

## UN MONDE A REJOINDRE/TOUCH THE WORLD

### 1993 International Conference Planning Underway



#### First Fellowship-Sponsored Conference Outside Boundaries of U.S.A.

The first international conference of *Urantia Book* readers will be held from the 31st of July to the 5th of August at St-Hyacinthe/Montreal, Quebec, in the heartland of the French culture in Canada. We Canadians are proud to host this event and to be at the base of the organization.

At the conference held at Snowmass, Colorado in 1990, over 1000 readers exchanged ideas and feelings on the theme, "Walking with God/Marcher avec Dieu," and now organizers want to continue this work while taking a step toward reaching the planetary consciousness. This is how the theme "Touch the World/Un Monde à Rejoindre" was chosen for this world meeting of readers.

Nearly forty people from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and the United States met on site last August 2-4. It was a very enthusiastic and productive meeting. Permanent working committees were formed

and a new system of simultaneous translation was tried out to the grand satisfaction of everyone. The committee gave itself this mission: "To stimulate awareness of the working of the Supreme and to enhance worldwide communication through love."

The following committees were formed: Site and Logistics, Language and Culture, Publicity and Communications, Family Experience, Conference Programming, Volunteers Co-ordination, Entertainment, Worship, Administration and Finance, and Special Projects. Everyone wishing to work with one of these groups is welcome. Please send inquiries to Guy de Celles as soon as possible.

The conference organizers are holding a contest to find a logo to express pictorially the written theme, "Touch the World." Readers may submit one or more designs according to the following rules:

1. Camera ready artwork.
2. Good quality paper, 130 to 150 gross weight bond.
3. 6" x 6" design on 8" x 8" paper.
4. Conveys the theme clearly.

Translators Mark George, Léonard Glen, and Lise Champagne test equipment.

5. International, nondiscriminatory.
6. No more than three colors on white background.
7. Reproducible in black and white.
8. Keep design simple so it can be reduced in size.
9. Name, address and telephone of submitter must be clearly indicated on a separate sheet of paper.
10. No writing on the logo, since it is an international conference.
11. All designs must be received by Kathy Norenberg; 643 Gilmore Ave.; Winnipeg, Man. Canada R2G 2R5 before the 31st of December, 1991. They will remain the property of the conference organizational committee.

The mood of the conference will be set by a theme song which we also invite YOU to compose. Your entry (text and cassettes) must be sent to Kathy Norenberg at the address listed above.

We organizers have caught the wind and are sailing along. Now the participation of every Urantian is needed for the success of this great meeting. All suggestions, comments, remarks and propositions will be welcome and should be sent to the conference co-ordinator Brent St. Denis; 1088 Barwell Ave.; Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2B 8H5.

The challenge is out...may all of us reply with love and brotherhood.

*Amitiés chaleureuses à tous les lecteurs du Bulletin.*

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*"A social group of human beings in co-ordinated working harmony stands for a force far greater than the simple sum of its parts." (1477)*



*"Difficulties may challenge mediocrity and defeat the fearful, but they only stimulate the true children of the Most Highs." (1556)*

## Adopt-A-Bookstore Program Implemented

by Paula A. Thompson, Domestic Extension Committee

Difficult problems have arisen with the availability of *The Urantia Book* in bookstores. In an effort to keep *Urantia Books* available in bookstores, the Domestic Extension Committee of the Fellowship developed the Adopt-A-Bookstore program.

For years, most *Urantia Books* sold through the book distributor network. In August, 1990, URANTIA Foundation stopped shipping to book distributors. Within three months, *Urantia Book* availability dropped 51% in 485 bookstores in 15 cities.

Almost all books in the United States sell through book distributors. Thousands of small bookstores buy books from thousands of small book publishers. Bookstores don't buy these books directly. They purchase them through book distributors. A national network of book distributors operates by carrying the titles of small and large publishers and, in turn, reselling them to bookstores. Very simply, almost all bookstore business is done through distributors. Without this distributor network, *Urantia Books* have all but disappeared from bookshelves.

