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Walking with God

The 1990 International Conference Snowmass/Aspen, June 30-July 5

By John Hay, Chairman, Conference Planning Committee



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Come and join your brothers and sisters from around the world for fellowship in the grandeur and beauty of the Rocky Mountains where URANTIA Brotherhood will hold the 1990 International Conference entitled "Walking with God." The week of June 30 through July 5 will be packed with new insights and ideas, spectacular vistas, professional entertainment, and the best group of old friends and new friends that a reader of *The URANTIA Book* could ask for.

URANTIA Brotherhood is presenting this conference in a brand new format designed to enhance worship and allow more time for fellowship and family activities. The theme will emphasize: "Habits which favor religious growth embrace cultivated sensitivity to divine values, recognition of religious living in others, reflective

meditation on cosmic meanings, worshipful problem solving, sharing one's spiritual life with one's fellows, avoidance of selfishness, refusal to presume on divine mercy, living as in the presence of God." (*1095)

This conference will provide a wonderful opportunity to meet with readers from such areas as Europe, Asia, Australia, Latin America, Africa, and North America, who will be gathering at Snowmass/Aspen for an enjoyable week in Colorado. Arrangements are being made to provide translation services.

Since we are expecting this to be the largest conference of worldwide readers ever, we've moved the site from the original YMCA Camp at Winterpark to Snowmass/Aspen to better accommodate our

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NEWS FROM 533...

General Council meeting held February 11 featured roundtable discussion among General Councilors and representatives of various groups working for the spread of the fifth epochal revelation. More details in next issue of the *Bulletin*.

533 Headquarters staff has undergone a major reorganization of duties to improve operating efficiency as duties and services expand. Long-time volunteer Marian Rowley "retires" (see page 3 for related story).

Operating fund drive was a success (see page 4). **Matthew Fund** created to defray future operating costs of Brotherhood (see page 3).

Sample society constitution is being developed by Judicial Committee to facilitate the formation of new societies.

New societies are emerging in Finland and Canada. If all goes well, could be chartered in early June, 1989.

Fraternal Relations Committee to present program at Summer Seminar on expressing and experiencing relationship with God. (See insert.)

Area Coordinator Program to be implemented in first quarter of 1989. (See article page 2).

International Fellowship Committee reports that successful Pacific Conference was held in Australia in October of 1988; 79 book requests have been received from international library mailing; CERDH reader group is planning an international "encounter" in France in August 1989.

Summer Seminar planning is underway. (See insert.)

New Bulletin editorial staff has been formed by Publications Committee (see back page).

Key Word Index to be published soon (see page 2).

Resource Guide for Secondary Works planned (see page 2).

"Oral History" of URANTIA movement is being developed by Special Projects Committee. □

Resource Guide for Secondary Works Announced

In the past centuries, the Bible has been the inspiration for thousands of books and other forms of literature. There is little doubt that *The URANTIA Book* will one day have a vast array of secondary works associated with it. In fact, the flood has already begun. Secondary works are those which are based on or designed to supplement *The URANTIA Book*. A resource guide for secondary works has been designed to inform readers of available secondary works.

The guide was proposed in a resolution to the 1985 Triennial Delegate Assembly. The Special Projects Committee was given the resolution to design the guide and worked with URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation to develop guidelines and a method of review. In September of 1988 a packet of material was sent out to 350 people who expressed interest in knowing more about the guide. This packet contains copyright guidelines, a submission form and instructions for submitting works.

It is available by request from URANTIA Brotherhood.

The works submitted to the guide will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee composed of a chairperson, members from several URANTIA Brotherhood committees, and an officer of URANTIA Brotherhood. The review committee will not judge the merit of the works; rather, the committee will insure that the works are consistent with the teachings of *The URANTIA Book* and that they comply with the copyright guidelines of URANTIA Foundation.

