



IC99

SpiritQuest 2000

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

August 7 - 12, 1999

Dear Urantians,

Only seven months remain before we gather together at IC99 (aka SpiritQuest 2000) in Vancouver, Canada, from August 7-12, 1999. It is our hope that all Urantians will attend this gathering, regardless of organizational affiliation or any other consideration. This conference is for everyone.

Enclosed is additional information about IC99, along with a pre-registration form. **THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 1, 1999.** Registering early will insure the lowest registration fees for all members of your party and priority preference in housing requests. Won't you help by pre-registering as soon as possible? Your assistance will greatly facilitate conference planning. The only payment required at this time is a deposit of one adult registration fee of \$85 US. Remaining charges will be due at a later date. Your deposit is refundable, and your housing and meal preferences are adjustable should your plans change.

If you attended IC96 in Flagstaff, Arizona, you know how uplifting an international conference can be for young and old. If you have never attended an event of this kind, we hope you will consider coming to IC99, the last great Urantia conference of the second millennium.

On behalf of the entire conference planning team, I wish you and your families a new year filled with health, happiness and continued spiritual discovery.

In fellowship,
Steve Dreier
SpiritQuest 2000, IC99 Conference Chair



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Program Overview

Poised at the juncture between one millennium and the next, humanity stands on the threshold of a great transition in the history of civilization.

Urantia is now quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs of social readjustment, moral quickening, and spiritual enlightenment. (195:9.2, pg. 2082)

As an embryonic community of believers who have embraced the 5th epochal revelation, we have a pivotal role to play in this unfolding drama. How can we live up to this responsibility? How can we effectively live and share this soul-saving revelation?

With four days of plenary presentations and in-depth workshops, SpiritQuest 2000 will be devoted to the search for God, the quest for His Spirit—in our inner lives, in our varied family relationships, in our evolving planetary institutions, and in our efforts to share the revelatory gift with a world “quivering on the brink” of a new millennium.

Sunday—Quest for the Divine Presence

During the psychologically unsettled times of the twentieth century, thousands upon thousands of men and women have become humanly dislocated; they are anxious, restless, fearful, uncertain, and unsettled; as never before in the world's history they need the consolation and stabilization of sound religion. (99:4.6, pg. 1090)

It is the presence of the divine Spirit, the water of life, that prevents the consuming thirst of mortal discontent and that indescribable hunger of the unspiritualized human mind. Spirit-motivated beings "never thirst, for this spiritual water shall be in them a well of satisfaction springing up into life everlasting." (34:6.8, pg. 381)

The relationship we each enjoy with the Father sustains us through life's struggles, inspires us to service, and prepares our souls for the eternal ascent. Plenary speakers Kermit and Jackie Anderson of Southern California will kick off this first day of our program, and help us explore how we can more fully share the inner life with God in the new century ahead.

Monday—Quest for True Family: Birthplace of Cosmic Citizens

A true family—a good family—reveals to the parental procreators the attitude of the Creator to his children, while at the same time such true parents portray to their children the first of a long series of ascending disclosures of the love of the Paradise parent of all universe children. (84:7.30, pg. 942)

Family relations are stimulative of the highest potentials in human nature (84:7.28, pg. 941) and constitute man's supreme evolutionary acquirement, civilization's only hope of survival. (84:8.6, pg. 943)

During the second day we will explore revealed patterns for the uplift of our family lives. Former Fellowship President Paul Snider of Illinois will open this day of reflection and study of our human families and our place in the greater cosmic family.

Tuesday is devoted to leisure and tourism, detailed on the back page.

Wednesday—Quest for Spiritual Culture: Transforming the Values of Human Institutions

Religionists must function in society, in industry, and in politics as individuals, not as groups, parties, or institutions. (99:2.3, pg. 1087)

This day will be devoted to the search for Spirit in our man-made culture, starting with plenary speaker David Kantor of California. He will explore *The Urantia Book's* exposition of socialized spirituality, and how the actions of each individual religionist help to transform human institutions. A special focus will be on institutions as networks of interpersonal relationships and on the potential infrastructure from which a fuller revelation of the Supreme may someday emerge. As we must yield to the fruits of the spirit as we progress heavenward, so must our institutions.