### How the Program Works

Adopt-A-Bookstore is essentially a

method whereby an individual reader or group of readers can adopt a bookstore or bookstores and supply them with *The Urantia Book*. Even though bookstores can order the book directly from URANTIA Foundation, most bookstores will not take the time and trouble to order a low-volume book from a specialty publisher. Through the Adopt-A-Bookstore program we can act to ensure book availability. Readers can order the books and personally deliver them to the bookstores. What a wonderful way to do outreach work.

Here are several basic steps you need to follow to adopt a bookstore:

1. Establish the need by surveying the bookstores in your area.
2. Determine which stores are ideal for participation.
3. Contact the owner or buyer of the store and inform them of your desire to supply *Urantia Books*.
4. Coordinate with area readers to order books for this purpose. (Readers are allowed five books per year from URANTIA Foundation.)
5. Deliver the books to the bookstores. Place them on consignment or let the store buy them upon delivery. Either way, make it convenient.
6. Keep in touch with the bookstore.

Provide other *Urantia Book*-related literature if they want it.

We have been testing the Adopt-A-Bookstore program in the Metropolitan Denver area since March of this year. Initial contact with twenty bookstores resulted in finding only three *Urantia Books*. To date, we are maintaining a supply of *Urantia Books* in seventeen bookstores. We have placed sixty-eight books, and forty have been sold. We are enjoying newfound relationships with bookstore owners and have discovered a possible source of new readers. Bookstores allow us to display bulletins concerning upcoming events in our reader community, such as worship services, lectures, and study groups. Plus we hang Fellowship literature in these stores.

This is one way we can guarantee *Urantia Books* will continue to be available in bookstores.

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If you would like to adopt a bookstore, please write the Domestic Extension Committee, c/o Paula Thompson, 529 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614 for a free detailed outline on how to do so. The revelation needs your service! □

## Phone Message Program Begins

by Mo Siegel, Domestic Extension Committee

Last week eighty-six people called Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship and asked about *The Urantia Book*. Why? Because they read ads in the newspaper that said, "Do People Live on Other Planets? For a free taped message from *The Urantia Book* call 447-2822." After reading the ad, interested people called the number and heard a ninety second prerecorded message that closed with an invitation for them to leave their name for further contact by Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship.

The idea for the phone message program originated with Andrea Barnes of San Diego. Now the phone program, a simple and inexpensive form of out-

reach, has been used in Arizona, California, Colorado, and Illinois. For many, this program has become the best person-to-person system for introducing people to the book.

After extensive testing, the Fellowship decided to sponsor this outreach program. Matching funds have been provided to Fellowship societies in Chicago and Denver. In both cities the societies voted to fund half of the cost with the Fellowship.

### How the Program Works

The phone program consists of running a small display ad in local newspapers. This ad encourages those

reading it to call a prerecorded answering machine and listen to a message. Successful display ads can be as small as 1x2 inches.

The most effective ads have been direct and concise. Each ad needs an intriguing headline like, "Love Your Enemies," or "Are Angels Real?" After numerous experiments with headlines, we've seen drastic increases in response depending upon the appeal of the headline. When people call that phone number they hear a prerecorded message which coincides with the headline. This message, recorded either on an answering machine or through the phone

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## SOCIETY CONFERENCES

by Cindy Hopper

Conference season is almost over for another year. Several societies hosted conferences over the past few months.

The Couchiching URANTIA Society of Ontario gathered near Orillia, Ontario for a camping weekend June 7-9. Instead of meeting at a civilized conference center as they have for the past ten years, society members decided to test their mettle in the wild, untamed regions of the Great White North. They rented a marquis tent to guarantee that it wouldn't rain. (It didn't!)

About 25 people attended the events on Saturday, which included discussions on the theme of truth, faith and spiritual evolution, as well as prayer and worship, a society meeting, and talk on the current mood in the Urantia movement.

The society opted to change its name to "The Ontario Fellowship," reflecting recent organizational changes in the former URANTIA Brotherhood. Many people expressed relief at losing the name "Couchiching," because almost everyone had trouble pronouncing it. Others had reservations about the meaning of the name. Depending on whom you talked to, Couchiching means either "warning of rapids nearby and outflowing river" or "big wind." As the last society chartered by the former URANTIA Brotherhood, these interpretations take on an added meaning in the light of the past two years. Most agreed that we must proceed from where we find our-

## Los Angeles Society Joins Fellowship

The Fellowship welcomes FUSLA—First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles—which recently voted to affiliate with the Fellowship. FUSLA is the eighteenth of twenty-one societies to join the Fellowship.

selves and expressed confidence that despite the upheavals, the rift has had an invigorating influence.

