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## NEW COUNCILORS ELECTED

The seventh Triennial Delegate Assembly (TDA) convened June 24-25 at 533 Diversey Parkway in Chicago, Illinois, and elected 14 members to the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood. The TDA also considered over a dozen resolutions and selected six resolutions to present to the Council.

The nominations committee, consisting of all delegates, with alternate delegates having input but no vote, met for four hours and was chaired by Peter Laurence, URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut. They considered about 50 candidates recommended by members of URANTIA Brotherhood. Eight concilors were re-elected:

Berkeley Elliott	Tom Kendall
Scott Forsythe	Marian Rowley
John Hales	Frank Sgaraglino
Gloriann Harris	Paul Snider

Berkeley Elliott is from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; the rest are from the Chicago area.

Six people were elected to the Council for the first time:

Henry Begemann	Wassenaar, The Netherlands
Nancy Grimsley	Berkeley, California
Bill Hazen	Dallas, Texas
John Hay	Boulder, Colorado
Peter Laurence	Armonk, New York
Jim McNelly	Denver, Colorado

Twelve of these councilors will serve regular nine-year terms from 1982-1991; Bill Hazen and Marian Rowley will serve three-year terms, having been elected to fill vacancies created by death or retirement of councilors before the end of their terms. Henry Begemann is the first person outside the United States to become a member of the General Council.

### Six Resolutions Passed

After electing councilors, approximately 12 resolutions were introduced. Bill Hazen, URANTIA Society of Dallas, chaired this portion of the assembly. The following resolutions were passed and presented to the General Council:

1) A resolution of support to the Charter Committee in its recommendation that all General Councilors shall have made a complete reading of *The URANTIA Book*.

2) A resolution to open all meetings such as Triennial Delegate Assemblies, General Council meetings, and Executive Committee meetings, with some form of prayer, silent or group form.

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The new Executive Committee, standing, left to right: Chuck Burton, Lynne Kulieke, Harry McMullan, Berkeley Elliott, Duane Faw, Meredith Sprunger, David Elders, Frank Sgaraglino, and Barbara Kulieke. Seated, left to right: Gloriann Harris, Carolyn Kendall, John Hales, Katharine Harries, and Marian Rowley.

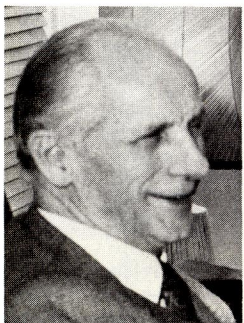
## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NEW DISTRIBUTION POLICIES

At the 1981 meeting of the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood, the Executive Committee was instructed to undertake a marketing study of *The URANTIA Book*. Both the Domestic Extension Committee and the Special Projects Committee were asked to make independent studies.

Various areas of investigation were divided among members of the Special Projects Committee. Bill Hazen researched current marketing practices in the book industry. Charles Montgomery completed a graphic analysis of historical data relative to the pricing policy of *The URANTIA Book*. Marilyn Kulieke utilized a case study methodology in comparing marketing strategies of books similar to *The URANTIA Book*. A report by Ruth Burton examined recent trends in the book industry. Chuck Burton focused upon the recent sales decline. In addition, Steve Law submitted a review on the perspective of the retailer. While not a member of the committee, he had obtained much first-hand experience from contacting bookstores in an effort to have *The URANTIA Book* carried and displayed on a consignment basis.

A final portion of the study consisted of a survey by over 80 people who had visited some 285 bookstores. Personal interviews

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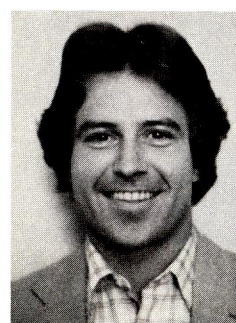
Henry Begemann



Nancy Grimsley



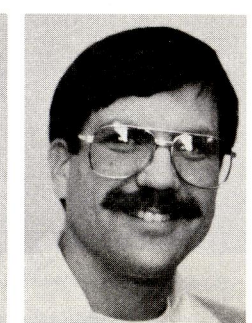
John Hay



Bill Hazen



Peter Laurence



Jim McNelly

*Members of the General Council.*



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3) A resolution that the Brotherhood seek authorization from URANTIA Foundation to make changes in distribution terms for *The URANTIA Book* largely in accordance with surveys completed by the Domestic Extension and Special Projects Committees.