Together we will enlarge our understanding of the institutions which affect us, our families and communities, the nation, and the global village . . . and how our participation in these institutions can help bring about the spiritual transformation of our world.

Thursday—Quest for Worldwide Revelation

The social characteristics of a true religion consist in the fact that it invariably seeks to convert the individual and to transform the world. (160:5.5, pg. 1781)

This fourth and final day will attempt to answer how we can bring *The Urantia Book* and its teachings to our spiritually hungry world. Many of those among us who have found creative ways to share the revelation will share their experience, starting with Fellowship President Janet Farrington Graham.

The formal program will end with a grand pageant and performance by the youth of our community, symbolic of our entering the next one thousand years, certain to be the millennium of the fifth epochal revelation.

The conference will end with a celebration of friendship and community at a party on Thursday afternoon.

Teen and Young Adult Program

SpiritQuest 2000 is offering a dynamic and powerful teen and young adult program. Planned events include a ferry ride to beautiful Bowen Island for a day-long adventure, guided aerobic sports in UBC's state-of-the-art gymnasium, hikes to scenic vistas, teen and young adult dances, and lots of informal social time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Young adults and teens will be welcomed to all of the presentations and workshops in the formal program, as well as at topical workshops that will be shaped with their age groups in mind. In addition, numerous opportunities will be organized for teens and young adults to be of service throughout the week.

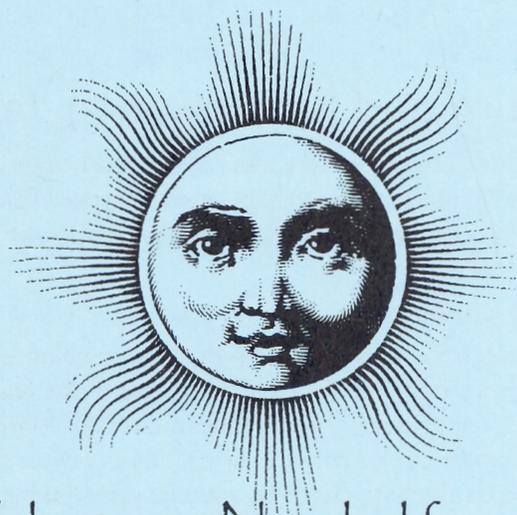
The teen and young adult program will attract an estimated 70 young people. Adults are needed as companions at the dances, on field trips, swimming, to help facilitate their workshops, and more. Contact Robin Wisdom via The Fellowship office, or by email, rwisdom@teleport.com, if are interested in working with the teens and young adults in any category.

Right now, there is a chat list where young people of any age can give us ideas and input on the conference or ask questions. Send these messages to majordomo@ubfellowship.org. In the body of the message put **subscribeubteen**, and you will be put in touch with other kids who will be talking about the upcoming conference.

Pre-Conference Spiritual Retreat

Come away to a quiet and beautiful setting. Come enjoy a relaxed and spiritually focused time with kindred spirits. Come to the New Adventures in Spiritual Living Pre-Conference Spiritual Retreat. Bring your favorite ways of praying, giving thanks, and worshiping to share. We'll experience centering prayer and dialogue prayer. We'll enrich and expand our understanding of thanksgiving. We will explore a variety of ways to use silence for spiritual receptivity and communion with God. We will talk about things of the spirit, commune with the spirit, and share some of that communion experience with each other.

The retreat will begin Wednesday afternoon, 8/4, and end Friday night, 8/6. The meeting place is a lovely chapel one block from the conference housing. Watch for retreat information in conference registration materials.



Volunteers Needed for Youth Programs

Help us make this an experience for kids of all ages to remember! The Family Life committee would like to ask all SpiritQuest 2000 attendees to consider offering their time, talents, or personality to enrich the youth programs, which serve attendees ages 0-21.