Five additional members were added to the society. A strong desire to preserve and protect the ties we have established during the past decade was very apparent. The group brainstormed ways of promoting *The Urantia Book* and study groups across the province. They are very concerned that URANTIA Foundation's book distribution policy will seriously impede the spread of *The Urantia Book* and may ultimately result in its complete unavailability.

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The northeast regional societies (USCC and SGNY) held a conference on the same weekend in a beautiful college setting. Dubbed "The Angel Conference," readers from New York, Connecticut and surrounding areas met to explore the nature of angels in lore and art.

Karen Anderson and Marty Greenhut organized the event which featured a slide show focussing on the human perception of angels in art down through the

ages. Small groups were set up to investigate the Master Seraphim of Planetary Supervision.

An exciting and humorous workshop led by Beth and Steve Bartley discussed the complementary aspects of the male and female. The men and women were separated into two groups. The challenge was to discover which traits were indeed complementary to each other. The whole process generated a great deal of mirth and enthusiasm.

Patrick Yesh presented a workshop entitled "Art from the Heart." Participants were asked to draw their spiritual selves. Although most seemed hesitant at first, after a time, most became quite engrossed in the activity and were eager to share interpretations of their work. The weekend also offered ample time for spiritual communion in an historic church.

An evening social featured several excellent musicians. The children performed a play about Jesus joyfully greeting a child who had left the planet due to a bicycle accident. It was a moving experience for all who attended. □

## 1991 Triennial Delegate Assembly Meets

The June, 1991, Triennial Delegate Assembly was held at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois. Seventeen of the eighteen Fellowship societies had delegates in attendance. The two major categories of business for the TDA are election of general councilors and consideration of resolutions.

Members elected to the General Council were: (9-year terms) Claudia Ayers, Beth Bartley, Janet Farrington, Scott Forsythe, Marvin Gawryn, John Hales, Evelyn Hoedemaker, Geri Johnson, Paul Knott, John Lange, Lyn Davis Lear, and Lee Smith; (3-year terms) Glenn Bell Jr., Duane Faw, and Joseph Liszka.

Resolutions were adopted requesting consideration and reporting on the following proposals: Direct election of general councilors by societies, coupled with the possible abolition of the TDA; reducing the term of a general councilor to six years; providing members-at-large with the ability to elect or be appointed as general councilors; developing mechanisms to allow greater participation of societies in the deliberations of the General Council; providing better biographical material on candidates for the General Council; providing societies with the proposed agenda for any General Council meeting at least 60 days

before the meeting; review of the Fellowship committee structure to consider the question of the continuing relevancy of each committee; notification to societies before the Executive Committee and/or General Council agree to join any organization; and consideration of an annual society conclave in non-TDA years.

Other resolutions included the sending of greetings to the Northern Light Society of Alaska which was unable to send representatives to the TDA and another regarding the current trustees of URANTIA Foundation.

These resolutions were forwarded to the General Council for consideration. □



*"It is not so much what you learn in this first life; it is the experience of living this life that is important." (1435)*

## General Council Meets at Lake Forest

Following the Summer Seminar, the General Council held its annual meeting at Lake Forest College. The General Council meeting was open to observers, except for those portions which involved elections. It is highly likely that the practice will continue at future meetings.

Retiring Fellowship president David Elders delivered his annual report to the General Council. He reviewed some of the more memorable events of the past decade and emphasized the need to insure the broad availability of *The Urantia Book*. The General Council expressed appreciation for David's outstanding leadership over the last six years and presented him with a small gift in token of the Council's appreciation.

Finance Committee chair Harry McMullan discussed current revenue

problems. A budget shortfall of at least \$40,000 is anticipated for 1991. In each year since 1989 the Fellowship's treasury has shrunk. Considerable budget tightening will be required.

Charter Committee chair Avi Dogim discussed proposals to modify the duties and functions of the Charter Committee, making it responsible for all membership functions, as well as assuming an active liaison function with existing societies.

