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Fellowship drops Post Office box. For convenience, the Fellowship has dropped its Post Office box and all mail will now come to the 529 Wrightwood address. □

This informal photo of Forum members was taken at a summer picnic in the late 1940s.

Oral History Interviews to Begin

by Barbara Kulieke

"Every true relationship of mortal man with other persons—human or divine—is an end in itself." (*1228:3) An oral history now being gathered by the Special Projects Committee will add the dimension of personality experience to the history of our movement.

The idea for the project originated out of resolutions by the 1985 and 1988 Triennial Delegate Assemblies. The project consists of taped interviews with early readers of *The Urantia Book*. As the invitation to participate states: "An oral history is a narrative of events and experiences of the people who participated in the activities of the time. This is much different from what can be found in organizational records, minutes of meetings, and memos." A recent U.S. television documentary on the Civil War serves as a vivid illustration of the power of personal narrative as a story-telling technique.

Interviews will be voluntary. Committee Chair Bob Bruyn will mail a letter introducing the project to those who par-

ticipated in the Forum, the group who studied the Urantia papers before the book was published. At that time, from 1924 to 1955, the revelation had to be kept in strictest confidence. The purpose of the oral history project is "not to uncover secrets, but to get a sense of personal experience."

A member of the Special Projects Committee will follow up on each letter to answer questions and schedule, prepare, and conduct interviews. At first, only a few interviews will be conducted one by one so that the committee can learn from each interview. Then more interviews will be conducted. The Special Projects Committee and central office staff have located forty individuals still living who were members of the Forum. All will be contacted as the project progresses.

All aspects of the interviews, including topics discussed and material retained by the Fellowship, will be mutually agreed to by those involved.

The Fellowship will copyright tapes from the project. They can be used for historical research and as source material for the Fellowship's videotaped history of the movement, first published as a slide-tape in 1980. Oral history tapes will be made available to interviewees and their families if desired.

The first interviews will be the culmination of two years' work of defining the project, interview format, and list of Forum members. Interview topics include personal background; introduction to the Urantia papers; Forum meetings; people reading the papers; *The Urantia Book* and you; *The Urantia Book* itself; the Fifties; the future. Interviewers will be well prepared. Family and friends of the interviewees are invited to participate.

We anticipate stimulating and inspiring interchanges based on conversations with long-time readers over the years. To have these moments of personality association on modern videotape will be a treasure. □

"The true believer does not grow weary in well-doing just because he is thwarted. Difficulty whets the ardor of the truth lover, while obstacles only challenge the exertions of the undaunted kingdom builder." (1740)

1991 Summer Seminars Set for Lake Forest

by Dan Massey

The beautiful tree-lined campus of Lake Forest College, in Lake Forest, Illinois, on the shores of Lake Michigan, is the scene of the 1991 Intensive Summer Seminars. This five-day program of study and fellowship is sponsored by the Education and Fraternal Relations Committees. The seminars begin on Sunday, June 23, with an opening worship program and continue through midday Thursday, June 27. Readers interested in attending and/or participating in the program should complete and return the preregistration form located on the back cover.

This summer's Education Committee program will focus on studying the first half of Part IV of *The Urantia Book*, including Papers 120 through 157. These papers cover the first three phases of Jesus' life—his childhood, his youth and advancing manhood, and his early ministry as the Son of Man. The fourth stage, in which he acknowledged his divinity and embraced the labors of his last year of earthly life, will be the subject

of seminar study in the summer of 1992.

In keeping with the educational theme of the Summer Seminars, the 1991 program will specially emphasize Jesus' example as a master teacher—in his interactions with his family, with his immediate associates, and with the public. Presentations will include plenary sessions on various facets of the seminar theme, in-depth presentations on specific subjects, and group study of specific topics and papers. Seminar attendees are encouraged to share their ideas and interpretations by leading as well as participating in parts of the program.