If each person volunteered just 2 hours to one of the youth programs—babies, toddlers, youth, teens, or young adults—not only would there be ample help, but the kids would benefit by meeting more readers of their great revelation family. There will be paid professionals on hand at all times with all of these programs, so you do not need to be concerned that you will have to be the one “in charge.”

You will continue to be informed of the many ways you can participate. For now, we are specifically calling for volunteers who would like to work with the teens and/or with the Jerusalem Marketplace.

For the Jerusalem Marketplace, which recreates life in Jesus' day, we seek individuals or study groups who might be interested in setting up and running (just for 2 hours) one of the following areas: basket weaving; spinning and working with wool; clay and pottery work; puppetry and story telling; games of the day—marbles, tangrams, draydle, mancala, etc.; outdoor games; brick making; leatherworking; gourd painting; acting and drama; dancing; magic; music; fortune telling; and, jewelry making. There are more areas, but this gives you an idea of some of the activities for which we will need help over three mornings. We welcome any help or suggestions that will enrich this living environment.

If you would like to volunteer to be of service to our programs designed to serve our next generation, please contact Sara Blackstock via email, slb@linkzone.com, or write to Sara in care of The Fellowship.

Leisure and Reversion—Day 3

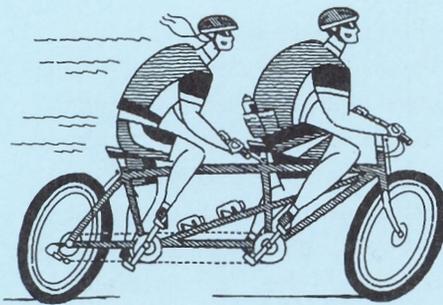
British Columbia offers some of the most beautiful environments in the world. SpiritQuest 2000 includes an entire day for participants to explore this corner of Urantia. Here are some tentative options, which are being organized for August 10th by Urantia Association of The Cascades.

Pre-Organized Tours

A selection of guided tour packages are being arranged with a local tour operator exclusively for conference attendees. Some of the featured tours are the Victoria Tour, featuring a ferry ride through the beautiful Gulf Islands to beautiful Victoria, Vancouver Island's picturesque provincial capital. Your stay on the Island encompasses a visit to the world famous Buchart Gardens, a scenic drive taking in views of Pacific Ocean and Olympic Mountains, and other attractions. The Whistler Resort Tour includes a scenic drive with views of majestic Howe Sound and lakes, awesome waterfalls, and glaciers. A Vancouver Harbour Dinner Cruise will also be one of the options.



Information on these trips will be included in the full registration package coming your way soon. Prepayment or deposit for the above tours will be necessary to guarantee reservations on these always popular tours.



Vancouver Tours

Pay-as-you-go double decker buses stop on a regular basis at many of Vancouver's attractions. Among the 22 stops are Scienceworld, Beaches, Space Centre, Chinatown, and the Capilano Suspension Bridge. Arrangements are being made for this

service to be extended to the Conference Centre at the UBC Campus on Tuesday, the "Free Day." Payment can be made at that time. This is most suitable for those that wish to explore at their own pace and may not wish to commit ahead of time for the above pre-organized tours. Tourism Vancouver has special bargain passes that allows visitors in to many attractions at a substantial discount.



On your own

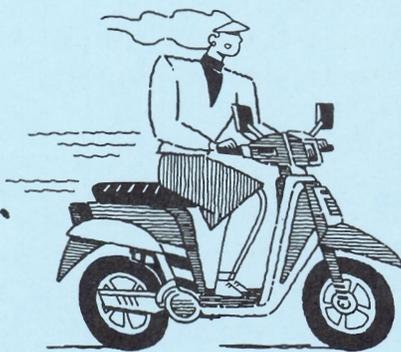
Vancouver has a good transportation network that includes buses, Skytrain (Rapid Transit), and Seabus, a hydro-foil ferry that will get you anywhere you want to go without too much effort. You can even have fun getting lost in this city!