Domestic Extension Committee chair Mo Siegel discussed the Adopt-A-Bookstore program which has been developed in Colorado. (See article on page 2.)

### Elections

New officers include: Steve Dreier, president; Lucile Faw, secretary; Joe Liska,

treasurer; Dave Elders, chair of the Judicial Committee; and John Lange, chair of International Fellowship Committee.

### Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

The name of the organization was changed to "The Fellowship," and the Constitution was amended accordingly.

### TDA Resolutions

The TDA resolutions calling for consideration of structural changes to the Fellowship were referred to the Judicial Committee for study. The Judicial Committee will consult with local societies concerning the proposed changes and will provide a preliminary report at the 1992 mid-year General Council Meeting.

### Other Business

The General Council approved a trial membership in the North American Interfaith Network. Representatives were instructed to abstain from any votes on political or social issues. A resolution was adopted calling for broad-based participation in the continuation of the strategic planning process, along with an annual reporting mechanism.

The next meeting of the General Council will be Jan. 31–Feb. 2, 1992, with the second choice of Feb. 7–9. This meeting will be held in the area of Los Angeles, California. While some business will be considered, a major portion of the meeting will be devoted to informal discussions of various matters. The planning committee for this meeting is composed of John Lange, Marilyn Kulieke, and Gard Jameson. Members wishing to make suggestions regarding the program for this meeting are encouraged to contact these individuals. Part, if not all, of the meeting will be open to observers. □

### THE FELLOWSHIP GENERAL COUNCIL

As of June 28, 1991

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### Resource Guide Call for Submissions

The *Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book*, a listing of creative works and essays related to *The Urantia Book*, will be revised soon to accommodate new contributions. If you would like to submit your work, please contact the central office.



## 1991 Summer Seminar Held at Lake Forest

by Dan Massey, Education Committee

Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, IL, was the scene of the 1991 Intensive Summer Seminar. Roughly a hundred students of *The Urantia Book* devoted five days in June to an in-depth study of the first half of Part IV, The Life and Teachings of Jesus. A similar program on the remainder of the book will be offered from June 28 through July 2 next summer. Plan now to attend this event.

The theme of the program, "Inspired Living—Amidst the Trials of Time," took its focus from Paper 157, in which Jesus asks the apostles the epochal question, "But who say you that I am?" A series of major plenary talks, augmented with in-depth workshop sessions, supported study of the first three major phases of Jesus' life—as a youth growing to adulthood, as a young man beginning his work as a teacher, and as the publicly recognized teacher and healer, the Son of Man.

This study program emphasized the progression of Jesus' understanding, acceptance, and execution of his life mission. The goal of this study was to understand the reasons Jesus chose to present

himself as the Son of God during the last eight months of his ministry, although this would hasten the rejection of him and his message by the Jews.

On Sunday, after an opening worship service and greetings from the Education Committee, the program began in earnest with plenary talks on "The Bestowals of Christ Michael" and "The Times of the Bestowal." On Monday the morning plenary talk and workshops examined Jesus' early life, which he lived "as if seeing him who is unseen."

A special Monday afternoon program, organized by the Fraternal Relations Committee, augmented the study of Jesus' and Ganid's review of world religions. (See article below.)

On Tuesday the plenary talk and workshops reviewed Jesus' preparation of himself and the apostles for public ministry, a task which he performed "in partnership with the Father." On Wednesday the attendees looked carefully into the first three years of Jesus' public ministry, seeking to understand how he went about "building the foundation of

spirit brotherhood." They learned that this foundation is something very different from the brotherhood itself, just as the spirit brotherhood he eventually created is something very different from the literal human association the apostles constructed from their confused ideas of his teachings.

