

POSITION PAPER FOR THE 1978 EDUCATION WORKSHOP

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Long-term objectives of the Committee on Education (with regard to Workshop):

1. To prepare teachers and leaders of The URANTIA Book and URANTIA movement with an ongoing, related educational experience and/or process.
2. To demonstrate effective teaching techniques as well as effective use of educational materials.
3. To draw upon and apply the education methodology which is expressed directly or subtly in The URANTIA Book.

General Objectives for the 1978 Workshop:

1. To structure this particular workshop so that it may be expanded upon and related to later workshops in years to come.
2. To acquaint those genuinely interested in teaching to a variety of educational techniques.
3. To emphasize the "how" of teaching as opposed to the "what."
Methods as opposed to content.
4. To provide an environment which encourages involvement and active participation.

Specific Objectives and Format:

1. To adopt as flexible themes "Universe Education" and "How Jesus Taught"
2. To consider the following suggested topics to be developed in either large or small group sessions.

I. First day "The Universe as One Vast School."

Topic A: Education and spiritual growth on the following levels:

1. Paradise
2. Havona
3. The superuniverse level; Orvonton-Uversa

Topic B: Education and spiritual growth in the local universe:

1. Salvington
2. Constellation worlds of Edentia
3. System - Mansion worlds and Jerusem

Topic C: Education on a neighboring planet

Topic D: Educational techniques used by the Prince's staff

Topic E: Educational techniques used by Adam and Eve as representative of training and objectives of Material Sons and Daughters.

II. Educational Techniques Used by Jesus of Nazareth

- A. Asking questions
- B. The use of parables
- C. The Bethsaida camp method
- D. Let apostles learn by their own choices, i.e., feeding of the 5,000
- E. Importance of companionship, i.e., going out two-by-two
- F. Jesus as father to his earthly family
- H. The excellence of Jesus' own education
 - 1. Skilled workman (carpenter, fisherman, etc.)
 - 2. School experience
 - 3. Accompany Joseph on business trips
 - 4. Conversations with caravan personnel
 - 5. Travel to Rome, etc.