The Resource Guide for Secondary Works is expected to be ready for distribution in the fall of 1989. The guide should be of value to authors of secondary works by allowing their works to be available to a larger group of readers than might otherwise be the case. Students of *The URANTIA Book* will profit from the guide by having immediate knowledge of all of the qualified resources available to aid them in their study

of the book. The guide is expected to be updated annually. Deadline for 1989 submissions is March 31, 1989. □

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large group. As you may recall the 1981 General Conference was held in Snowmass and over 890 people attended. For those of you who were there before, you'll find even more pleasant surprises in this wonderful facility. Many of our meetings will be held in their newly built conference center. Their large roof-top dining room will allow us to enjoy our meals together while looking out at a panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains, and every effort is being made to offer a wide variety of accommodations to suit all budget needs.

Golf, tennis, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, swimming, camping, star gazing, excellent conditions for white-water rafting, plus Snowmass' ski lift ride and hike to scenic Maroon Bells will make this a conference ideal for families and everyone who enjoys great opportunities for outdoor activities. We will also be right on time for their spectacular July 4th fireworks display.

An expanded child-care program with trained professionals aided by our volunteers will help both parents and children have a meaningful and enjoyable conference.

We hope you'll start planning now to be in Snowmass Saturday, June 30, through Thursday, July 5, 1990, for this URANTIA Brotherhood International Conference. Both United and Continental Airlines have expanded their jet service to Aspen, and United is offering a 40% rebate on their full fare coach rates to all conference attendees. Information on registration for this exciting conference will be sent out in six months. We can't imagine a more enjoyable experience than joining with you in "Walking with God" in the Rockies in the summer of 1990. Hope to see you there! □

Key Word Index Soon Available

A Key Word Index to *The URANTIA Book* has been developed through a cooperative organizational effort of URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation. The pages of the index will be the same size as the pages of *The URANTIA Book*. At a length of only 60 pages, it could be easily carried with *The URANTIA Book* and should be an excellent instrument for quick reference.

The index is drawn from the second table of contents which includes not only the paper and section titles, but also includes major subjects and items of interest. For example, it includes key phrases like these: "Nathaniel's question about the

golden rule," "Parable of the money-lender," "The Sabbath was made for man...," "Origin of the Sun," "Retrograde motion," and "The Age of Earthquakes." The index is an alphabetical sorting of all significant words. Because it includes the descriptive phrases as well as paper and section titles, it promises to be a very effective vehicle for locating desired passages.

People who have been working with sample copies have already found the index to be both very useful and thorough. The Key Word Index is anticipated to be available in the second quarter of this year. The next issue of the *Bulletin* will have full information about its availability. □

Area Coordinator Program Ready to Implement

Training sessions have been set for the new Area Coordinator (AC) Program. The Domestic Extension Committee will be hosting weekend training seminars for the newly appointed ACs in western, central, and eastern United States. The dates are: March 4, Oklahoma City; March 18, Los Angeles area; April 1, New York City area.

The ACs, 84 in the U.S. and three outside of the states, will voluntarily serve as

informal representatives of the URANTIA Brotherhood for a period of three years.

The AC Program, effective January 1, 1989, is designed to help coordinate local and isolated study groups and individual readers. Each AC functions within a geographical boundary, assisting study groups, responding to inquiries from individual readers about the book, and, when appropriate, directing them to study

groups. One of the AC's first projects will be to conduct a census of study groups and attendees in their area. The AC Program is expected to accomplish much in furthering the study and dissemination of *The URANTIA Book*.

This new program should improve and facilitate communication and networking among readers served by URANTIA Brotherhood. □

Matthew Fund Promises Continuity

In an ongoing effort to provide funding to support the operations of URANTIA Brotherhood, the Finance Committee has recommended the establishment of a capital fund. At its most recent meeting in October, the committee laid the groundwork for this fund, to be designated the Matthew Fund.

Naming the fund after the apostle Matthew Levi is a small way our group has of giving recognition to the generous contributions that Matthew made on behalf of the public ministry efforts of Jesus and his associates. Matthew's financial contributions of that day helped to sustain a ministry

whose truth, passing from generation to generation, kindled the spark of recognition in our own age of the sublime truths revealed in *The URANTIA Book*.