Thursday morning's program opened with a plenary presentation which built upon the enhanced understanding developed during the previous four days. This talk examined the details of the bestowal from the viewpoint of Jesus' divine mind, considering the purposes of the bestowal and the means Deity chose to accomplish these purposes within the bestowal limitations. This paper concluded that the Christ myth, which has so completely eclipsed the religion of Jesus for two thousand years, is not an accidental product of apostolic confusion. Rather, this myth was planned and fostered by Jesus himself as a merciful concession to the inability of his mortal associates to understand and communi-

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## Fraternal Relations Committee Active at Summer Seminar

Gard Jameson, Fraternal Relations Committee

At the Summer Seminar held at Lake Forest College this summer, attendees had the pleasure of hearing from three practitioners from Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. Dr. Ghulam Haider Aasi represented Islam and spoke on the faith and practice of Islam. He shared how theory and practice go hand in hand in the Islamic faith—that an attempt is made to pattern their daily activity around a divine pattern provided by Muhammad.

Representing Hinduism was Swami Brahmarupananda. The swami also shared his own religious experience within the context of Hinduism.

Ron Kidd, a Buddhist, spoke on his experiences as a Buddhist and what that has meant in his life. Ron Kidd is also actively involved in interfaith work, primarily through the upcoming Parliament of the World Religions to be held in Chicago in 1993.

On Monday evening of the program

Jim Kenney, chairman of the program board for the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, provided the attendees with a description of the upcoming parliament. He stated that this parliament anticipates a large audience from all parts of the world, representing the major faith communities.

The General Council has chosen to participate in the North American Interfaith Council, which does not promote or advocate any policies with respect to economic, social or political institutions, but exists solely for the purpose of promoting interfaith dialogue. The Fellowship's participation will be on a trial basis. The Fraternal Relations Committee will provide the General Council with a report on its experiences and its recommendations next year at its regular summer meeting.

Through experiences such as those had by the attendees at the summer study sessions with a Muslim, a Hindu and a

Buddhist, through some involvement with the interfaith movement, the Fraternal Relations Committee hopes to promote dialogue and understanding, to live up to its constitutional mandate to "foster and develop fraternal relations and goodwill with the churches and various denominations and with the religions of the world." Many communities around the United States have their own interfaith councils and provide those communities with an array of interfaith activities. If you would like to know if there is an interfaith council near you, please write to us. We are also interested in hearing your thoughts about interfaith activity and how we, as students of *The Urantia Book*, might promote interfaith understanding. Please send your inquiries and comments to either the Fellowship Fraternal Relations Committee or the *Bulletin* if you would like to have your comments published in the commentary section. □



### Should we be concerned to call ourselves a movement?

Recently the word "movement" came under fire by a few members of the Fellowship. It seems it isn't a polite word to describe the Fellowship or the people who serve in it. The word has a negative connotation suggesting a sort of cult. After all, we are an organization, not a movement! But the word "movement" takes on many meanings, one of which is defined as a series of actions or organized activities by a group of people tending toward or favoring a common goal.

The organization, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers), is only one of such movements with a positive objective. Are they considered a cult? *The Urantia Book* makes several references to John the Baptist's movement, the Christian movement and the new gospel (of Jesus) movement, among others. Whether the movement is one of spiritual, cultural or social cause, the Fellowship is a group of dedicated people with a unity of purpose.

Should we be concerned to call ourselves "a movement"? Certainly the word has no sexual connotation nor does it cast aspersions on any race, creed, nationality or previous condition of servitude. And it holds no threat to industry, commerce or culture. It is above all an apt description of what we are, a movement toward a common ob-

jective. I'm not suggesting that the word replace "organization" in reference to the Fellowship, for it would sap the definition and become the dreaded cult term we fear it is now. What I am suggesting is that we make effective use of this humble and honest word.

—Bob Buselli, Indianapolis, IN

### It's time to get back to basics

The "redirecting cataclysm" of the recent split between the Brotherhood and the Foundation has given the Urantia community a restructured, empowering base for the outgrowth of the religion of Jesus and the understanding of *The Urantia Book*.

The Fellowship is awakening to the thrilling possibilities for service inherent in the Fifth Epochal Revelation for our world. Our most important area of service now is to prepare the world for the reception of *The Urantia Book*. It means getting back to the basics of nurturing the growth of thousands of study groups, training teachers and leaders, thoroughly understanding the teachings, and learning to live by those teachings. All of these fundamental tasks are inherent in the Fellowship's constitutional purposes. It is slow and patient work that will require the commitment of many.

As we continue to undertake these tasks, we will do well to look to the previous four revelations for precedent

and patterns that may be applicable now.