A portion of the week's activities will be sponsored by the Fraternal Relations Committee. These sessions have traditionally provided an opportunity for readers of *The Urantia Book* to interact with members of the clergy having varying backgrounds and perspectives on the revelation. The committee plans this year to offer an Urmia-style forum in which representatives of widely differing religions and philosophies are invited to

discuss their distinct approaches to a shared belief in a supreme Deity.

The sponsoring committees believe the planned program will provide a refreshing period of study and renewal, affording readers from all over the world the opportunity to meet and to fellowship together. The seminar week provides a relaxing contrast to the intense organizational focus of the TDA, which immediately precedes the seminars, and the triennial meeting of the General Council, which immediately follows. Many Triennial Delegate Assembly (TDA) delegates, Council members, and their families will be staying on campus throughout the week.

All readers of *The Urantia Book* are invited to attend this special event and to participate in the program as presenters, group facilitators, and conductors of worship. Although anyone can attend this event, and walk-in registrations will be accepted, you should return the preregistration form now to help the committees plan for your participation. □

Publications Committee to Expand and Redesign *The Journal*

The Publications Committee will be expanding and redesigning the *Journal of Fifth Epochal Fellowship*. The revised publication is slated to begin distribution in the second quarter of 1991. In the past the *Journal* has published predominantly philosophical articles. The expanded version will include other types of prose and artistic expression as well.

The *Journal* was originated in 1976 under Paul Snider, then president of URANTIA Brotherhood. David Elders, Mary Lou Hales and Linda Buselli were the original editors of the *Journal*. Peter Lawrence joined David Elders in recent years as editor. The editors of the *Journal* have maintained a consistently high standard of excellence, and have published quarterly issues for fourteen years without missing an issue. Their diligent work and persistent pursuit of excellence are both acknowledged and greatly appreciated by the Publications Committee

which will now oversee its continued publication.

The new mission of the *Journal* is to be a literary and artistic, as well as philosophical and investigative, publication for readers of *The Urantia Book*. The entries will consist of poetry; creative prose, including short fiction; and a wider array of types of essays. In addition to the philosophical prose of the current *Journal*, the editors also expect to receive scientific articles, speculative pieces based on issues in *The Urantia Book*, and a broad range of persuasive and expository pieces. Additionally, black and white artwork and photographs will be included in what will be more of a magazine format.

The editorial staff responsible for submissions is currently composed of people from various parts of the country. The editors include Byron Belitsos (San Francisco), Bob Buselli (Indianapolis), Nancy

Johnson (Dallas), and managing editor, David Kulieke (Chicago). All are currently members of the Publications Committee, chaired by Jim Johnston (Tampa).

The new magazine will be a high-quality publication of approximately 16 pages, one that will lend itself to an attractive presentation of photos and artwork. It is planned to be printed twice in the first year but, if interest and submission warrant, could be published more frequently. The subscription price is expected to be \$8.00 annually. (Previous subscribers will be credited on a pro rata basis.)

Until the inaugural issue of the new *Journal*, two bridge issues containing presentations from the 1990 General Conference at Snowmass will be issued to *Journal* subscribers and conference attendees. Each issue is available separately for \$5.00 and may be ordered from the Fellowship office in Chicago. □

URANTIA Societies Determine Organizational Affiliation

Seventeen of twenty-one societies remain with the Fellowship

by Geri Johnson, Charter Committee

In an August 1, 1990 letter to each URANTIA Society, URANTIA Foundation required "...that each Society decide whether it will remain affiliated with the Foundation and become affiliated with URANTIA Brotherhood Association. Societies must also decide whether they will refrain from maintaining or establishing any relationship or affiliation with, or participating in, activities or events sponsored by F.E.F. or any other organization found to be acting in a fashion not consistent with the guiding policies and purposes of the Foundation. This limitation applies, of course, only to acts taken by your Society as an organization or through its official representatives." The Foundation felt this decision necessary to clarify "...some confusion respecting the obligations of Societies under their license agreements with URANTIA Foundation." "In making this decision, it is important for Societies to appreciate that aligning with URANTIA Brotherhood Association is a requirement for continuing as licensee..." The Foundation further states, for reasons they say are explained in the April, 1990 "Special Report to the Readers of *The URANTIA Book*," that "...the Foundation must ensure that the licensed marks are not used by any organization acting under, in concert with, or otherwise affiliated with F.E.F."

