



Barbeque night at the conference, complete with steel guitars and songs that told some tales.

## 1990 International Conference Reaches New Heights of Fellowship

The International Conference of Fifth Epochal Fellowship was held June 30 through July 5, 1990 at Snowmass Village in the Rocky Mountains near Aspen, Colorado.

Total attendance numbered approximately 1,000 adults and children, making it the best attended of all six general conferences, and surpassing the previous record for the triennial event, set nine years earlier at the same site.

Many attenders were from outside the United States, underscoring the international nature of the event. Among the countries represented were Canada, Australia, Ireland, England, Finland, France, Tahiti, South Africa, Mexico, Switzerland and Estonia, the latter marking the first time readers from the U.S.S.R. participated in an International Conference. With funds from a special collection at Snowmass which raised over \$3,200 for buying *Urantia Books*, these readers took 40 books back to

Estonia for distribution. The remainder will be administered by the central office to send copies of *The Urantia Book* to the U.S.S.R. and other countries, according to Berkeley Elliott, chair of the International Fellowship Committee.

The multi-year planning effort was led by an eleven-person committee chaired by John Hay of Boulder, Colorado. Joan Batson was Site Committee chair, and Mike Painter was administrative liaison for the Fifth Epochal Fellowship office. Marta Elders, Duane Faw and Jo Anne Nelson were responsible for program planning. Berkeley Elliott oversaw international aspects of the conference. Linda McNelly coordinated child care. Lenny Cowles chaired the Entertainment Subcommittee, while Stephen Zendt coordinated Activities, encompassing worship, off-site recreation, art displays and the special interest segments of the program. Marilyn Kulieke is past chairman. Numerous other readers contributed

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their efforts to each area of responsibility.

The theme for the conference was "Walking with God," and sub-themes for each day were reflected in the program. A plenary session each morning included an arts presentation and a keynote talk. Attenders then had a choice of talks to attend in one morning and two afternoon time periods, all dealing with aspects of the day's theme. In a departure from previous conference formats, small group workshops were not part of the offerings. Written translations of many of the presentations into other languages were made available, as they had been submitted to the Program Committee well ahead of time, and English-language reprints of some presentations were also available on request.

Additional programs and activities took place each afternoon, when attenders organized a variety of workshops and presentations under the "Common

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*"The prophet spoke advisedly when he said, 'Walk humbly with God,' for, while the Father in heaven is the Infinite and the Eternal, he also dwells 'with him who is of a contrite mind and a humble spirit.' "* (1676)

Interest Groups" banner. Most were scheduled in advance, though others were organized on site. These included such diverse events as an herb walk, a body movement workshop, video program showings, 12-step program meetings, a forum for health professionals, and a presentation on computers as synthetic mind. One highlight during the last two days was a Service Organization Fair, in which independent *Urantia Book*-related groups displayed their materials and programs.

An extensive program was offered for children and teens attending the conference. Children aged three to twelve participated in "Camp Snowmass," encompassing games, events, arts and crafts. Infants and toddlers were cared for by nursery staff. A teen program included morning discussions and afternoon activities, such as a hike and a gondola ride. Other popular activities for young

people were a continuous media room with video games and a children's game of pool. The child care fund was supported by sales of brightly colored conference T-shirts and hats.

Various recreational excursions were offered each afternoon. Those who had signed up in advance of the conference could go horseback riding, get soaked on a whitewater raft trip, take the waters at Glenwood Hot Springs, or go on a shopping trip to Aspen, a former mining town

and now a popular resort. Many conference goers also found time to see other attractions in the area, such as the wilderness trails at Maroon Bells, noted for its scenic beauty.

Entertainment for conference goers was diverse and lavish. A plenary entertainment session took place on several of the evenings, wherein *Urantia Book* readers shared their talents. A special appearance by singer John Denver was the highlight of Monday night. Tuesday evening featured a square dance. A musical, "Power from Within," created by the Oklahoma readers, was performed on Wednesday. More informal entertainment and socializing took place nightly at "Club UB," at which a variety of performers took the stage, culminating in a jam session each evening by the impromptu "Urantia Band" that packed the dance floor.

