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GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT

The annual meeting of the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood was held August 1, 1981, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. Thirty-five of the 36 members were present for the session, meeting from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Reports

The president of URANTIA Brotherhood, John Hales, presided, and made his report. Other Brotherhood officers, committee chairmen, and field representatives wrote reports which were distributed to all General Council members prior to the meeting. John summarized Brotherhood activities for the year and encouraged the Council to openly discuss issues facing our growing movement. Said John, "... the thought to keep in mind for today is the work is important, the self is not. Let us be of good cheer for I am sure there are many unseen friends that are present to champion our efforts, not to mention the encouragement of our elder brother."

Committees have become much more active in recent years, so there was much discussion of the committee reports. Discussion of the Charter Committee report revealed that there is growing feeling that qualification for Brotherhood membership should include one complete reading of *The URANTIA Book*. Throughout this year, the Charter Committee is evaluating and formulating new guidelines for prospective societies and membership.

Methods of distributing books to libraries were discussed in conjunction with the Domestic Extension Committee report. The committee has just completed its comprehensive survey of study groups and readers which will be reported on in some detail in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

Resolutions

Out of the various ideas presented during the course of the meeting, two resolutions were passed.

Because of the great concern to make available French and Spanish translations of *The URANTIA Book*, the Council resolved that "... the Executive Committee exert every reasonable effort to assist URANTIA Foundation in the preparation and/or publication of suitable translations in French and Spanish."

A second resolution asked "... the President to appoint an ad hoc committee whose objective shall be to explore ways the General Council and the Executive Committee can operate with

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Rajan and Ivy Chauhan of Jabalpur, India, with Terry McCade, President of the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society.

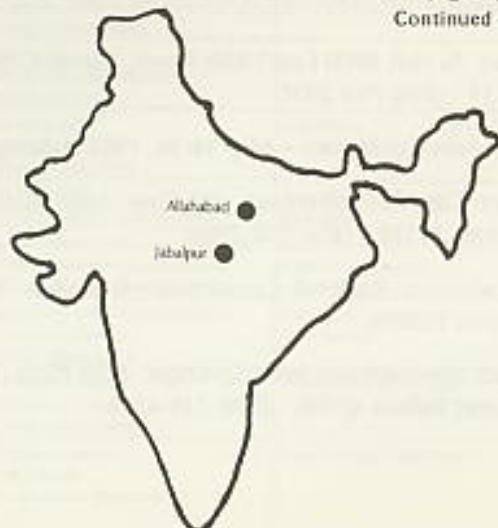
READERS FROM INDIA VISIT UNITED STATES

Organizers of First URANTIA Book Study Group in East Asia

Rajan and Ivy Chauhan (pronounced Show-hahn) of Jabalpur, India, visited the United States in July. They planned to attend the General Conference at Snowmass Village in Colorado, but delays caused them to arrive in Snowmass on July 4, just after the conference ended. From there they traveled to Berkeley, California, where they had a good visit and were hosted by the group which introduced them to *The URANTIA Book*.

What made their visit significant and special is that these two people are the nucleus of a growing number of study groups of *The URANTIA Book* in north central India. (See map.) They are, in fact, the founders of the first URANTIA Book study group in East Asia.

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Outline of India showing Jabalpur and Allahabad, two cities where URANTIA Book study groups currently meet.

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greatest effectiveness within the present parameters of the Constitution."

Two other resolutions were presented for consideration. One concerning URANTIA Brotherhood organization was tabled. A resolution concerning marketing of *The URANTIA Book* was referred to the Executive Committee for study and investigation.