The objective of the capital fund drive is to raise \$1.5 million over a period of five years. The investment portfolio of the fund will be conservative and diversified, with appreciation as one of its goals. When the fund reaches the targeted principal balance, 20 percent of fund income will be reinvested into the fund. Eighty percent of income will be allocated to subsidize annual expenses of URANTIA Brotherhood.

The Matthew Fund is generating a great deal of enthusiasm. While still in the early stages of its formation, there are a number of individuals who have pledged contributions. The Matthew Fund will provide a solid financial base upon which the efforts of our group can proceed.

If you would like more information on the guidelines of the Matthew Fund or if you are interested in contributing, please contact John Hales, URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614, (312) 327-0424. □

Executive Committee and Staff Honor Marian Rowley

A "retirement party" was held on November 18, 1988, prior to the Executive Committee's meetings that weekend, to honor Marian Rowley, a long-time volunteer worker on the office staff. The party was held at 533 Diversey and was attended by Executive Committee and office staff members.

"It wasn't really a retirement party, though," commented Gloriann Harris, Director of Office Operations. "We wanted to show her how much we appreciate her while she's still working with us, and this seemed like a good time to do it." Marian, who was one of the original volunteer office staff of URANTIA Brotherhood, retired last summer from the General Council and the Executive Committee, at which time she was honored by a standing ovation and a resolution of appreciation by the Triennial Delegate Assembly and General Council. She had most recently served a term as Secretary of URANTIA Brotherhood, and for many years prior to that had held the post of Secretary General. However, Marian continues as a volunteer secretary. While she has turned over many of her previous duties to new staff members, she continues to work with John Hales, just as she has for many years, handling correspondence and other services.

A commemorative scroll presented at the party by David Elders, URANTIA Brotherhood president, expressed Executive Committee's and the office staff's "appreciation for...many years of unselfish service and loyal devotion to URANTIA Brotherhood."

Another highlight of the party was the presentation of a set of four framed photographs of nature scenes, taken by Marian herself years earlier. Not many people were aware that Marian is an accomplished

amateur photographer who has won awards in numerous photography contests over the years. Said Marilyn Kulicke, URANTIA Brotherhood vice president, who organized the gift, "We wanted to get her something both practical and meaningful. She had been heard to say, 'Oh, I hope they don't give me a silver tray,' and then someone thought of her photography. Marian seemed really surprised and pleased." The photographs are now on permanent display on the walls at headquarters.

John Hales also read a humorous, nostalgic poem which he and Mary Lou Hales had composed for the occasion. It is now hanging on Marian's wall at home.

Marian's "retirement" coincides with the end of the volunteer staff era at Brotherhood/Foundation headquarters, now that there are paid staff members to handle all vital functions. Marian was one of the original volunteer staff of five, the others being Emma L. "Christy" Christensen,

Edith Cook, Anne Rawson, and Leone Sadler. Helen Carlson and Eva Vincent also served as part-time volunteers in later years. All of these volunteers had previously had full-time careers in the business world until they "retired" to serve the Brotherhood and Foundation, and some held posts as Foundation Trustees or members of General Council at the same time.

Marian, who at age 87 has been slowed down only slightly by illnesses in the past few years, had worked for years as secretary to Clyde Bedell in his advertising agency, coming in after work to put in time at 533 Diversey in the evenings as an unpaid volunteer. After her retirement from advertising and marketing in the mid-1960s, Marian began her career as a full-time volunteer for URANTIA Brotherhood, and has continued to serve to the present day. Only in recent years has she shortened her work day and begun to take Saturdays and Sundays off. □

—Story by Cece Forrester



Marian Rowley and John Hales at Marian's Retirement Party.

CONFERENCES

April 7-9, Southwest Region Spring Conf., Lake Murray Resort, Ardmore, OK. Theme: Behold the Man...What is a balanced life? Contact URANTIA Society of Dallas, 910 Glen Cove, Richardson, TX 75080, (214) 235-1724; or David Glass, (817) 294-2511.

May 13-14, Annual Spring Retreat, St. Dorothy's Rest., Sonoma County. Contact San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society, c/o Stephen Zandt, P.O. Box 460163, San Francisco, CA 94146-0163.