Reactions and responses to the Foundation's request have been varied. The purpose of this article is to review each society's concerns, attitudes, and/or actions which culminated in their decision.

Of the 21 existing societies, 20 had signed the licensing agreement and were petitioned by URANTIA Foundation. At the time of this writing, 15 societies had responded either in writing or had verbally expressed their intent. The newly created Grand Canyon Society for Readers of *The Urantia Book* chartered directly with the Fellowship in May, 1990 and thus did not receive a letter from the Foundation, as the group had never signed a licensing agreement with them.

Members of First URANTIA Society voted in November, 1989 to affirm

"...their affiliation with Fifth Epochal Fellowship, the successor organization to URANTIA Brotherhood..." and reaffirmed that decision in October, 1990 by choosing not to reopen the issue of affiliation. First Society reported that two written requests for specific information about URANTIA Brotherhood Association, such as constitution, outline of structure, list of officers and committees, and articles of incorporation, have yielded only the articles. "No other document listing a set of URANTIA Foundation Principles has been presented to the Society for approval." The society notes it has never been cited for any violation of the licensing agreement. Members of First URANTIA Society have "...concluded that no breach on the part of the Society of the Licensing Agreement had occurred."

*"Men must arrive at their own decisions. There is a certain range of the freedom of choice which mortals may exercise. The forces of the spiritual world will not coerce man; they allow him to go the way of his own choosing." (*1802)*

Responding to a November, 1989 letter from the Trustees, the Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago convened in a special meeting in January, 1990 and voted unanimously to affiliate with Fifth Epochal Fellowship. The Orvonton Governing Committee recalled the society's original attitude toward the licensing agreement, considering it "...a poorly conceived document, lacking clarity of language, excessively legalistic in tone and a potential vehicle for arbitrary intrusive interference in the activities of our group." The society, however, signed the licensing agreement in what they called "the spirit of cooperation." They now reflect: "Our concerns have now proved only too valid. We are glad that the Licensing Agreement will now be terminated."

Fort Wayne Society, formerly Fort Wayne URANTIA Society, communicated in January, 1990 their resolutions affirming support for the General Council decisions, for the Fellowship, and for "...the principles for which Urantia Foundation was founded and the purposes stated in the Declaration of Trust." They recently reconfirmed this decision stating: "We recognize Fifth Epochal Fellowship as consisting of the readers and leaders of the Urantia movement and choose, therefore, to continue to affiliate with those who constitute the vast majority of reader believers." In so doing, the Fort Wayne Society voluntarily discontinued use of the name "URANTIA" from its title and will not use the symbol of Michael to identify its group.

URANTIA Society of Glenview drafted a 12-point letter to the Foundation in June, 1990 summarizing their background and involvement with URANTIA Foundation, the former URANTIA Brotherhood, and the development and acceptance of the licensing agreement. The Glenview Society stressed that for 33 years they demonstrated "...a stable pattern of unquestionable loyalty to the purposes of URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood." They signed the licensing agreement knowing it "...contained a number of statements and implications that we all knew to be falsehoods..." in trust, believing "...the words 'protect' and 'benefit' primarily to mean that the Foundation would endeavor to protect the integrity of the concentric circles symbol as a sacred symbol." Because of subsequent actions taken by the Foundation, Glenview states "...we have become aware with a new and stunning clarity that the Foundation regards the licensing agreement to be an entirely commercial agreement having no spiritual significance..." "Had we known in 1978...that our signature on the licensing agreement would have the effect of secularizing the concentric circles symbol, and turning the word 'Urantia' into a mere commercial trademark, the Society would not for a