Elections

The last major item of business was the election of members to serve on the nine standing committees of URANTIA Brotherhood. Only one chairmanship was up for election: Frank Sgaraglino was re-elected Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Elections were held for ten committee member positions, nine for regular six-year terms, and one for a three-year term. In addition to Frank Sgaraglino's re-election, three people were re-elected to committees on which they had been serving: Larry Posner (Illinois) to Judicial, Marjorie Reed (Illinois) to Education, and Carol Forsythe (Illinois) to Special Projects. Six people were elected to committees for the first time: Lucile Faw (California) to Charter, Jim McNelly (Colorado) to Fraternal Relations, Tom Allen (Oklahoma) to Domestic Extension, Richard Prince (California) to International Fellowship, Peter Laurence (New York) to Publications, and Bill Hazen (Texas) to a three-year term on Special Projects.

The meeting adjourned shortly after the elections. Next year's meeting is now scheduled for June 27, following the Triennial Delegate Assembly which will convene June 25-26, 1982.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- 1) Southwest Conference of Readers of *The URANTIA Book*—February 12-14, 1982. Paradise Valley, Arizona. Theme: Applying the Teachings to Daily Living.

Contact: Larry Bowman, 7777 E. Heatherbrae, Apt. 115, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251 (602) 947-8507.

- 2) Kansas City Area Conference—April 16-18, 1982. Kansas City, Missouri.

Contact: Ila Hall, 8700 East 110th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64134 (816) 763-2008.

- 3) Atlanta Area Conference—May 14-16, 1982. Atlanta, Georgia.

Contact: Cap Van Valkenburg, 495 River Valley Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30328 (404) 252-2966.

- 4) 1982 Midwest Regional Conference—June 4-6, 1982. Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Contact: Meredith and Irene Sprunger, 4109 Plaza Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46806 (219) 745-4363.

INDIA VISIT

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Approximately four years ago, the Family of God Foundation began receiving letters from Rajan in response to the Family of God broadcast over Sri Lanka radio. Rajan is a medical social worker at the Government Medical College in Jabalpur and Ivy is a high school English teacher. They have two teen-age children. In early 1978, after extended correspondence with Rajan, Family of God Foundation volunteers decided to introduce him to *The URANTIA Book* and requested that the URANTIA Brotherhood International Fellowship Committee send him a gift copy. Since that time the committee has sent five more books.

Six Study Groups

There are now a total of six study groups held in different peoples' homes in or near Jabalpur. One group meets 250 miles away in Allahabad and is led by Rajan's brother. The groups average around four or five people with a total of 35 readers. Twenty-three of those 35 are from non-Christian backgrounds including Hindu, Muslim, and Jain. About half the group has read the entire book while some receive varying amounts of verbal translation into Hindi during study group meetings. The great majority of attenders are of the intellectual professions (doctors, university professors, and so forth) and all are male. Ivy, Rajan's wife, may begin to introduce *The URANTIA Book* to other women when opportunity permits. Social customs make it difficult for women to participate in religious studies, especially in others' homes. Rajan estimates that within the next five years, the number of readers may grow to 60 or more.

The Chauhans visited the Family of God Foundation and the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society members for approximately one week. They were hosted by Marvin and Francyl Gawryn in Berkeley. Marvin is a member of the International Fellowship Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood.

Another member of the International Fellowship Committee, Julia Fenderson, traveled from Los Angeles to Berkeley to extend her warm welcome to the Chauhans and present her slides of study groups around the world.

The Gawryns reported that it was an honor to spend time with the Chauhans and "share together the awesome challenges and service opportunities which stretch before each of us during our time on this world and in our progressive ascent to the presence of our loving Heavenly Father."



The Chauhans visit with California URANTIA Book readers and members of the Family of God Foundation. Left to right: Julia Fenderson, Nancy Gimsley, Rajan Chauhan, Vern Gimsley, and Ivy Chauhan.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE HOSTS INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

On October 10 and 11, 1981, the International Fellowship Committee held a two-day meeting to discuss the vast range of issues which presently concern its members. The committee invited participation by a number of interested people, both domestic and international. Of the international group, four were able to accept the invitation and visit Chicago at their own personal expense to attend the meeting.