I believe that the planetary government is actively preparing the social arena on our planet for the reception of *The Urantia Book*. We, as a group of organized individuals, have an opportunity to do our part. "Few are the duties in the universe for the lone servant." (\*312) It is time to put disunity behind us. The split is over. Let's get on with our work.

—James G. Johnston, Tampa, FL

### Getting into the deed

I have just finished reading the Women's Corps article in the *Study Group Herald* and would just like to say three words to Carol Hay and the ladies of Boulder: "Brava, brava, brava!!!" They have truly captured and understood the essence of *The Urantia Book*....

Far too many people "get into the word" but never get into the deed. Being "in the word" is a very safe and comfortable place to be, but putting the word into action requires sacrifice....

—Marven Gibson, Phoenix, AZ

### THE BULLETIN WELCOMES YOUR LETTERS

Your thoughts, ideas, and opinions are most welcome. The editors invite you to avail yourselves of this outlet to share your ideas, large or small.

## Staff Reduced at Headquarters

We sorrowfully report that Mike Painter and Scott Forsythe will no longer be working for the Fellowship as full-time paid employees. Fiscal considerations required the Executive Committee to make one of its most difficult decisions. For many years Mike and Scott were full-time employees of the Foundation, and more recently of the Fellowship. Many have benefited from the outstanding service they provided to the community of *Urantia Book* readers. Their extensive experience and dedication are irreplaceable and will be sorely missed. The changes consequent to our separation from the Foundation have required a severe reduction of our operating budget, the major part of which has been devoted to employee salaries and benefits. This is one of those extremely

unpleasant and painful matters which organizations such as ours must sometimes contend with.

Mike and Scott are both in the process of seeking other employment. They would certainly appreciate any leads or assistance which might be provided. If you can be of any help, please contact Mike and Scott. We all hope that they will be able to quickly find alternate employment and that the disruption to themselves and their families will be minimal and happily resolved.

We all sincerely thank Mike and Scott for their many years of dedicated service to the Urantia community. We express deep regret over their departure, and we assure them that we will gladly help in any way we are able to facilitate a smooth transition to new employment.

The Fellowship office at 529 Wrightwood Avenue in Chicago continues to provide reader services without interruption. John Hales and Matthew Block remain as employees, and they are being assisted by volunteers from the Chicago area and elsewhere. An extensive volunteer program is being developed to support the functions of the Fellowship. This will keep operating costs down to a manageable level and allow much broader participation of the membership in the day-to-day operations of the Fellowship. A detailed proposal for shifting to volunteer operations will be presented in the near future. Any members who wish to make proposals or offer suggestions are strongly encouraged to do so.

—Steve Dreier, President



*"He [Jesus] dispensed health and scattered happiness naturally and gracefully as he journeyed through life. It was literally true, 'He went about doing good.'"* ("1875)

#### SUMMER SEMINAR (continued)

cate his teachings in a way that would properly support the ministry of the Spirit of Truth. After this provocative talk, the program concluded with a final worship service.

The Education and Fraternal Relations Committees wish to thank the many dedicated readers of *The Urantia Book* who took time from their busy schedules to help make this seminar a worthwhile experience for all. More than a third of all seminar attendees participated in the program. Through this experience the committees feel readers will grow in their ability to communicate the truths of *The Urantia Book* to their fellows. □



#### PHONE PROGRAM (continued)

company's message service, gives them a quick, spiritually uplifting answer to the headline in the ad.

### Are Angels Real?

For a free taped message  
from *The Urantia Book* call  
447-2822

This ad is 1" x 2" in size.

Answering machine messages are generally written and recorded by local readers. The most effective messages are short, simple, positive, and inspirational. At the end of the message those listening are invited to leave their name and address so they can receive a follow-up packet of information about *The Urantia Book* and local study groups. Their

names are kept for invitations to beginner study groups.

When the message program succeeds, the society or study group must be prepared to deal with lots of new readers. Beyond the essentials of having one person as the program coordinator, there needs to be a committee of people to deal with the large number of new readers that will infiltrate study groups. The telephone program coordinator needs to be responsible for all the logistics of implementing the program every week. This includes placing of the messages, providing a dedicated phone line with an answering device to pick up all the calls, and changing messages each week to coincide with the newspaper ad.