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"It is just because the gospel of Jesus was so many-sided that within a few centuries students of the records of his teachings became divided up into so many cults and sects. This pitiful subdivision of Christian believers results from failure to discern in the Master's manifold teachings the divine oneness of his matchless life. But someday the true believers in Jesus will not be thus spiritually divided in their attitude before unbelievers. Always we may have diversity of intellectual comprehension and interpretation, even varying degrees of socialization, but lack of spiritual brotherhood is both inexcusable and reprehensible." (*1866)

single moment have considered signing the agreement." The Glenview Society charges the URANTIA Foundation with creating long-term confusion, perpetuating misleading statements and failure to live up to its obligations. Effective July 4, 1990 the URANTIA Society of Glenview canceled and terminated the licensing agreement with URANTIA Foundation.

"Man can never wisely decide temporal issues or transcend the selfishness of personal interests unless he meditates in the presence of the sovereignty of God and reckons with the realities of divine meanings and spiritual values." (*1093)

Also in June, 1990 Couchiching URANTIA Society of Ontario passed several resolutions stating they will remain affiliated with the Fellowship, successor-in-interest to the former URANTIA Brotherhood, and will maintain their obligations according to the licensing agreement with URANTIA Foundation. The members of the Ontario society, considering the current situation unacceptable, called upon the leaders of URANTIA Foundation and the Fellowship to practice forgiveness, to seek interpersonal as well as organizational healing, and to submit to an impartial conciliation process or resign. While the Ontario society intends "...to continue to assist the Foundation to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of *The Urantia Book*..." they believe "...the integrity of *The Urantia Book* is best protected by the widespread distribution of *Urantia Books* and the goodwill support of growing numbers of readers."

In a speedy reply to the Foundation's August request, members of the society in Alaska wrote: "The Northern Light URANTIA Society of Alaska does not wish to participate in your attempt to polarize what precious few readers there are in this movement. We wish to sup-

port and affiliate with both the Foundation, and the FEF." The Alaska society requested clarification on the following: (a) being asked to commit to a new organization that as yet has no written purpose, charter or constitution; (b) to further understand "...with language from our licensing agreement and not from your 'Special Report'..." how the society's affiliation with FEF would violate the licensing agreement; (c) the damage to the movement "...by splitting with the largest, strongest, most effective fellowship of readers..."; and (d) on the Foundation's apparent attempt "...to use the licensing agreements to control all aspects of the movement." Northern Light URANTIA Society of Alaska asked for responses to their concerns before making a "mutually exclusive affiliation."

URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut (USCC) responded succinctly with the following: "At a duly constituted meeting of USCC, we have affirmed our continuing affiliation with Fifth Epochal Fellowship, the successor-in-interest to URANTIA Brotherhood, pursuant to and in proper conformance with Section 8 of said Licensing Agreement. Accordingly, we have been advised and are in turn advising you that USCC is not in breach of the Licensing Agreement."

URANTIA Society of Greater New York determined they would be in breach of contract if they did not remain affiliated with "...URANTIA Brotherhood, now known as Fifth Epochal Fellowship..." The New York society asserts that the licensing agreement does not provide the Foundation "...with the authority to require our Society to affiliate with any organization other than Fifth Epochal Fellowship..." or "...to prohibit our Society from maintaining or establishing relationships with additional groups of our own choosing." They contend such demands exceed the Foundation's contractual rights, constituting a breach of contract, and requested redress within 30 days from the date of their letter. "Failure to do so will result in termination of the Licensing Agreement."

In a letter to the Foundation, the Dallas society reported that its members had decided to decline the option of affiliating with the Foundation and the Brotherhood Association. The society thereby remains affiliated with the Fellowship.