Visiting from France were Jacques Dupont and Alain Le Corvec, both active members of the Parisian study groups. A French reader from Tahiti, Emmanuel Lou, also made the trip and translated for the French party. Ron Louie came in from Vancouver, Canada. Ron has a Chinese heritage and presented an Oriental perspective to the committee.



French visitors are hosted at 533 Diversey Parkway. From left to right: Jacques Dupont, Ury, France; Martin Myers, Chairman of the International Fellowship Committee; Carolyn Kendall, Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee; Thomas Kendall, President of URANTIA Foundation; Alain Le Corvec, Paris, France.

Among topics considered were translations of *The URANTIA Book*, particularly French and Spanish, a worldwide program of library book placement, methods of dissemination among different cultures, methods of support which the International Fellowship Committee can give to study groups in foreign lands and reports of personal visits abroad.

The visitors were in Chicago for the entire weekend and had an opportunity for some social contacts in addition to the time spent in meetings. A reception was held in their honor early in the evening of October 10 by Martin Myers, Chairman of the International Fellowship Committee, in his home at 533 Diversey Parkway. That noon a delicious turkey lunch had been served to visitors and friends by Christy with the cooperation and help of good friends (Mr. and Mrs. Schomas). Out-of-town members of the committee present were Julia Fenderson (Los Angeles, California), Richard Prince (San Diego, California), and Marvin Gawryn (Berkeley, California). It was a time of much congenial, delightful and happy conversation. Many thought it was a significant meeting, promising many positive things in the future.

Some members of the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood made reports to the group. Frank Sgaraglino, Finance Committee Chairman, talked on the Brotherhood budget and finances. Barbara Kulieke reported plans of the Publications Committee to publish *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin* in Spanish

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BROTHERHOOD REPRESENTATIVE VISITS GROUP IN SPAIN

Lynne Kulieke, acting on behalf of the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood, visited a URANTIA Book Study Group in Seville, Spain, from July 27-30. She was enthusiastically received by over half a dozen members of the group and almost the entire three days was spent simply visiting with one another.

While in Seville, most of the visiting took place at the home of Antonio and Patri Moya, as well as at a local cafe in an effort to gain relief from the near 120° temperature. Study group members who met with Lynne included Antonio Moya Cerpa and his wife Patri, Francisco Alvarez, Curra Navarete, Manuel Selva, Sara Martinez and Francisco Morón. Ignacio Damaude, the organizer of the group, was absent but called from Madrid.

The group is as yet unable to read *The URANTIA Book* in English. Only a couple of members can read English, and their knowledge of English is limited. The group therefore relies on a multi-lingual member, Antonio Moya. At each meeting, he verbally translates from the French edition into Spanish. Antonio's French is better than his English. In this way, the group gains their knowledge of the teachings of *The URANTIA Book*. As one member told Lynne: "I have to wait for each weekly meeting to learn more of the truth."

The group members keep in contact with the readers in Bogota, Colombia, and have kept up with events in the URANTIA movement by translating and reading the *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin*. Feeling isolated by both geography and language, they were particularly happy to be visited by Lynne who extended personal travel in Europe to visit the group. This was the first time the group met with a person fluent in Spanish who had also studied *The URANTIA Book* for many years in English.

To convey their greetings and good wishes to the Executive Committee, four of the Spanish readers spoke for a few minutes on a cassette tape. Lynne brought the tape back and played it for the Executive Committee in August. The group expressed their deep sense of isolation, their desire for contact with other URANTIA Book readers, and their great need for a translation in their own language.



Lynne Kulieke meets with URANTIA Book readers in Seville, Spain. Left to right: Antonio Moya Cerpa, Lynne Kulieke, Patri, wife of Antonio, Francisco Alvarez, Curra Navarete. In front: Manna and Esther, daughters of Antonio and Patri.

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and French as well as English. The group responded favorably to this idea. Lynne Kulieke, Education Committee Chairman, showed slides of the study group in Seville, Spain, and reported on her visit with them.