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Above: Talent of all ages performed at "Club UB."

Left: John Denver gave a surprise appearance at the "Rocky Mountain High" conference.

Right: Larry Mullins delivers the closing presentation.

Bottom left: Many walks of life and a lot of talent were represented in the play, "The Power Within."

Bottom right: One of the afternoon sessions in progress.





## Arizona Society Installed

by Larry Bowman

Grand Canyon Society for Readers of *The Urantia Book* was installed May 19, 1990 at a festive celebration at the Clarion Hotel at Scottsdale Mall in Scottsdale, Arizona. At a banquet and ceremony, 54 persons helped celebrate the chartering of the first new society into Fifth Epochal Fellowship. Among the celebrants were all but three of the 22 founders and all but one of the 9 charter members of the society. Several other Arizona readers were in attendance, as well as many well-wishers from around the country.

Sue Smith, the society's president, presided over the festivities. Gard Jameson of Nevada offered the opening prayer. This was followed by a talk by Larry Bowman, who briefly traced his family's involvement with the Urantia revelation beginning with his father's attendance in the Forum in the 1920s. Larry outlined how study groups in Arizona have grown, especially in the

past decade. Eric Cosh shared some passages from *The Urantia Book* on the Spirit of Truth; the program was being held on the 1,960th anniversary of its bestowal.

The installation ceremony itself was conducted by Avi Dogim of New York and two other members of the Fellowship's Charter Committee, John Lange of Arkansas and Lucile Faw of California. An especially impressive moment came with the signing of the membership book by all those founders and charter members present, who each then took a candle, lit it, and placed it in a circle. This was accompanied by a recording of "Welcome to the Family," sung by Eric Cosh and Beth Wenger.

David Elders, president of Fifth Epochal Fellowship, gave an address on "Spirit of Truth and Community" and remarked that a living being was created that evening. David especially was very pleased to be in attendance and share in the celebration. The program concluded with Duane Faw of California leading

the group in the reading of the Believer's Prayer.

Grand Canyon Society is composed of members of several study groups, primarily in the Phoenix metropolitan area, but groups in Prescott and Flagstaff are also represented. The society is an outgrowth of Service Opportunity Network, which was created in the mid-1980s as a method of communication among readers and study groups in Arizona. On February 11, 1989, the group signed an application for a charter as a society. During the following 15 months the group developed its constitution and remained steadfast in its dedication to becoming affiliated with Fifth Epochal Fellowship, the former URANTIA Brotherhood.

In addition to Sue Smith as president, other officers are Arley Grubb, vice-president; Larry Bowman, secretary; and Dick Johnson, treasurer. The society's mailing address is P.O. Box 2621, Scottsdale, AZ 85252-2621. An answering machine answers (602) 678-4642.

## Couchiching Society Holds Conference

On June 8-10, the Couchiching URANTIA Society of Ontario held its ninth annual conference at Geneva Park in Orillia, Ontario. Thirty-three people attended to explore the conference theme, which was "Paradigm Shifts: Discovering Anew God's Love in the World."

On Friday evening, the group had a barbecue followed by a society meeting.

Saturday's activities opened with a worship experience after breakfast. This was followed by a presentation by Brent St. Denis entitled "Paradigm Shifts." The essence of Brent's message was thinking globally, acting locally. After lunch, the

group attended several workshops. Cindy Hopper led a workshop on the theme, "Accessing the Universe Mind." Patrick Yesh explored the concept of transferring the seat of one's identity from the ego self to the morontia self in his workshop. In the evening, the group enjoyed entertainment provided by David Hubbard. The entertainment was followed by a remembrance supper ceremony. The night was capped off with a wine and cheese reception.