Reiterating their November, 1989 decision, Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship (formerly Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver) chose to stay affiliated with the Fellowship. The Colorado society added that they perceive the Foundation's directives "...often seem to be based in attitudes of fear and anger, power and control...." "Since these are not Jesusonian attitudes, we can not base our actions on your request." "So, being willing, as Jesus advised on page 1571, to suffer injustice rather than go before the law with one another, we hereby surrender the name Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver...and will discontinue the use of the symbol of Michael of Nebadon to identify our organization."

First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma declared "...that Urantia Foundation is in breach of Section 8 of the Licensing Agreement and hereby revokes all agreements and licenses in effect with Urantia Foundation."

"Men who prefer optimistic illusions to reality can never become wise. Only those who face facts and adjust them to ideals can achieve wisdom." (*1779)

Keith Graham, president of Pilot Light URANTIA Society of Seattle, stated in a telephone conversation that Seattle society members voted "by overwhelming majority" to affiliate with the Fellowship. Seattle members reacted strongly to the "insistence of exclusivity" and were "...opposed to the insistence to join an organization without knowing anything about that organization."

Evergreen URANTIA Society of Washington prefaced all statements by noting

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*"I do not promise to deliver you from the waters of adversity, but I do promise to go with you through all of them." (*2767)*

they have always been friends of the Foundation, have never violated any of the twelve requirements of the Licensing Agreement or at any time in their 20 years as a chartered society "...ever committed any actions which jeopardized the copyrights or the registered marks, either as individuals or as a group." Feeling placed in a position which is unfair and unacceptable, the Evergreen Society voted: (a) not to give "...total allegiance to a new association which is only proposed"; (b) not to cancel "...our solemn commitment made in the past with our established organization, URANTIA Brotherhood (now known as Fifth Epochal Fellowship); and (c) to "...reserve the right to fraternize with any organization we deem to be appropriate...."

San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society notified the Foundation that at its semiannual business meeting the group "voted unanimously (with one abstention) to decline your invitation to join the 'Urantia Brotherhood Association.'" The society stated that it remains affiliated with the Fellowship.

"The members of the Heart of America URANTIA Society of Kansas City decided to decline affiliation with" the Brotherhood Association. The members also expressed their belief that the society was "not in breach of the Licensing Agreement."

*"Is courage—strength of character—desirable? Then must man be reared in an environment which necessitates grappling with hardships and reacting to disappointments." (*51)*

First URANTIA Society of Houston has not responded to the Foundation letter and, thus, retains affiliation with the Fellowship.

First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles (FUSLA) is "in transition," says new president, Jeff Keys. "After much discussion" FUSLA members in attendance at a recent meeting voted 20 to 17 to send a letter of intent to affiliate with URANTIA Brotherhood Association. However,

to effect this affiliation it will require a constitutional amendment which must be passed by a two-thirds vote of the members.

A November, 1989 letter to the Fellowship outlined the Finnish URANTIA Society's position declaring that they would remain "...a URANTIA organization authorized and licensed to use URANTIA Foundation marks and symbols." The Finnish Society does not consider Fifth Epochal Fellowship to be a

*"This rule of the Most Highs in the kingdoms of men is not for the especial benefit of any especially favored group of mortals. There is no such thing as a 'chosen people.' The rule of the Most Highs, the overcontrollers of political evolution, is a rule designed to foster the greatest good to the greatest number of all men and for the greatest length of time." (*1488)*

URANTIA organization, considers URANTIA Brotherhood dissolved, and will not participate in any events organized by the Fellowship.

In a similar attitude URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley "...passed unanimously by all members present..." a resolution to affirm affiliation with the newly created URANTIA Brotherhood Association. The San Fernando Society's three-point resolution stated that they are not, nor ever have been, affiliated with the Fellowship; that they do not recognize the Fellowship as the successor to URANTIA Brotherhood; and request "...that any and all assets of the former URANTIA Brotherhood now being held by Fifth Epochal Fellowship be turned over to URANTIA Brotherhood Association via the URANTIA Foundation...." The San Fernando Valley Society letter recaps their perspective of the events surrounding the dissolution of the Foundation/Brotherhood relationship charging the officers and Executive Committee to have "...defaulted in their trust as leaders of the URANTIA Brotherhood..." and "...to the individuals involved in the

default of trust, we implore you to repent of your actions, resign your positions and pledge yourselves to work at the organization level of study groups."