4) A resolution that the Brotherhood request URANTIA Foundation to rewrite the back of the dust jacket to *The URANTIA Book* to convey some of the spiritual appeal of the teachings.

5) A resolution that the Executive Committee prepare and adopt job descriptions for all constitutional officers and paid employees of URANTIA Brotherhood.

6) A resolution that the Brotherhood seek to foster and improve cooperative relations with URANTIA Foundation.

The General Council considered these resolutions at their June 27 meeting. They referred resolutions one through five to the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood for study and action. Resolution six was adopted by the General Council.

### Societies Represented

Delegate .....	Alternate
First URANTIA Society Mary Lou Hales	David Kulieke
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles Vincent Ventola	Polly Friedman
First URANTIA Society of Glenview Mary Burton	Carol Forsythe
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma Berkeley Elliott	Tom Allen
Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago Wesley James	Kenneth James
Fort Wayne URANTIA Society Meredith Sprunger	Charles Masel
First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee Lewis A. Clark	Howard Schoffen
First URANTIA Society of Houston Adrienne Jarnagin	Lea House
First URANTIA Society of Western Springs Marion Oestmann	Elsie Kupka
San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society Vern Grimsley	David Gray
URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut Peter Laurence	Dan Massey
URANTIA Society of Dallas Bill Hazen	Sarah Andriani
Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver Jim McNelly	John Hay

### Orientation Session Initiated

A special feature to the program was added this year. On the day before formally convening, June 24, the delegates and alternates gathered for an orientation session. This session provided time to get to know one another better and ask questions of the officers of URANTIA Brotherhood. Thus the delegates were better informed going into the formal session on Friday. Several delegates commented that they were pleased with the methods of conducting business at the 1982 TDA.

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Triennial delegates to the seventh Assembly, standing, left to right: Meredith Sprunger, Vern Grimsley, Berkeley Elliott, Jim McNelly, and Vincent Ventola. Seated, left to right: Wesley James, Mary Burton, Bill Hazen, Lew Clark, Mary Lou Hales, Marion Oestmann, Peter Laurence, and Adrienne Jarnagin.

### NEWS FROM SOCIETIES

1) First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles celebrated its 25th anniversary on July 16, 1982. (Actual date of installation was July 26, 1957.) A special issue of *The Agondonter* has been planned to highlight the anniversary year. The society also honored Julia Fenderson on July 16th for her many years of service in the URANTIA movement.

2) First URANTIA Society, Chicago, hosted a one-day conference on November 6, 1982. All societies and study groups in the area were invited to participate in the event aimed at further coordinating Chicago area activities. 70 adults attended.

3) First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee, Washington, has initiated a regional newsletter entitled "New Reflections."

4) Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver has started its second year of sponsoring the Boulder School, which offers a full time program of study of *The URANTIA Book*, as well as a guest lecture series for area residents.



The study group fair at the Chicago area conference, November 6, 1982.

### STUDY GROUP UPDATE

The study group survey conducted by the Domestic Extension Committee is now almost two years old. The committee seeks to keep its information up to date. If you are part of a new group, please let us know. Also, it is important to know when groups are discontinued, and we are always interested in having any other current information about a group that can be supplied. If you have any changes to submit, please contact:

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## SUMMER WORKSHOPS EXHIBIT DIVERSITY

Diverse topics were studied under the broad theme of "Fostering Dynamic URANTIA Book Study: Motivations, Meanings, and Applications" at the 1982 Summer Workshops held June 27-July 1. Just over 150 people attended this group of workshops sponsored by seven committees of URANTIA Brotherhood and held at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois. The purpose of the workshops is to study *The URANTIA Book*, develop leadership and teaching qualities, and to share information, philosophies, and policies on many important subjects concerning the URANTIA movement.

### Intensive Study Sponsored

The Education Committee held two days of training workshops divided into two groups. The focus was on fostering dynamic URANTIA Book study. A variety of topics in 15 workshops on Monday and six workshops on Thursday provided in-depth study of *The URANTIA Book*. The concept of a laboratory practicum was central to this year's offerings. For the first time, some of the workshops required advance preparation. About 30 people signed up for three subjects, two sessions in length, in the advance preparation program. These sessions were led by Duane Faw, John Andrews, and Mark Kulieke. Also for the first time, one workshop was held in French for French-speaking participants.