On Sunday, breakfast was followed by a worship service. Next was a presentation by Sue Tennant entitled "Return-

ing to the Church—the Supreme Challenge." Sue explored the vacuum she sees within the Christian church and the opportunity for students of *The Urantia Book* to fill that vacuum.

A special feature of the conference was a display of magazines and books from the past 100 years. The display illustrated how attitudes can shift radically in just a few decades.

For three people, this will be a conference to remember. During the conference, two attendees saved a boy from drowning in Lake Couchiching. Talk about service opportunities!



## Society Conclave Held

About fifty people, including representatives of Urantia Societies and additional society members, attended this year's Conclave of Societies held at Snowmass on Wednesday, July 4. Eighteen of the twenty-one chartered societies were represented.

The meeting lasted around two hours, and consisted mainly of society representatives relating the effects of the Foundation-Brotherhood split on their groups. This inward focus was in contrast to past Conclaves, where discussion emphasized how the central organization could support local activities through the

societies. One common thread in the experiences of the societies as they dealt with the crisis was that many are now more aware of the significance of their organizational role than in the past. In addition, one resolution was passed recommending to the General Council that steps be taken toward a constitutional convention.

Commented Harry McMullan, outgoing chairman of Domestic Extension Committee, who led the meeting, "Some wonderful ideas and thoughts were brought up, but there was just not nearly enough time." In response to this feeling,

shared by many, a Society Delegate Conclave has been set for next February 15 in Tampa, Florida, immediately prior to the midyear General Council meeting. A full day has been set aside, and for the first time the societies' elected Triennial Delegates and Alternates will serve as representatives to the Conclave, giving them an opportunity to meet and function as a group prior to the summer meeting at which they will elect General Council members and pass resolutions. During the same weekend, delegates will also be invited to observe the General Council meeting. □

## General Council Meeting Follows Conference

The General Council met immediately following the close of the General Conference at Snowmass. Among the items of business conducted at the meeting were the election of Lee Smith, Monterey, CA, to fill a one-year vacancy in the General Council.

Changes at the chair level of the committees include Gard Jameson as chair of the Fraternal Relations Committee, Mo Siegel as chair of the Domestic Extension Committee, and Harry McMullan chair of the Finance Committee.

Committee positions were filled by:

Steve McIntosh, Boulder, CO, Judicial; Cindy Hopper, Toronto, Ontario, Charter; Marvin Gawryn, Seattle, WA, Fraternal Relations; Paula Thompson, Boulder, CO, Domestic Extension; John Hales, Chicago, IL, and Larry Bowman, Phoenix, AZ, International Fellowship; Joan Neumann, Putney, VT, Education; George Sammis, Mason City, IA, and Byron Belitsos, San Francisco, CA, Publications; Barbara Kuliecke, Baileys Harbor, WI, Special Projects; and John Lange, Ft. Smith, AK, and Paul Knott, Boulder, CO, Finance.

Census figures for the membership of FEF as of December 31, 1989, were reported as 989 members of the 20 societies and 255 members-at-large, for a total membership of 1,244.

After hours of deliberation, the General Council voted to invite society delegates/alternates and Area Coordinators to observe the next meeting of the General Council scheduled for February 16-18, 1991, in Tampa, FL.

President David Elders delivered his annual report with comments expressing his gratitude for working with the group during the past year and indicating that we should seek unity as we go forward as an organization.

Guidelines for the use of the Fellowship's mailing list were approved by the General Council. The Council also reviewed and approved a collection of documents responding to the Special Report distributed by URANTIA Foundation. This package of documents will be available to any individual who requests it. In addition, a set of these materials will be sent to Society Presidents and Area Coordinators.

A guideline code of ethics for General Councilors was adopted at this meeting. In the future, these guidelines will be sent to individuals who apply for positions on the General Council.

The ad hoc committee working on the name change for Fifth Epochal Fellowship made a presentation of its efforts.