May 19-21, The Tenth Heart of America Get Together, St. Mary College, Leavenworth, KS. Theme: Spiritual Springtime. Contact Mike Wood, 7649 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66204, (913) 381-8605, or Connie Greene, (816) 373-3482.

May 26-28, Tennessee State Conference, Belmont College, Nashville, TN. Theme: Tapping Man's Inner Potential. Contact Jo Anne Nelson, 3200 A Overlook Dr., Nashville, TN 37212, (615) 383-5854.

June 2-4, National meeting of readers of *The URANTIA Book* in Finland, Lutheran Community College, Piek-samaki, Finland. Theme: The Summer Days. Contact Kalevi Eklof, Sivurinne 1 A, 01800 Klaukkala, Finland.

June 2-4, Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg, Florida. Theme: New Beginnings. Contact Kevin Goodman, 1714 Morrison Avenue E., Tampa, FL 33606, (813) 251-1395.

June 9-11, Study Groups of Ontario Annual Conference, Geneva Park YMCA Conference Center, Lake Couchiching, Orillia, Ontario. Contact Brent St. Denis, 1088 Barwell Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K2B 8H5, Canada, (705) 325-2253.

June 10-11, Northeast Regional Conference, Simon's Rock-Bard College, Great Barrington, MA. Theme: Toward Unity. Contact URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut, P.O. Box 88, Farmington, CT 06034.

June 23-24, Conclave of URANTIA Societies (immediately prior to Summer

Seminar), Lake Forest College Illinois. Contact URANTIA Brotherhood.

June 25-30, Summer Seminar, Lake Forest College, IL. Theme: Foundations for the Jesusonian Gospel. Contact URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614, (312) 327-0424.

July 14-16, First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma. Theme: A children's conference put on by children. Contact Charlene Morrow, res. (405) 478-0221; bus. 848-5686.

July 30-August 6, *URANTIA Book* Reader's International Encounter in France, Montvillargenne Castle near Paris. French and English languages will be used simultaneously. Theme: Service. Contact C.E.R.D.H., 3 bis rue Grande, 77940 Blennes/Voulx, France.

August 11-13, Southwest Regional Conference, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona. Theme: The Family; Our Path to Paradise. Contact Larry Bowman, 7777 E. Heatherbrae Avenue #115, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251, (602) 947-8507, or Eric Cosh, (602) 951-5829.

August 18-20, Morning Star Miniconference. Theme: "Celebrating Jesus' Birth." Contact Mark and Barbara Kulieke, Morning Star Farm, 3200 County EE, Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin 54202, (414) 839-2548.

August 19-20, central Iowa. Contact Timothy Young, 507 Woodlawn, Muscatine, Iowa 52761.

August 27-31, Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, Washington. Theme: "The Artistry of Balance." Contact Pilot Light URANTIA Society of Seattle, P.O. Box 1312, Bothell, Washington 98041-1312, (206) 485-8266.

October 12-15, MO Ranch Conference Center, Kerrville, Texas. Theme: "Techniques for Spiritual Growth." Contact *The Circles*, c/o Carol Weatherford, 215 Woodway Court, Spring, Texas 77386, (713) 363-1652.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Special Scientific Symposium I issue of *The URANTIA Journal* available. (See insert.)
- Bulletin to be available in multiple languages. The editorial staff of the *Bulletin* will be responding to the international profile of its readership this year by producing translations of the English version of the *Bulletin*. If you would like to participate as a translator, please write the *Bulletin*, c/o URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614.

Applause for Fundraising Results

Hats off to the societies, study groups, and members-at-large of URANTIA Brotherhood in meeting the goals of the special fundraising drive last summer!

"As of November 29, 1988, the societies of URANTIA Brotherhood raised approximately \$33,000. Study groups and members-at-large raised over \$12,000. With the matched funds for each category, total additional funding of \$75,000 was contributed to URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation," said Gard Jameson, chairman of the Finance Committee. "These impressive results merit a cheer for everyone who worked at meeting our financial goals. We want to thank all those who participated in this special effort." □

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