On the Wednesday morning program of the Education Committee, David Schlundt presented a talk on "Consciousness Raising: How to Take Study Home," which involved an exploration of dimensions of personality in conjunction with consciousness raising. Small group discussion afterward was led by members of the Education Committee.

### World Religions Studied

Unifying concepts of world religions were explored in a slide tape presentation for the Fraternal Relations session of workshops. The 1982 Spiritual Renaissance Conference, held in Berkeley, California, was the source material for a slide tape in which Vern Grimsley interviewed representatives of the 11 major world religions. The presentation concentrated on similarities of concepts about the Father among world religions and the personal religious experiences of the religionists. The second portion of this session examined approaches to religious groups of today with the URANTIA teachings. Bettina Gray expanded on the Spiritual Renaissance Conference interviews and incorporated portions of tapes from her radio talk show, as well as experiences as a leader of the Berkeley Area Interfaith Council. Jim McNelly reviewed cults and sects, particularly those founded on auto-revelation. David and Sally Schlundt described experiences in interfacing with protestant religions. Philip Rolnick explored modern Judaism, focusing on how recent historical events have affected the faith of believers and of their spiritual needs felt today.



International Fellowship speakers, left to right: Martin Myers, John Hales, Gard Jameson, Lynne Kulieke, Carolyn Kendall, Julia Fenderson, Conrad Lavalley, and Marvin Gawryn.

### Group Effectiveness Emphasized

The Domestic Extension Committee held sessions on study group development and group dynamics. Harry McMullan described projects of this committee. Many ideas on what works and doesn't work in study group development were examined by David Kulieke. Mary Burton led a panel discussion on group effectiveness. Larry Mullins (Tulsa, Oklahoma) expounded on human motivation and group dynamics.

### International Growth Explored

The International Fellowship Committee invited recent travelers to report on study group development around the world. Jean Desjardins spoke on French-speaking Canada; Lynne Kulieke reported on Spain and Colombia; Carolyn Kendall discussed France and the Netherlands; Gard Jameson treated India; and Martin Myers reported on Finland. The session included the slide presentation by Julia Fenderson entitled "Study Groups Around the World." Later in the evening, Gard Jameson made a slide presentation of his visit to Saudi Arabia and India.

In a small forum, the organization of URANTIA Brotherhood and how it relates to the international development of the URANTIA movement, was treated at some length. Out of the meeting, an informal committee—all Canadian readers—was formed to study the subject further.

### Membership Issues Discussed

The Charter Committee held an afternoon session in both large and small group formats to get broad input on many concerns about membership in URANTIA Brotherhood and the chartering of URANTIA societies. Among topics discussed were whether members-at-large should have representation in the Triennial Delegate Assembly, whether it should be a requirement of membership in a society to have read the entire *URANTIA Book*, whether requirements for chartering a society should be maintained or eased, and several others.

### Newsletter Editors Share Purposes

Purposes essentially spiritual in nature which newsletters can and do serve in the URANTIA movement were discussed by editors and would-be editors of regional newsletters meeting with the Publications Committee. Also, the editors had an opportunity to meet with representatives of URANTIA Foundation to learn about different facets of the new copyright permission guidelines. The meeting was mutually beneficial.

Public exposure through the press and other media was the subject of a second Publications Committee workshop. Past experiences were shared by the participants in an attempt to develop wise methods of dealing with the media.

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Marvin Gawryn coordinated the International Fellowship Workshops for 1982.



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### Worship Service Closes Workshops

At 3:00 on Thursday, July, all participants gathered for a worship session which included performances by eight musicians intermingled with the reading of passages from *The URANTIA Book*.

Throughout the week, evenings were left free for fraternizing or participating in small group projects. The Publications Committee presented the slide-tape "History of the URANTIA Movement" for those who had not seen it.

### Special Projects Contributes to Success

The Special Projects Committee, chaired by Chuck Burton, made an important contribution to the success of the workshops by making all arrangements with Lake Forest College for the facility, including rooms, meals, recreation facilities, child care, and special equipment. These arrangements were handled primarily by Marilyn Kulieke.