*See Council on back cover.*

*The General Council determined a strategic direction for the Fellowship based on the Fellowship's constitutional purpose statement. Strategies and goals for each purpose were suggested and are intended to be more fully developed by a broader representation than the General Council.*

### Mission

*The Mission of Fifth Epochal Fellowship is "...to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness, and well-being of Man, as an individual and as a member of society, by fostering a religion, a philosophy and a cosmology which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development, through the medium of fraternal association..."*

### Purposes

I. *Material Purpose:* "...the study and dissemination of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*..."

II. *Mindal Purpose:* "...the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the peoples of the world of the comprehension and understanding of cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe, of the genesis and destiny of Man and his relation to God, and of the teachings of Jesus Christ..."

III. *Spiritual Purpose:* "...the inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man..."



## Area Coordinators Meet

by Linda Coe

Area Coordinators pledged their support to *Urantia Book* study groups and readers in a preconference meeting at Snowmass on June 30.

The mission statement, which was unanimously adopted by the ACs, clarified the program's function of encouraging the activities of study groups. "I believe that hammering out this mission statement was the most important outcome of the meeting," said George Sammis of central Iowa.

Several issues affecting the Urantia movement were aired early in the meeting. "This lively discussion set the personality and overtone of the entire conference," commented Slade Watson of southern Alabama.

The deliberate, cohesive and cooperative tone of the ACs in their meeting bodes well for the attainment of their established goals. Watson said, "I believe these qualities plus the comradeship will allow the group to coalesce into an organization which will provide worldwide support for readers of *The Urantia Book*."

Adding to the international flavor of the meeting was Canadian Brent St. Denis, who lamented that one day was not enough time to fully examine the mission and goals of the AC program. "Still, we got a lot done," he said.

"The discussion was intense; there were disagreements and considerable

debate," said St. Denis, "but the 'esprit de corps' was very obvious."

The meeting agenda itself was the subject of one spirited discussion, led by Australian William Wentworth, one of the most colorful personalities participating. He was in favor of broadening the day's program to include the "consideration of some of the concerns of the ACs themselves."

Wentworth applauded the efforts of Mo Siegel, the moderator, in organizing the day's meeting. "Because of Siegel's leadership, we accomplished our purpose to determine the group's mission and to set goals, and he was happy to accept our request later in the day to broaden the agenda to include a discussion of issues," Wentworth explained. "He deserves credit for that."

Among the issues discussed was the difficulty ACs were experiencing due to the split between Fifth Epochal Fellowship (formerly named URANTIA Brotherhood) and the Foundation. "I see the ceasing of new reader referrals, which had been channeled to us through the Foundation, as the ACs' greatest handicap," added Wentworth.

As strengths, he sees the general dedication of the ACs and the cooperation of the readers and study groups. "Unfortunately, the readers in Australia are greatly scattered, and I know other coordinators who have rather large areas to cover. That is a concern."

There was talk of adopting a resolution stating that the ACs wished a healing of the separation of the Fellowship and the Foundation, but some felt that such action might be misinterpreted as coming from a political coalition, which the AC program is not. The group voted for an individual approach to the challenge, stating that it was best for the group to keep its collective eye on the mission already decided upon. "There was extensive exploration of the problems of ACs in the field: their needs and support requirements; concern over whether ACs represented the Fellowship or the Book or whomever; and whether ACs should establish study groups as well as encourage and support study group activities."

Another issue was the quiet speculation as to the role of the FEF General Council leaders in determining what the



Area Coordinators George Sammis, Iowa; Linda Coe, Texas; and Tim Young, Iowa, pause while taking time out from the lively discussions in the June 30 meeting.

function of the ACs would be. "In that respect, the FEF leadership exercised great restraint," commented John Hyde of northeast Texas. "The ACs as a group were given complete freedom to determine their mission and the methods they would use to accomplish it," he said. "The one or two comments of the Fellowship's officers were a positive contribution and were totally appropriate."