Vancouver's mountains allow for hiking or hang-gliding, while its many excellent beaches offer fishing, scuba diving, white-water rafting, kayaking, boating, and swimming. (If you forget your bathing suit—not to worry, Wreck Beach, located close to the conference center, is clothing optional).

The major event in Vancouver during the time of the SpiritQuest 2000 is the **Symphony of Fire**, a spectacular International Fireworks Competition, syncopated to music. It takes place at the center of the city in English Bay and is visible from many vantage points, attracting several hundred thousand spectators every year.

Cosmopolitan Vancouver is home to over 40 plus different ethnic communities which have a visible presence. Explore them at your leisure. The University of British Columbia campus also has many fascinating attractions including the Museum of Anthropology, The Nitobe Gardens, the aforementioned beaches, and the Pacific Spirit Park.

Make the most of SpiritQuest 2000 and join us as we explore beautiful British Columbia.



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Afternoon Workshop Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ EMail: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Name(s) of Presenter(s): _____

Are you applying as a study group? If yes, which one? _____

Biography of presenter(s) or history of study group. Please provide a short biography. (What would you like participants to know about you?) Use additional paper if necessary.

Synopsis of your lecture, workshop, or activity:

Vision: What would you like to accomplish and have your group come away with?

Format (circle one or more): Lecture, discussion, workshop, panel, small group, roundtable, experiential, intensive (participant participation requested/multiple sessions), activity, other (explain):

Audience: (circle one or more): advanced, intermediate, new or non-readers, families, adults, all, other (explain):

Number of participants _____

Discussion Program: ideal or maximum number _____

Activity Program: (30 person minimum) number _____

Program Needs: (circle one or more) space requirements (indoor, outdoor), audio-visual, materials (and cost), speaker-ready room, other (please explain)

PLEASE MAIL NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 1999
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COME SERVE WITH US!

Among the benefits of attending SpiritQuest 2000 is that this conference will provide many opportunities to serve our Urantian community. Many of us have a strong desire to be of service, but are unsure of how we can help. If you would like to be part of the volunteer team, please indicate your preferences below:

Name: _____

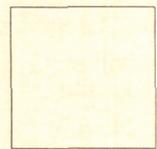
Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email address: _____

Please check below as many service areas as you'd like.

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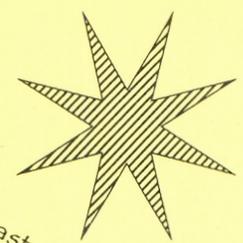
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EARLY REGISTRATION FORM
Mail completed form and deposit to:

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Last chance for
Early Registration
Discount!

Please complete and return this form as soon as possible. All choices can be modified later if your plans change. Providing this information now will be of great assistance in planning for IC99. Thank you!

RETURNING THIS FORM BY 3/1/99 WITH A DEPOSIT OF ONE ADULT REGISTRATION FEE WILL LOCK IN THE EARLY REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY. Do not send any other money at this time. After 3/1/99 you will receive additional information and materials to complete your IC99 registration.

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____
 Address _____ Evening Phone _____
 City/Town _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____
 Nation _____ Email _____ Fax _____

Full name for each member of your party. Please include ages for all children.

Last name	First Name	Child's Age:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

REGISTRATION FEES: (Canadian dollar amounts reflect current exchange rates.)