First URANTIA Society of Western Springs verbally expressed their desire to remain affiliated with URANTIA Foundation.

For some society members, the decisions were clear; for others debatable, problematic, discouraging. For all it was painful. While some have elevated and compared the dissolution of the URANTIA Foundation/Brotherhood relationship—and subsequently the society affiliation issue—to a spiritual battle, others viewed it as evolutionary change. The gamut of feelings is wide and deep—often to the core of our beliefs. Many societies have had members resign in response to their society's alignment. In a few instances, even study groups have felt the impact. It is safe to assume that every society member voted prayerfully, aware of the impact upon the movement and desirous to be in concert with the will of our Father.

The challenge is before us. Will we allow ourselves to become sectarian or will we live the ideals of spiritual fraternity we espouse? Will our political and social group affiliations hinder our loving friendships and our working cooperation in the dissemination of the truths of the Fifth Epochal Revelation? Will it be said of us: "They learned to differ, to contend, to pray, and to compromise, and through it all to remain sympathetic with the other person's viewpoint and to maintain at least some degree of tolerance for his honest opinion?" (*1625) Or will we isolate ourselves from each other?

Many societies alluded to what the Fort Wayne and Rocky Mountain societies expressed so clearly: "We wish to deal with you only in love and we pray for you, one and all, to find the Father's will in these difficult situations." □

*"The act is ours; the consequences God's." (*556)*

1990 Conference Critique

The following are excerpts from letters received by the Fellowship with comments concerning the Snowmass conference experience.

I want to thank you for making my first conference a truly memorable event. "Walking with God" was truly worthy of our Father and I know in my heart that He is pleased with the tremendous effort that each of you made.

—Lloyd Nye, Brownsville, TX

The Snowmass conference was wonderful! Thank you!

—Audrey Ayers, Guatemala

The Snowmass Conference was fantastic. I especially appreciated a more religious tone that I hadn't seen before.

—Preston Thomas, Earlysville, VA

Thanks all of you for an absolutely wonderful conference in Colorado!

—Ellen B. Walker, Elkton, MD

The Conference was the best I ever attended!...In addition to the inspiration and excitement of the conference itself, I find a deep personal response...of an enhanced motivation to share our wonderful *Urantia Book* with even more people during the coming year!...One of the lovely consequences of attending the Conference is that...I recognize names and faces of the people I met when I see them...or read them...or hear them...I regret that I couldn't actually get to know everyone personally!...Must we wait 3 years for another one?

—Patije Mills, Sarasota, FL

Thank you...and your support staff for

the wonderful conference at Snowmass. It was the best ever.

—Dana Poole, Indianapolis, IN

What a marvelous conference! I believe most of us left not only enlightened but with a spiritual "high" which will sustain us for some time to come. Thanks to all for all your work, planning and participation. I'm looking forward to the next conference!

—Ron Miller, Oakland, CA

I have been a "casual" reader of *The Urantia Book* for a number of years...My wife, son and I attended the international conference at Snowmass this summer and enjoyed it tremendously....As a result, we decided it was time for more serious study, and to spread the enthusiasm we feel for the revelation. Our study group was officially begun on September 14th....

—Dan Ellis, Plymouth, MA

We would like to express our appreciation for the hard work, time and thought that went into the planning and organization of such a large conference. We had a wonderful time but upon reflection, it occurred to us that there was tremendous emotion involved...It became apparent that it was not entirely spiritual...Recognizing that a spiritual transition is naturally accompanied by an emotional high, perhaps more attention should have been paid to the balancing effects of relaxation, meditation, intellectual exchange, sharing and true worship.