Hyde gives an example of an officer deferring to the group's wishes, even though his personal views conflicted. "In the subcommittee meeting charged with drafting the final version of the mission statement, the committee's head, Harry McMullan, accepted a version other than the one he personally supported. McMullan recognized what he needed to do, and he supported the more popular one. The result of that committee's work was then accepted unanimously by the ACs in the larger meeting."

Other comments by ACs included this one from Claudia Ayers of California: "I know that the progress with the AC program is slow. No new group or committee can have consensus and not be slow. I think we discussed the most

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### Area Coordinators Adopt Mission Statement

The Area Coordinators' mission is to establish and maintain contact with local *Urantia Book* readers and study groups, and to encourage and support them in their *Urantia Book* activities.

Specific goals and strategies were developed for two key purposes:

1. Finding and nurturing new readers.
2. Networking Area Coordinators, study groups, the Fellowship, and new readers.



## Comments on the 1990 International Conference

The *Bulletin* asked a number of readers for their thoughts on the conference experience. We would welcome additional comments to be printed in the next issue. Address them to the *Bulletin* Editor, Fifth Epochal Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, and please indicate if you desire that your name be withheld.

### Fellowship

"Even in the main talks, there was a sharing of a personal encounter with God."

"I loved the sharing of brotherhood and love."

"I came to meet people, and my hand is tired from writing addresses."

"I felt explosive energy—each person was radiating it."

"The fellowship feeling has been beautiful."

### Programs and Activities

"A marvelous conference, quite well organized, very good programs."

"The speeches were beautiful."

"The people setting up worked incredibly hard. We take it for granted, but it's all being done by conference attenders."

"The kids had a great time at Camp Snowmass—hiking, swimming, arts and crafts. Every day was a different topic."

"The talent and the entertainment were fantastic—I can't believe I have such talented friends."

"There were so many creative minds—I had goosebumps the entire time."

"I glowed all night long after the play—it was truly professional."

"The music was soul-satisfying."

"Superb. You couldn't do it better in your wildest dreams. The quality of the presentations, activities, fellowship...it all blended very well."

"It was great to see all the children. It's a very good trend. I'd like to see more effort to make it possible for families to attend, and people from other parts of the country. But my criticism is 1% of 100."

### Unity

"This conference gave us spiritual momentum that's moving us beyond any disagreements of a political nature."

"The enthusiasm here is so great that the political issues are just irrelevant."

"It was sort of a healing process."

"I wish the Trustees had been here."

"People realized that the movement is alive and well."

*"Religion has little chance to function until the religious group becomes separated from all other groups—the social association of the spiritual membership of the kingdom of heaven." (1891)*

### International Conference (continued from page 2)

As at previous conferences, artwork and publications by *Urantia Book* readers were on display. These included books, newsletters, paintings, prints and jewelry. Morning and evening worship sessions, and a plenary thanksgiving worship service to end the conference on Thursday, rounded out the schedule of offerings.

As is usual when readers from around the world are assembled in one place, a variety of organizational meetings were fitted into the week's events. Many of the nine standing committees held their required meetings during this time. A Conclave of Societies took place on Wednesday afternoon. Area Coordinators met on the Saturday preceding the conference, while the General Council and Executive Committee met afterwards. (See stories elsewhere in this issue.)

Attendees who had also been to Snowmass Village for the 1981 conference found similarities and differences. As before, accommodations consisted of

hotels, condominiums and camping. However, instead of the striped tent which had housed the plenary sessions the first time, conference-goers met in the new Snowmass Conference Center, which featured a ballroom bedecked with international flags, banners bearing quotations from *The Urantia Book*, and a well-appointed stage with professional sound and lighting equipment. Cafeteria-style meal service was new, with dining taking place in a rooftop garden. Stair climbing from level to level of the mountainside village gave attendees a workout, and ice water was freely available to counter the effects of the dry air.

Many who attended the conference commented that in a number of ways, it was the most successful so far, both in terms of organization and in a spiritual sense—especially coming as it did on the heels of a watershed year for the community of readers, with many feeling deep concern for the future of the movement. □

Mariachi band serenades at Mexican-style dinner.