ADULTS (21 and over)	CHILDREN (0-20)
Early Registration (before 3/1/99) \$85 US / \$125 CAN	Early Registration (before 3/1/99) \$50 US / \$75 CAN
Regular Registration (before 5/1/99) \$105 US / \$161 CAN	Regular Registration (before 5/1/99) \$70 US / \$107 CAN
Late Registration (after 5/1/99) \$125 US / \$191 CAN	Late Registration (after 5/1/99) \$90 US / \$138 CAN

ACCOMMODATIONS: Please check the type of accommodation you prefer.
(Rooms costs do not include a 15% tax, partially refundable upon application to visitors to Canada)

- _____ \$23 US / \$35 CAN per night for single with shared bath. (six singles rooms share a bath)
- _____ \$45 US / \$69 CAN per night for private single apt - one twin bed
- _____ \$69 US / \$105 CAN per night for a private double apt - two twin beds
- _____ \$92 US / \$141 CAN per night for private quadruple apt - two twins, one fold out queen

NOTE: Small children may sleep on the floor in a parent's room at no charge, however no bedding is provided. You must provide a sleeping bag or air mattress and necessary bedding. Children who occupy beds are charged the same

rate as adults.

HOW MANY NIGHTS LODGING WILL YOU REQUIRE? Please indicate the NUMBER of persons for each choice. The conference begins on Saturday, Aug. 7 with an evening social and concludes on Thursday, Aug. 12 in the afternoon. This period covers five nights lodging: Saturday, Aug. 7 through Wednesday, Aug. 11, with departure on Thursday, Aug. 12. Fill in the number of persons.

CONFERENCE LODGING: (5 nights: Sat. Aug. 7 - Wed. Aug. 11, departing Thursday) _____ persons

PRE-CONFERENCE LODGING: Several pre-conference retreats are being planned for Aug. 4, 5, and 6. These include a spiritual retreat, artists retreat, musicians retreat and writers retreat. If you plan to attend, fill in number of persons.
Wednesday, Aug. 4 _____ persons Thursday, Aug. 5 _____ persons Friday, Aug. 6 _____ persons

POST CONFERENCE LODGING: Since the conference ends on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 12, we anticipate that many will prefer to stay over at UBC on Thursday evening. Others may wish to stay over on Friday, Aug. 13 and Saturday, Aug. 14 also to do some local sightseeing. Please indicate your preferences.

Thursday, Aug. 12 _____ persons Friday, Aug. 13 _____ persons Saturday, Aug. 14 _____ persons

COMMUTERS: Please check if you will be commuting to attend IC99. (No lodging required) _____ persons

UBC MEAL PLANS: Packages for all breakfasts, lunches, and dinners are offered separately. The reduced rate UBC meal plan for children, up to 13 years old, provides smaller portions.

NOTE: ALL UBC HOUSING INCLUDES KITCHEN FACILITIES - refrigerator and stove, but no utensils. Those wishing to do so may use these facilities to prepare some or all of their own meals. If you plan to use these facilities to prepare some or all of your meals, please check here. _____

The meal plan begins with dinner on Saturday, Aug. 7, and concludes with breakfast on Thursday, Aug. 12. Only breakfast is provided on Tuesday, Aug. 10, the conference free day. Please indicate your choices for the meal plan. Prices includes all taxes.

		Number		Number
All 5 Breakfasts	Adults: \$23 US / \$35 CAN	_____	Children: \$13 US / \$20 CAN	_____
All 3 Lunches	Adults: \$17 US / \$26 CAN	_____	Children: \$10 US / \$15 CAN	_____
All 4 Dinners	Adults: \$37 US / \$56 CAN	_____	Children: \$24 US / \$36 CAN	_____

CLOSING LUNCHEON: The closing luncheon celebration on Thursday, Aug. 12 in not part of the meal plan. As this is the final event of the conference, it is strongly recommended that everyone take this option. Please indicate your choices below.

_____ Adults @ \$12 US / \$18 CAN _____ Children (6-20) @ \$5 US / \$7.50 CAN (Children under 6 free.)

PLEASE INCLUDE A DEPOSIT OF ONE ADULT REGISTRATION FEE. If possible, please use a charge card. Use of a charge card greatly simplifies currency exchange. Thank you!

Method of Payment: Check or money order enclosed _____ Master Card _____ Visa _____

Card Number _____ Exp Date: _____

Name on card _____ Amount Authorized: _____

Signature _____

Special Needs: Please inform us of any special needs you may have.

Comments: