ME.

AND STUDYING
THE BIBLE.

HEB. 9:22 BUT JN. 5:24

ZZZZZ..

FINALLY, I CAME
TO A DIFFICULT
AND PAINFUL
CONCLUSION...

GOD, I
BELIEVE IN
YOU, BUT I
CAN'T
ACCEPT THIS
SACRIFICE
STUFF.

IMMEDIATELY I MET KERMIT. WE
TALKED OF SPIRITUAL THINGS 'TIL 4AM.

PRESIDENT: 1964

THERE'S THIS BOOK
I THINK YOU
MIGHT LIKE...

SURE, MAN. ?YAWN?

GRAND OPENING

BEATLES

JEFFERSON

SPECIAL!

SOON, HE BROUGHT THE
BOOK TO MY HOME....
I READ ONE PARAGRAPH,
AND....

WOW!
I GOTTA GET
ME ONE.

REVELATION!

SO I GOT ONE.

...FAR OUT.... JESUS...
AMAZING.... GOD...
.... RIGHT ON...

NO ONE I'VE EVER SHOWN
IT TO HAS REALLY DUG IT.

UNSCRIPTURAL
(FASCIST)

A PLEASANT
FANTASY

KINDA
LONG
ISN'T IT?

?YAWN?

BUT I
LOVE IT.

THANKS,
GOD.

Reflections

--by Vince Ventola

These thoughts are for all my little brothers and sisters. And if you are too young to read, I hope someone you love will find this and read it to you.

There are many secrets in this world. Many stories waiting to be told to anyone who will listen. Will you listen?

Where do we come from?

Can you let your mind's eye open to a sky filled with suns and moons and planets? Can you picture other worlds inhabited with beings very much like us? Do you ever wonder why we are here? Or where do we come from?

Another New Day

For Young Children

The musical score for 'Another New Day' is written for young children in G major and 2/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Here's another new day to do the Father's will and to know the joy that He loves us ev'-ry one. Let us be of good cheer as we go a-long our way - help - ing each other to get our work done'. Chords are indicated above the notes: G, G, D, G, C, G, G, C, Bm, Am, D, D, G, D, G.

Concept from P. 1928:4 - The URANTIA Book
Adapted to Young Child's Vocabulary

So many people never wonder about anything. I love to wonder about everything! So many people spend all their time worrying or fighting or eating or collecting money and buying things they don't really need. So many people have forgotten how to relax and experience peace of mind. Everyone is in such a hurry! Smoking cigarettes and being nervous!

What an enormous family!

I like to walk on the beach and feel the wind and listen to the ocean. I look out as far as I can see and feel like I am standing on the edge of the world. My mind fills itself with the sea--the sky--the setting sun--the wind--and I feel so happy and thankful for just being alive. Life is one of God's greatest gifts to us. And because he loves us more than we can imagine, he has promised us eternal life. It is very hard for us to understand everything about God. He never had a beginning...wow! And he will never end...far out! And because he created each and every one of us he is our Father. And that makes us all Brothers and Sisters. What an enormous family!

God is everywhere and in everything. We live in Him and He lives in us. He really does! Imagine, a piece of Infinity is right inside us. We are all star children of the universe, born on our Planet, Urantia, learning and growing.

Someday we will leave and explore other worlds and other universes. Our physical bodies can't make the trip but that's cool; we will have new bodies made of light. And we will continue living and growing and glowing until after billions and billions of years we get back to where we started and we stand before the very God who created us. We really get to meet The Great One! Fantastic!

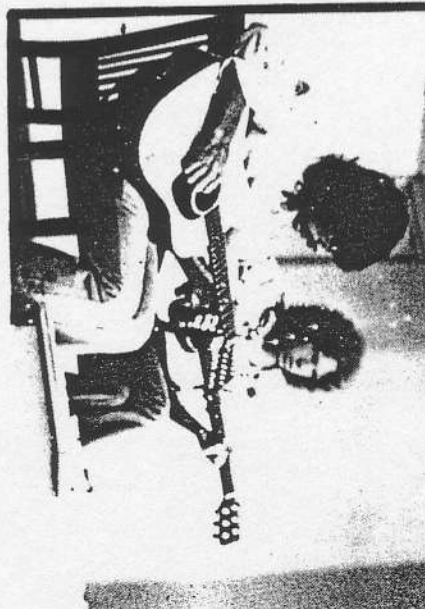
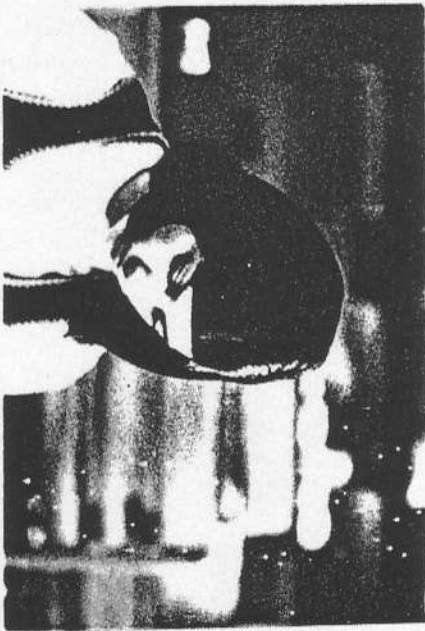
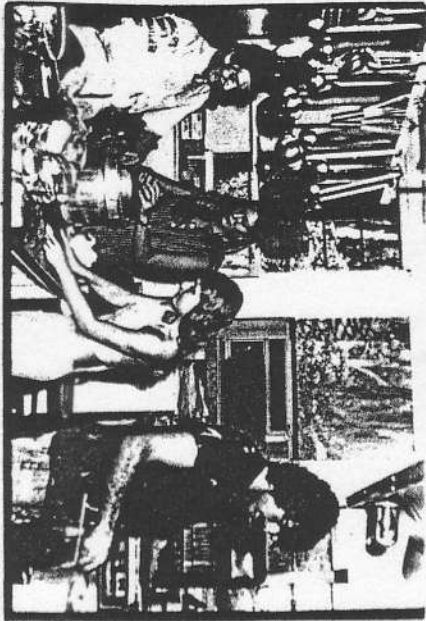
But you know, we don't have to wait until then. We can start now. We can talk and rap with God wherever and whenever we want. We can learn many things about Our Father from studying the life and teachings of Jesus.