Club UB became a popular after-hours entertainment spot for everyone.



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*"The social ship has steamed out of the sheltered bays of established tradition and has begun its cruise upon the high seas of evolutionary destiny." (1886)*

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## Societies Express Their Views

by Avi Dogim

*Editor's note: This article follows up on a previous notice in the Bulletin regarding society affiliation.*

Eighteen out of twenty-one URANTIA Societies were represented at the Society Conclave during the General Conference in July, 1990 at Snowmass, Colorado. Although some concerns were expressed by a number of representatives about the way the former Brotherhood had conducted some of its business around the time of the recent Brotherhood/Foundation split, the general consensus was in support of Fifth Epochal Fellowship.

Criticism leveled at the central organization had to do mostly with what was perceived as its failure to elicit enough input from the "grass roots" and to communicate enough information to its members as the Brotherhood and the Foundation headed toward a major confrontation. It was evident, nevertheless,

that the societies represented, despite some of these misgivings, would rather remain affiliated with a basically democratic, if imperfect, organization.

The three societies not represented were the Finnish URANTIA Society, URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley and First URANTIA Society of Western Springs. As of this writing, it appears that two—the Finnish Society and URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley—have joined URANTIA Brotherhood Association, the recently created organ of the Foundation.

Although all of the societies present remain affiliated with Fifth Epochal Fellowship, the majority have not made a formal declaration in that regard and seem to prefer, at least for the time being, to continue their affiliation with both the former Brotherhood and the Foundation. Only one society, Glenview, terminated its licensing agreement with the Foundation.

Some society representatives felt that the structure of the former Brotherhood needs to be examined and possibly changed so as to provide for a better balance of power, and some advocated direct society representation on the General Council. A number expressed the view that General Council meetings ought to be open to Fellowship members.

Given the tenor of the Society Conclave, as well as that of the General Council meeting which followed, it is clear that these issues will be thoroughly discussed in the coming year.

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*As this issue of the Bulletin was going to press, URANTIA Foundation sent a letter to societies stating that societies must soon decide whether or not to become affiliated with URANTIA Brotherhood Association and that affiliation with both the Fellowship and URANTIA Brotherhood Association is not permissible.*

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## Second Outreach Roundtable Held

by George Sammis

Snowmass Conference – July, 1990. Continuing with a good idea, representatives from many of the outreach groups met in an open forum to discuss progress of the past and goals for the future. The first meeting, held February 11, 1989, in joint session with the General Council, was conducted in an effort to see how these active organizations might work together harmoniously.

This year's gathering was characterized by a spirit of hearty cooperation and the desire to support and interface effectively with one another. Harry McMullan moderated the meeting hosted by the Domestic Extension Committee of Fifth Epochal Fellowship.

An air of enthusiasm prevailed as it became evident that the attitude of the Fellowship's central organization is supportive of all activities connected with the dissemination and teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

Representatives attended from the following groups and publications: Archangel Publishing; Asoka Foundation; Brotherhood of Man Library; Center for URANTIA Book Synergy (publisher of *Inner Spirit Outreach*, *Synergist*); Christian Fellowship for Students of *The Urantia Book*; Dallas Fellowship (publisher of *The Circles Magazine*, *Adventures in Spiritual Living*); Familist Fellowship; High Reach Press; Jesusonian Foundation (Good Cheer Press); Latham Pub-

lishing; Morning Star Foundation; New Age Book Store of Austin; School of Meanings and Values; *Square Peg Journal*; and Telecosm. An update on the Family of God Foundation was also given.

It was decided that the Outreach Roundtable is both informative and productive and that this informal process should be continued in regular meetings as an independent annual gathering at the summer workshops.

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For more information about any or all of these groups and publications, contact Fifth Epochal Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614.

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## Area Coordinator Meeting (continued from page 5)

important subjects based on the agenda we had to cover."

Christopher Lepine from northeast Colorado said: "What we did, we did well, but it didn't encompass everything we needed to do."