### 1983 Seminar Planned

Plans for next year's sessions are already well underway. The 1983 study topic will be prayer and worship. The event has a new title, "Intensive Study Seminar," and will be held Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 8 at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois. All people on the general mailing list will receive a letter of invitation to the 1983 Intensive Study Seminar.

## DISTRIBUTION POLICIES

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were conducted with bookstore owners, managers, or buyers. All societies and 15 of the larger study groups, including some in Canada and Australia, were asked to participate in the project. Chuck Burton reports that "The Committee is indeed very grateful and would like to sincerely thank all those who participated. It is truly inspiring to know that there are so many deeply dedicated people who are willing to be of service. The Special Projects Committee feels confident that the large number of responses has provided some very tangible results."

The Domestic Extension Committee finished their study last May. The major portion of writing and researching the survey was completed by Chairman Harry McMullan, and reviewed by the entire committee.

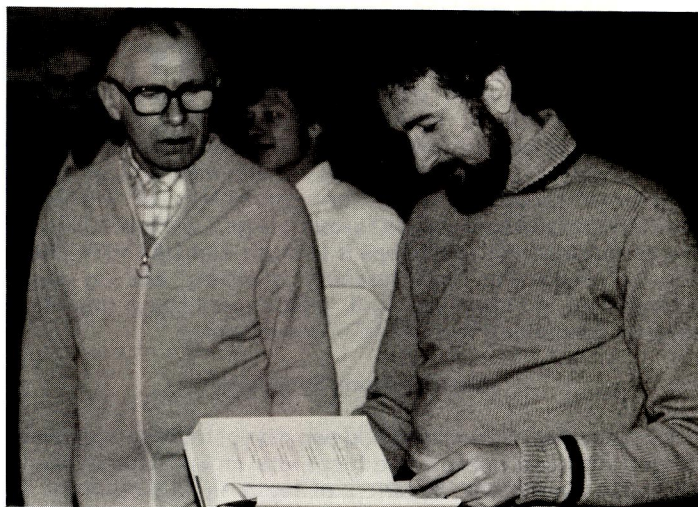
Virtually all of the recommendations of the two committees were forwarded to URANTIA Foundation for their consideration. The Foundation will make the final determination on distribution policy. Proposed changes focus on three areas of book distribution:

- 1) liberalized discounts to bookstores, distributors, societies, and individuals.
- 2) credit policy in conformity with book business standards.
- 3) return for refund of unsold books by retailers, chain stores, or wholesalers.

### 3500 FRENCH TRANSLATIONS DISTRIBUTED

Since publication in April, 3500 copies of *Le Livre d'URANTIA* have been distributed by URANTIA Foundation. Almost all copies have been sent to Quebec Province of Canada, although some of the stores there supply books to France.

On the weekend of April 24 and 25, Brotherhood President John Hales and Carolyn Kendall, at that time chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee, announced the availability of *Le Livre d'URANTIA*, formerly titled *La Cosmogonie d'URANTIA* to readers in Paris. At the same time, Lynne Kulieke, chairman of the



French readers examine the new edition of *Le Livre d'URANTIA* in Paris. Left to right: Henry Begemann, Alain Coulombe, Yves Chauvin, Louis Oberniche.

Education Committee, and David Elders, chairman of the Charter Committee, visited French-speaking readers in Montreal. The Executive Committee sent representatives to visit French readers on the day that URANTIA Foundation publicly announced the reprinting of the French translation of *The URANTIA Book*. The four were on hand in Paris and Montreal to answer questions by readers and to have another opportunity for fellowship on this important occasion.

URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation has recently become the sales agent and distributor of *Le Livre d'URANTIA*.

### DATES FOR 1984 GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

The 1984 General Conference, the fourth such conference in the history of URANTIA Brotherhood, will be held, beginning Sunday, August 12, 1984, and ending the morning of Friday, August 17th. The site chosen is the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake Conference Center, an 1100-acre facility on a rolling wooded tract in south central Wisconsin. Registration and reservation material will not be mailed until one year from now.



Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin.

### CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Desert Southwest Conference—February 4-6, 1983.

Franciscan Renewal Center, Paradise Valley, Arizona.  
Contact: Peggy Johnson, 302 E. Wagon Wheel Drive,  
Phoenix, Arizona 85020

Atlanta Area Conference of Students of *The URANTIA Book*  
May 20-22, 1983.