—Geoff Taylor, Vince Pernicano, Kathy Norenberg, Julie Dubuc
Winnipeg, Canada



Provisions were made at the conference for numerous common-interest groups to develop contacts and enrich their awarenesses by the sharing of ideas.

THE BULLETIN WELCOMES YOUR LETTERS AND INPUT

"And since wisdom is superknowledge, it follows that, in the union of wisdom, the social group, small or large, mutually shares all knowledge." (*1776)

"Have you thought about the possibility of...?"

"When you're making your decision about ...could you also include...?"

"I wonder what would happen if we...."

"I've never understood why...."

There is a wealth of wisdom and refreshing new ideas within our readership which could benefit all. The General Council is always willing to listen to your input so their decisions about future actions will accurately reflect and support the higher ideals of students of the *Urantia* revelation. "All strive, personally strive, in the achievement; all participate, personally participate, in the destiny." (*1276)

Social organizations progress and become more effective when outlets are provided for the sharing of ideas. Good ideas feed upon themselves and multiply; oftentimes combining them produces greater results with less effort. Small suggestions often help eliminate the kinks in otherwise great ideas.

We hope you will avail yourselves of this outlet to share your ideas, large or small. If appropriate, replies will be included.

"Always will actuals be opening up new avenues of the realization of hitherto impossible potentials—every human decision not only actualizes a new reality in human experience but also opens up a new capacity for human growth." (1263)

Fraternal Relations Committee Update

The Fraternal Relations Committee (FRC) has had an eventful year thus far. At the summer conference in Snowmass, Colorado, the General Council elected Gard Jameson to succeed Peter Laurence as chair of the FRC. Also at the conference, the FRC held a fruitful meeting with clergy interested in *The Urantia Book*. Meredith Sprunger, a former member and chair of the committee as well as a retired minister, assisted in organizing and chairing the meeting with the clergy. During the meeting, Meredith announced the creation of a forthcoming newsletter which will focus on the interaction of the Christian tradition and *The Urantia Book*. For further information on this seminal work please see the insert box at right.

A meeting was also held at Snowmass bringing together the thinking of a Baptist minister and a Hindu devotee. This seminar was enlightening in that it demonstrated some striking similarities between two apparently dissimilar traditions.

The Fraternal Relations Committee is now soliciting articles for upcoming issues of *The Journal*. The focus of these articles may be on either the tenets of a particular faith tradition or, more importantly, reflections on the biography of

adherents of those traditions. Theology as biography is an inspiring way in which to enter into another faith tradition. Just as Christianity does not exist without the biography of Jesus, so each faith tradition on the planet is a reflection of the biographies of its great men and women exemplars. If you have someone in mind whose biography you would like to share with others, please submit your articles to the Fraternal Relations Committee at the Fellowship office address.

On a personal note, Peter Laurence, a current member and former chair of

committee, was recently appointed to the Directorship of the Temple of Understanding, an interfaith organization that has played a pivotal role in developing many of the programs that have led to the growth of the interfaith movement worldwide. Prior to this appointment Peter served as director of the Interfaith Center at Wainwright House in Rye, New York. Peter's insight from his personal involvement with the interfaith movement will continue to be invaluable in helping the Fellowship to understand its role in the interfaith community. □

The Spiritual Fellowship Journal

Sometime after Easter, 1991, The Christian Fellowship of Students of *The Urantia Book* plans to publish the first issue of a journal which will interface with mainline clergy. Subscriptions in the United States will be \$5.00 and for those in other countries \$7.00.

Various people in Fifth Epochal Fellowship have asked to be notified concerning the publication of *The Spiritual Fellowship Journal*. Those wishing to receive the journal, please send your subscription to:

The Christian Fellowship
4109 Plaza Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46806.