To address that problem, Inez Finstad from the state of Washington suggested regional AC meetings which would deal with issues relating to the ACs in a certain area of the nation or the world.

William Wentworth, the Crocodile

Dundee among *Urantia Book* readers, summed it up. "As far as we Area Coordinators are concerned, we are all very new and we have a lot to learn, and we know we have a lot to learn. I'm just glad we have each other to help with this work."



*"What is human experience? It is simply any interplay between an active and questioning self and any other active and external reality." (\*1129)*

## CONFERENCES

May 17-19, 1991, Scientific Symposium II,  
"Man's Increasing Control." Oklahoma  
City University, Oklahoma City, OK.

### Letters to the Editor Requested

Participants in the 1990 General Conference are invited to send a brief "letter to the editor" regarding their view of the 1990 Conference in Snowmass. Please write and share your thoughts. Not all letters will necessarily be printed, but we will seek to include a representative sample.

*"A group of mortals can experience spiritual unity, but they can never attain philosophic uniformity." (\*1129)*

### General Council Meeting

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The General Council agreed that it should continue its efforts and report its progress at the February 1991 meeting.

John Hay, Boulder, CO, was given a standing ovation by the Council members for his superb leadership and excellent work on the International Conference just ended. His support team was likewise commended.

An ad hoc committee charged with examining programs and services of Fifth Epochal Fellowship presented its findings to the General Council. The plan, based on the purpose statement in the Fellowship's constitution, was generated as a starting framework for broader participation among the members of the Fellowship. (See box on page 4.)

The committee will meet again in September to discuss broader participation among the membership in the strategic planning process.

The final action of the General Council was to pass a resolution requiring that service and the willingness to serve be the basic requirement for international Area Coordinators rather than membership in the Fellowship. While it was deemed preferable that, whenever possible, candidates for international AC positions be members, it was concluded that in appropriate circumstances the Executive Committee could appoint candidates who were not formally members. □

### - Call for Papers -

#### SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM II "Man's Increasing Control"

The second in a planned series of three scientific symposiums is scheduled to take place on the weekend of May 17-19, 1991, at Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK. The well-attended and highly acclaimed Scientific Symposium I was held in Nashville, TN, in May of 1988 and had as its theme, "Man's Augmenting Vision." Reprints of these talks are available in a special edition of the *Journal*, which may be ordered from Fellowship headquarters at \$5.00 per copy (U.S. funds). The final symposium in the series, to be held a few years later, will carry the theme, "Man's Universe Integration."

Speakers with backgrounds in technology, natural sciences, or physical sciences are invited to give presentations on how man is mastering his environment through technology.

Submit specific topics and a proposed outline to: Scientific Symposium II, Fifth Epochal Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614. One of the conference organizers will contact you.

### What was that word?

**SELFLESSNESS**—The quality of having little or no concern for oneself, especially with regard for fame, position or money.

"The coming of the Spirit of Truth purifies the human heart and leads the recipient to formulate a life purpose single to the will of God and the welfare of men. The material spirit of selfishness has been swallowed up in this new spiritual bestowal of selflessness." (\*2065)

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Fifth Epochal Fellowship is dedicated to the study and dissemination of the teachings of *The Urantia Book* and to the growing fellowship among readers.

Your continuing moral and financial support is greatly appreciated. Contributions to Fifth Epochal Fellowship are tax deductible.

### Secondary Works Resource Guide Now Available

The *Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book*, a listing of various works related to *The Urantia Book*, is now available and can be obtained by sending \$3.00 (U.S. funds) to the Fellowship offices with a written request for the booklet.

### Conference Presentations

Presentations from the 1990 International Conference at Snowmass/Aspen will be made available in the *Journal of Fifth Epochal Fellowship*. Subscribers and conference attendees will receive the issues at no additional cost. There were approximately 50 separate presentations given at the conference, many of which will be included in the *Journal*. More information about the availability of the conference presentations will be provided in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

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