Contact: W. A. Van Valkenburgh, Jr., 495 River Valley Road,  
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

Midwest Conference of Students of *The URANTIA Book*  
June 3-5, 1983. Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Contact: Mark Kulieke, 415 Birch Street, Winnetka, Illinois  
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## COUNCIL REFLECTS BROAD RANGE ACTIVITY

Availability of *The URANTIA Book* and other activities were major topics of discussion at the Triennial Meeting of the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood, June 27, the day after the Triennial Delegate Assembly. Committee annual reports, resolutions from the Triennial Delegate Assembly, and election of officers, committee chairmen, and committee members were also on the agenda of the day-long session.

### President Encourages Unity

The meeting began with the report of the President, John Hales, who referred to the healthy diversity of the General Council and of the entire URANTIA movement, and made a plea for spiritual unity amidst ideational diversity.

The President announced the formulation by URANTIA Foundation of "The URANTIA Book Copyright Permission Guidelines" which provide for limited use of quotations without the specific need for contacting the Foundation in advance. He also cited the many years of service of Emma L. Christensen to the URANTIA movement, provided an update on translation projects, and on certain committee projects such as the marketing studies, and the mapping of study groups in the United States. The President asked that thanks be conveyed to retiring members of the General Council for their past service.

### Committees Report Diverse Projects

Reports from all committee chairmen and field representatives were sent out in advance of the meeting. These reports reflect an increase in responsibilities and activities by the various standing committees. Among the more noteworthy items were the following:

1) As part of the report by the Charter Committee, David Elders included a 17-page statement by Paul Snider entitled "Suggestions Regarding a Guiding Philosophy of Membership in URANTIA Brotherhood" which David says represents the opinion of a majority of the members of that committee.

2) Two large marketing surveys were submitted; one from the Domestic Extension Committee, and one from the Special Projects Committee. The conclusions of these two reports substantially overlap and the major portion of their recommendations were also included in a resolution passed along to the Council by the Triennial Delegate Assembly. Further information is supplied in a separate article in this issue of *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin*.

3) In 1981, 6935 copies of *The URANTIA Book* were distributed.

4) Several gift book projects were mentioned, both in committee reports and in reports from field representatives of URANTIA Brotherhood. For example, Dick Prince reports having sent 21 books to Colombia and seven books to India, and that these groups have a need for many more. Both Domestic Extension and International Fellowship Committees are underway with library gift book programs calling for placement of 150 books in a year's time.

### Council Discussion and Business

Part of the business included taking action on the resolutions passed during the Triennial Delegate Assembly. The resolutions, and the action taken on them, are briefly reported in the article about the Triennial Delegate Assembly. Most of these matters were forwarded to the Executive Committee for study and action. There was considerable discussion regarding the availability and marketing of *The URANTIA Book*. Other matters included discussions of various translation efforts; outreach activities; plans for a General Council Retreat; and ways of making the Brotherhood function effectively on a worldwide level.



*The 1982 General Council in Session.*

### Elections

Election of officers, committee chairmen, and committee members concluded the meeting. Ten of the 14 members of the Executive Committee continued in their positions either having been re-elected at this meeting, or because expiration of their terms will occur in a future year. The newly constituted Executive Committee is as follows (changes are indicated by an asterisk):

President—John Hales

Vice President—\*Carolyn Kendall

Secretary—Katharine Harries

Treasurer—\*Gloriann Harris

Secretary General—Marian Rowley

#### Chairmen

Judicial Committee—Duane Faw

Charter Committee—David Elders

Fraternal Relations Committee—\*Meredith Sprunger

Domestic Extension Committee—Harry McMullan

International Fellowship Committee—\*Berkeley Elliott

Education Committee—Lynne Kulieke

Publications Committee—Barbara Kulieke

Finance Committee—Frank Sgaraglino

Special Projects Committee—Charles Burton

Carolyn Kendall served on the Executive Committee as chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee prior to her election as vice president.

Three new members were elected to the Executive Committee. After a three-year absence, Meredith Sprunger (Fort Wayne, Indiana), former president of URANTIA Brotherhood, returns to the Executive Committee as chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee. This has been a special area of interest to Meredith. Gloriann Harris was elected treasurer. She has provided accounting services for URANTIA Brotherhood over six years. Gloriann is a certified public accountant and lives in Northbrook, Illinois. Berkeley Elliott was elected a member and chairman of the International Fellowship Committee. Berkeley has been active in the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma since its inception in 1957. She has traveled extensively to conferences and study groups on behalf of URANTIA Brotherhood. She brings many years of varied experiences to the position of International Fellowship Chairman.