The nature of this weekend event is one more indication of the trend toward the internationalization of the URANTIA movement.



Emmanuel Lou of Tahiti and Ron Louie of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, attended meetings of the International Fellowship Committee at 533 Diversey Parkway.

STUDY GROUP NOTES

West Patterson, New Jersey, Study Group



Study group meeting at the home of Connie Rubino. Left to right: Maureen O'Dwyer, Mary Atyeo, Blake Atyeo, Mike Bertola, Joe San George, John Speed, and Carol Chambers.

Melbourne, Australia, Study Group



Study group at Neil Francey's home in Melbourne, Christmas, 1979.

SEVENTH PRINTING COMPLETED

Another printing of *The URANTIA Book* totaling 23,165 copies was completed on August 17, 1981. This quantity brought the total number of copies of the English edition printed to approximately 134,900. Actual distribution of the seventh printing began about November 1, 1981, when the stock for the sixth printing was sold out. A little over 110,000 English copies of *The URANTIA Book* have been sold in 26 years.

Instrumental in the accomplishment of a seventh printing were the efforts of the members of the Finance Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood chaired by Frank Sgaraglino. The committee acted on behalf of URANTIA Foundation to obtain funds for a Perpetual URANTIA Book Printing Fund. Only the solicitation of funds for the first printing of *The URANTIA Book* approaches in scale the magnitude of the effort required for the seventh printing fund drive.

Approximately 97% of the funds sought have been pledged or given by readers on URANTIA Brotherhood's mailing list. Of the \$177,000 in costs sought, almost \$173,000 has been received or pledged. URANTIA Foundation has provided the balance of funds required. Frank Sgaraglino urges those with outstanding pledges to send in their amounts so that we can meet our goal completely.

The response to the fund drive constitutes a marvelous support for *The URANTIA Book* when it was really needed. Contacting potential contributors by telephone and mail involved the assistance of some 60 volunteers in the Chicago area. Due to this financial support by so many, the Perpetual URANTIA Book Printing Fund has been established. Readers can now be assured of the continued availability of the English edition of *The URANTIA Book* in perpetuity.

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NEWSLETTERS AND JOURNALS

The following list of periodical publications has been compiled by the Publications Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood. The Committee plans to issue an updated list from time to time. Periodicals in the URANTIA movement are constantly changing. If you are interested in a particular publication, please write to the name and address provided. This listing does not represent endorsement by URANTIA Brotherhood. This information is simply provided as a service to URANTIA Book readers. These publications vary widely in content, and it is up to the individual to decide on the personal value of any publication.