Resource Guide to Secondary Works Now Available

The Fellowship is very pleased to announce that the *Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book* has been published and can now be ordered. The *Resource Guide* contains listings for a wide variety of materials that are based on or intended to supplement *The Urantia Book*. The items listed in the guide are of many different types such as introductory materials, study aids, and creative works. More specifically, examples include books, pamphlets, video and audio recordings, graphics, and periodical publications. There is even a listing for an on-line database for *Urantia Book* readers that is accessible 24 hours a day by personal computer and modem, providing message and forum areas,

electronic mail and other features.

None of the works listed in the *Resource Guide* are intended in any way to substitute for the supernal teachings of *The Urantia Book*. Rather are these works intended to encourage, enhance and facilitate the reading, study, comprehension, appreciation, enjoyment and living of its teachings.

The *Resource Guide* is 35 pages long. Besides the listings for the various works, there are author and title indexes as well as an introductory section which explains how to use the guide. The *Resource Guide* can be ordered from the Fellowship offices at 529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614, at \$3.00 (U.S. funds), which includes postage.

Cheques or money orders should be made out to Fifth Epochal Fellowship.

The *Resource Guide* initially became available in late June. Copies of the guide were included in the registration packets which were provided to those who attended the International Conference of Fifth Epochal Fellowship held from June 30 to July 5, 1990, in Snowmass, Colorado. Also, copies of the guide will soon be sent to members of the Fellowship and donors who were unable to attend the conference.

For the convenience of those who may wish to obtain a copy of the *Resource Guide*, an order form is provided on the back cover. □

*"Knowledge is possessed only by sharing; it is safeguarded by wisdom
and socialized by love." (*557)*

NOTICE

The Fellowship has found that the use of its Post Office Box address has caused unnecessary delays in the receipt of mail and has therefore chosen to discontinue its use.

In the future, please address all correspondence to its headquarters address: 529 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.

What was that word?

KINDRED SPIRITS—Of the same family with principles that inspire or pervade thought, feeling or action; a group related to another; associated by qualities; having the same belief, attitudes, or feelings.

"Spirit-gravity pull and response thereto operate not only on the universe as a whole but also even between individuals and groups of individuals. There is a spiritual cohesiveness among the spiritual and spiritized personalities of any world, race, nation, or believing group of individuals. There is a direct attractiveness of a spirit nature between spiritually minded persons of like tastes and longings. The term *kindred spirits* is not wholly a figure of speech." (*82)

Interested in Membership?

The Urantia Book tells us that "...[I]t is regrettable that so many modern believers in moral standards and spiritual ideals have no adequate symbolism—no [focus] of mutual support—nothing to belong to." (*965) The Fellowship is striving to be a community of mutual support. We welcome all those who are interested in participating in such a developing community to join with us. There are two ways to become a member in the Fellowship. One way is to join a local Fellowship society. The other way, if a society is not located nearby, is to apply for membership-at-large. For further information on membership, please contact Scott Forsythe at the Fellowship office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 12–13, 1990, Hudson Guild Farm, Andover, NJ. Theme: Midwinter Retreat. Contact Society of Greater New York, Dale Szejnberg, (718) 849-1955.

February 15, Days Inn, Tampa, FL. Meetings of Triennial Delegates and Alternates and Area Coordinators.

February 16–17, Days Inn, Tampa, FL. Special Meeting of Fellowship General Council with portion open to observation by Triennial Delegates and Alternates.

May, Kansas City area. Conference sponsored by Heart of America Society. Contact Bob Bruyn, (816) 741-3849.

May 17–19, 1991, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK. Scientific Symposium II. Theme: "Man's Increasing Control" (i.e., How Humanity Is Striving to Achieve a Harmonious, Dynamic Balance in both the Inner World and the Outer Environment). Contact Fifth Epochal Fellowship, (312) 327-0424.

June 7–9, Northeast Regional Conference. Theme: Angels. Contact Karen Anderson, (203) 354-6186.

June 22–23, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL. Triennial Delegate Assembly.

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