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*Gloriann Harris*



*Berkeley Elliott*



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Members of the departmental committees were also elected. Re-elected members were Helena Sprague of Farmington, Connecticut (Judicial); David Kulieke of Mount Prospect, Illinois (Domestic Extension); Mark Kulieke of Winnetka, Illinois (Publications); and K. David Schlundt of Fort Wayne, Indiana (Education). New members included Charles Olivea of Watertown, Connecticut (Charter); W. A. Van Valkenburgh, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia (Fraternal Relations); and John Hay of Boulder, Colorado (Finance).

### October Retreat Held

Members of the General Council gathered at Green Lake, Wisconsin, October 9-11 for a retreat at the site which has been selected for the 1984 General Conference of URANTIA Brotherhood. No Brotherhood business was conducted at this meeting. The activities paralleled Jesus' day in the mountains with the apostles. Fellowship and study of the gospel of Jesus were the only items on the program, which fostered many happy hours of socialization as well as some very satisfying spontaneous experiences of prayer and worship.

### OKLAHOMA CITY STUDY GROUPS

Top to bottom: Saturday night group, Sunday night group, and Tuesday night group.



## MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM URANTIA BROTHERHOOD AND URANTIA FOUNDATION

### FREE

#### BROCHURES:

*The URANTIA Book, A Description*  
*The URANTIA Book, Selected Excerpts*  
*Leavening Our Religious Heritage*  
*Our Task*  
*Guide to Pronunciation of Names and Words in*  
*The URANTIA Book*

Fact Sheet on URANTIA Brotherhood  
Fact Sheet on URANTIA Foundation  
*Basic Concepts of The URANTIA Book*  
*The URANTIA Book—The Question of Origin*  
*On URANTIA Book Study Groups*  
Dust Jacket for *The URANTIA Book*  
*URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin* for those on the Mailing List  
*URANTIA NEWS . . . From URANTIA Foundation* for those on the Mailing List

### COST ITEMS

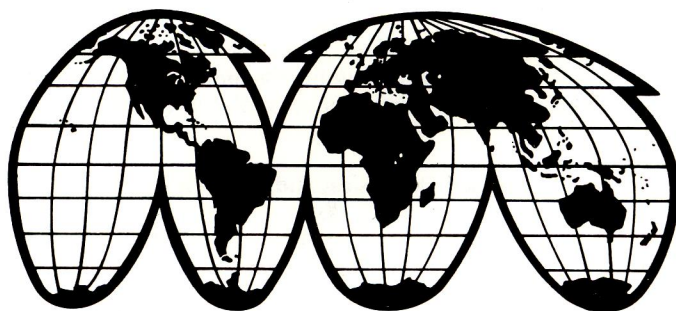
	Price	Postage	
		U.S.	Int'l
<i>The URANTIA Book</i>	\$34.00	\$1.55	\$2.41
<i>Le Livre d'URANTIA</i>	38.00	1.55	2.41
<i>Study Aids for Part IV of The URANTIA Book "The Life and Teachings of Jesus"</i>	5.00	.86	1.38
<i>Concordex of The URANTIA Book</i>	12.00	1.09	1.66

Postage Included  
U.S. Int'l

<i>The URANTIAN Journal of URANTIA Brotherhood (4 Issues)</i>	\$5.00	\$6.00
Special Conference Issue of <i>The URANTIAN Journal</i> (40 pages, Summer 1981)	3.00	4.00
<i>An Artist's Conception of the Master Universe</i>	3.00	4.00
Blue Carrying Cover for <i>The URANTIA Book</i>	5.00	5.00

The items listed can be obtained by writing URANTIA Brotherhood. For cost items, send check or money order (U.S. funds only), payable to: URANTIA Brotherhood. Orders are filled promptly.

Individuals can purchase five or more copies of *The URANTIA Book* (sent to the same address) at a 25% discount. Five books would cost \$127.50 plus \$4.39 for postage. The 25% discount also applies to the French edition.



*URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin* will be issued one more time using the current format—Winter 1983. Thereafter the Bulletin will be issued three times a year in a new international format.