Title	Description	Last Date of Publication	Editor/Coordinator and Address	Staff
Agondanter	Journal published by First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	Fall-Winter 1978-79	Roxy Alessandro and Bruce Ferro, editors 711 Superba Avenue Venice, California 90291	Charles Hicks, Lori and Michael Long, Richard MacDonald, Dianna Rolfe, Terry St. James, Brian Soderberg
Aloha News	Newsletter of Readers in the Hawaiian Islands	First Quarter, 1981	Junie Wehner, 142 Waikele, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825 Sue Smith, 1588 Kamele Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96821	
Ambassadeur du Futur	Bilingual (French and English) Newsletter of Readers in Quebec, Canada	July and August 1980	Pierre Robitaille C.P. 238, Lac à la Tortue, Province of Quebec, COX B.O. Canada	Conrad Lavalée, Jacques Tetreault
Ascender	Newsletter of Readers in Washington, D.C.	March, 1981	Troy R. Bishop 1558 East West Highway Silver Spring, Maryland 20910	
The Celestial Signal	Newsletter of Readers in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, published by the Dallas Fellowship, Inc.	Summer, 1981	Kathy Gentry 1324 Margaret, Paris, Texas 75460	Mike Appleby, Kaye Cooper, John Lipinski, Pat Waterman
The Circles	Journal of the Dallas Fellowship for the Study of The URANTIA Book	Spring-Summer 1981	Bill and Kaye Cooper 2001 Woods Drive, Arlington, Texas 76010	Sarah Andriana, Tammie Clandennig, Jean George, Randy Harwick, Jean-Pierre Houdier, Gene Joyce, Janice West, Rick West
Cradle of Thought	Based in Ontario, Canada	April, 1980	Wilfred Laughlot c/o Northern Ontario Study Group, 300 Pine Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3C 1X7, Canada	
Developments	Newsletter of the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society	March, 1981	Terry McCade Box 126 Berkeley, California 94701	
The Finaliter	Newsletter of URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut	February, 1981	David Elders 143 Five Mile River Road Darien, Connecticut 06820	Charles Ardes, Eileen Laurence, Alison Gardner-Mossey, Dan Mossey, Charles Oliver, George L. Park, Cathy Winter
In Touch	Spiritual Perspectives on Family Life	Spring, 1981	Gayle Eash Box 347 Berkeley, California 94701	Bob and Sara Blackstock, Robert Eash, Mary Edlin, Julia Fenderson, Michael Hagan, David Kantor, Marilyn Nelson, Mary Beth Rapisarda, Jane Roelink
Lettre	Newsletter for Readers in France	October, 1980	Jacques Dupont 32 Rue Grande 77116 Recluses, Ury, France	
The Messenger	Newsletter of Readers in Florida	Spring, 1981	Daniel Amyx Apartment 209, 13113 North 20th Street Tampa, Florida 33612	Patricia Amyx, David Glass, Kevin Goodman, Joyce Henson, Steve Law
Monitor	Monthly newsletter of the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	December, 1981	Roxy Alessandro and Bruce Ferro, editors 711 Superba Avenue Venice, California 90291	Charles Hicks, Lori and Michael Long, Richard MacDonald, Dianna Rolfe, Terry St. James, Brian Soderberg
Pervaded Space	Chicago area, includes news from nine state Midwest area	Fall, 1981	David and Marilyn Kuleke 907 East Central Road Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056	Mary Burton, Ceco Forneser, David and Lisa Remy, Sally Schlundt, Glen Thundersen
Planetary Prints	Newsletter of Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver	December, 1981	Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver, 11095 W. 64th Place Arvada, Colorado 80004	
Six-O-Six Newsletter	Newsletter of Readers in Australia	April, 1980	Neil Francis P.O. Box 606, Brighton 3186 Victoria, Australia	
Sojourner	Journal published by First URANTIA Society of Houston	Summer, 1981	Ron Dobryanski 15726 Barbours Houston, Texas 77083	Graig Wilson
Spiritual Renaissance Herald	Journal published by Family of God Foundation	Spring, 1980	Martin Ganyah Box 347, Berkeley, California 94701	Terry McCade, Jeffrey and Joy Wattle
URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin	Quarterly newsletter of URANTIA Brotherhood	Fall, 1981	Barbara Kuleke, Publications Committee URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversy Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614	Lisa Carr Kent, Nancy Gimsley, Mark Kuleke, Peter Laurence, Mike Painter
URANTIAN Journal of URANTIA Brotherhood	Quarterly journal of URANTIA Brotherhood	Spring, 1981	David Elders, URANTIA Brotherhood 533 Diversy Parkway Chicago, Illinois 60614	Linda Buselli, Mary Lou Hales, Peter Laurence
URANTIAN News from URANTIA Foundation	Semi-annual newsletter of URANTIA Foundation	Winter, 1981	URANTIA Foundation 533 Diversy Parkway Chicago, Illinois 60614	Thomas A. Kendal, President
The You-Be (formerly The Tortoise Speaks)	Journal of Readers in the San Francisco Bay area	September, 1981	Matthew Rapoport 1306 34th Ave. San Francisco, California 94122	Stephen Finlan, Chuck Thurston