God loves you...

Jesus is very far out and He knows God very well. Jesus is cool--he is one of our best friends. In fact, he is a good friend and brother and father to us all. And is he ever Real!

If we could only learn to Love the way Jesus Loves us we would be able to experience so many wonders, and there are so many wonders waiting, just waiting to be seen.

Keep looking! Keep listening! And remember God Loves You. ...and so do I.





San Diego

Loses some, wins some

Marvin Gawryn and Francyl Streano have moved from San Diego to Berkeley to add their considerable talents to the deepening pool of spiritual power that is the Family of God Foundation. In view of the greatly expanding radio ministry of that group, their decision is most timely.

Dick and Cheryl Prince were blessed with a daughter, Christine Ananda, born auspiciously enough on August 21, Jesus' birthday! The Princes, who have spent some time up north in Eureka, plan to return in November to San Diego, their city of former residence.

So... San Diego loses two and wins three. Net gain: one.

Thoughts

We are only an egg,
Not yet grokking,
Waiting will fill,
Body-mind locking.

Life is beauty,
And we are eternity;
Love is truth,
And all are ecstasy.

--Doris Passaretti



PHOTO KEY

Harry McMullan Former F.O.G. pioneer, now of North Carolina	Barbara Newsom Carol Forsythe Doris Passaretti & Felice Long at Dorothy Hicks'	Vern & Nancy Larry Neff in background jamming at the 1973 conference
Jim McNelly Former Agon- donter editor Now of Illinois	Vince Ventola & Cheryl McCade visit Julia at her home June, 1974	Terry McCade Sue McNelly Succumbing to the Reversion Directors
Gerry Ricci Jim English Buck Weimer, Now of Colorado	Julia Fenderson at Foundation headquarters in Chicago	Joanne Eichmann Rapid Transit Station Agent F.O.G. member

"Dear Aggie"

Dear Aggie,

I am not clear on the Urantian attitude re: meat, alcohol and life styles.

--A Northwest Sister

Dear Northwest,

I think it's safe to say that Urantians as a group have no official attitude on these issues, although Urantians individually often have strong views.

As for what The URANTIA Book has to say, I would not presume to attempt to interpret it. You have probably noticed that the book is positive throughout and does not contain the Old Testament "Thou Shalt Nots," nevertheless, the more one reads the book the more one realizes that its positive standards for high conduct are very high.

(By the way, I don't think any of us would claim to be living up to the really high standards of the book. And heaven help us if others judge The URANTIA Book by the way we, its readers, live!)

As for my personal observations in the matters you mention, most Urantians I know eat meat, although quite a few are vegetarians. Most partake at least moderately of alcohol, although some do so only in the remembrance supper, and some are total abstainers. The life styles of Urantians vary greatly from ultra-conservative to ultra-liberal. Both extremes and the broad middle spectrum are well represented in our membership. Urantians are anything but uniform, and it is this diversity of background, life experience, and viewpoint, I believe, that helps to make us strong.

That every conceivable type of person is drawn to The URANTIA Book is testimony to the book's universal power to reach all people and unify them in faith.

Aggie Donter

Personal to D,

No, I don't think it's selfish to insist that your mate be a Urantian, but it may be unrealistic.

A.D.

Readers' Forum

QUESTION: How did you find The URANTIA Book, (or how did the book find you!) and what were your immediate reactions?

QUESTION: When people ask you, "What's that book you're reading?" what do you tell them? How do you describe the book to someone who is not familiar with it?

Readers: Send us your answers to these questions. Perhaps we will share your response in a future issue of The Agondonter.

Study Groups in the West

This is a partial listing. Do you know of others? Our goal is to have 100 study groups by summer.

Study group leaders: Send us news of your group. What format works best for you?

Everybody: If you aren't in a group, join one... or start your own! Two is enough to start.

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