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PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

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I. Philosophy.

The philosophy directing the activities of the Committee on Education is determined by the purpose and goals of URANTIA Brotherhood. URANTIA Brotherhood was organized to promote the study and dissemination of the teachings of The URANTIA Book among the peoples of the world. This purpose is being actualized primarily through the instrumentalities of individuals, study groups, and societies.

URANTIA Brotherhood during the first twenty years of its existence has dedicated itself to a leavening, spiritual ministry. It is our conviction that this should always characterize URANTIA Brotherhood's relationship to society. Just as Machiventa Melchizedek exacted a pledge from each teacher never to organize exclusive congregations for worship or function as a priest; so we should never become a "church" or exercise an institutional ministry.

The kingdom of God is an invisible and spiritual brotherhood which is destined to become a living organism which transcends social institutions. It is our conviction that contemporary religious institutions can and will furnish an adequate source of religious ministration for our society. The greatest contribution which URANTIA Brotherhood can make to all of the individuals and institutions of our society is to always maintain a prophetic, leavening, spiritual ministry rooted in the fifth epochal revelation. Translating these teachings into specific social-institutional responsibilities will be the task of the various individuals and institutions of our society.

In the light of this picture of URANTIA Brotherhood, the Committee on Education does not plan at this time to establish a formal educational institution. When we use the term "school" it is in a generic sense designating educational activities anywhere in URANTIA Brotherhood. We see individuals, study groups, and societies as the basic channels of educational activity. Our task is to act as a perpetual spiritual leaven to the individuals and institutions of our society.

II. Purpose.

The purpose of educational activities of URANTIA Brotherhood is to promote conditions which will facilitate the actualization of the Universal Father's will on two basic levels:

A. Individual-personal.

Educational activities should strive to stimulate spiritual growth and personality development in individuals.

B. Social-institutional.

Educational activities should be structured to lead and challenge the institutions of our society to fashion their goals of service and methodology of operation to be reflective of the highest insights of human wisdom as it is guided by divine revelation.

Educational activities of URANTIA Brotherhood should strive to promote maximum freedom and diversity within a framework of the unity of common spiritual goals and ideals.

III. Actualization of Purpose.

- A. The Committee on Education should strive to identify ideals and characteristics of excellence for student-teachers and educational activities which will help them in self-evaluation and growth as well as furnish criteria for evaluating educational effectiveness in groups and institutions.
- B. Each study group and society should be encouraged to organize classes, workshops, and educational experiences according to their own best wisdom.
- C. The Committee on Education should strive to serve study groups and societies by urging them to create educational materials and by making resources and resource leaders available.
- D. The Committee on Education in appropriate situations should encourage regional, national, and world educational activities and serve generally as a stimulator, facilitator, co-ordinator, and advisor to individuals and groups interested in educational experiences which are related to The URANTIA Book.
- E. The Committee on Education should present suggested curricula which might facilitate competence in the teachings of The URANTIA Book.