The cost of the phone program includes: running the ads, an answering machine (or service) and a dedicated phone line.

### Conclusions

After eight weeks of running the Colorado phone program, 330 people have called, 37 have left messages requesting more information, and at least 10 have attended study groups. The total costs are \$387.00 (not including the cost of the initial setup for the phone line or the answering machine). The phone program has proved to be the most cost-effective, non-threatening way of attracting new readers without pushy advertising. It opens the way for person-to-person ministry.

If you would like more information on the program please write the Domestic Extension Committee of the Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614. The committee stands ready to help facilitate other groups interested in instituting the phone program. □



*"The material eyes are truly the windows of the spirit-born soul. The spirit is the architect, the mind is the builder, the body is the material building." (\*483)*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 4-7, 1991 Australian Conference. Canberra Youth Hostel, Canberra, Australia. Contact Verner Verass, (06) 281 4050.

Oct. 11-13, Fall Forum of First Society of Oklahoma; 5th Season Inn, Oklahoma City, OK. Theme: "Personal Revelation." Contact Berkeley Elliott, (405) 843-8900.

Oct. 18-20, Adventures in Spiritual Living Retreat; Mo Ranch Conference Center; Hunt, TX (near San Antonio). Contact Skip or Carol Weatherford, (713) 363-1652.

Oct. 20, 1:30-5:00 p.m. First Society study group; Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. Theme: "Fantasy and Science Fiction." Contact David Kulie, (708) 945-1812.

May 8-10, 1992, Adventures in Spiritual Living Retreat; Pioneer Chehalis Camp near Vancouver, BC, Canada. Contact Gwen/Norm Knighton, (604) 534-1178, or Alice/Eef Hoedemaker, (604) 856-8323.

May 22-24, 1992, Grailville Center, Loveland, OH. Theme: *The Urantia Book/A Course in Miracles*. Contact John Burdick, 7945 Indian Hill Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45243, (513) 561-4476.

June 28-July 2, 1992, Summer Seminar.

Aug. 7-9, 1992, Midwest Conference. St. Benedict Center, Madison, WI. Contact Susan Brodsky, (715) 824-3103.

### JESUS' 2000TH BIRTHDAY

There is still time to make your reservations for Jesus' 2000 birthday celebration in Israel, August 21, 1994. Contact First Society of Oklahoma, 14 SW 97th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73139 for more information.

### What was that word?

**LOYALTY**—Most dictionaries define loyalty simply as being faithful or devoted; a supporter or an allegiance. But none of these definitions approaches the character and noble meaning described in *The Urantia Book*. Not only does one think of loyalty as being faithful to someone, but also it is a devotion to something.

"What is loyalty? It is the fruit of an intelligent appreciation of universe brotherhood; one could not take so much and give nothing." (\*435)

The word "fruit," as it applies here, is defined as the consequence or result of any action. In other words, we need to react to somebody or something. It would then appear we must realize this loyalty through some sort of challenge or potential of betrayal or failure. When tested and proven to be steadfast, loyalty realization has been achieved.

## First Charitable Remainder Unitrust Donated to the Fellowship

The Fellowship is pleased to announce the establishment of its first charitable remainder unitrust. We are most grateful to the donor, who wishes to remain anonymous. This gift will provide the donor with the following benefits: considerable tax savings from a very large current charitable deduction and more income for the remainder of the donor's life and the life of his/her spouse. Usually when people contemplate the sale of an asset that has appreciated considerably, they prepare themselves to pay a large capital gains tax to the Internal Revenue Service and then reinvest what is left. With a charitable remainder unitrust there is no capital gains tax paid. Upon the death of the donor and spouse the principal in the trust goes to the Fellowship. In this case, the donor has asked that the principal be placed in the Matthew Fund to help subsidize the overhead of the Fellowship.

Charitable remainder unitrusts are just one of a number of effective financial planning techniques that benefit both you and your favorite charity. If you would like more information on such techniques, please write to John Hales at the Fellowship for a brochure on charitable giving.



Nearly 40 people met in Quebec to start planning for 1993 International Conference. (See front page article.)

### SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM II

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We still have T-shirts available from the symposium for \$10 each.

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