

South America Gets Spanish Translation

By John Thiele

Editor's Note: John Lange, chairman of the International Fellowship Committee, and Berkeley Elliott, former chairman and currently a member of the committee, have traveled all over the world together to do their committee work. Last September, they met with readers of The Urantia Book in Colombia and Chile. It was a time to celebrate the release of the Spanish translation of The Urantia Book and to establish friendships. This is an interview focusing on some of their experiences on this trip.

Bulletin: What was the attitude of the people you met in South America?

Elliott: They all wanted to know how *The Urantia Book* has changed our lives.

Lange: Yes, that was a repetitive theme. They wanted to know what it had done for us. When Berkeley said she had been reading it for, what, 50 years?

Elliott: Thirty or 38.

Lange: And I told them I'd been reading it about 20 years, they wanted to know what had happened that has changed our lives.

Elliott: This is a good question for them to ask. Is the book really going



Berkeley Elliott and John Lange found warmth, enthusiasm and hospitality in South America.

to change us or change the world? Is it really going to have an impact?

Bulletin: In hearing you talk about the trip, I sense that these people are searchers, looking for something to complete their lives, and that they already are interested in things spiritual.

Lange: Douglas Fraser (member of the International Fellowship Committee) told us that the church is letting them pursue other avenues

of study. What's also interesting is the groups we visited are led by a few people who are in charge. Carlos Zapata, who is one of the leaders in Colombia, has been reading the book 17 years. A lot of the growth there is due to his singular effort and his slow and steady association with more and more people.

Elliott: Their enthusiasm is unbelievable. I wonder if it's

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Useful Guide

While *The Urantia Book* has been a very helpful, useful guide book and map, it is not the territory. Jesus himself is the good news, the gospel itself; the kingdom of heaven is within. Thanks for the good work.

Jim Ceteras
Redway, Calif.

Moving Slowly

The sad/bad conduct of so many mortals makes me reflect on the slowness of physically perceived evolution vs. the "length" of eternity. The consolation of the positiveness of *The Urantia Book* is about all we have.

George J. Provost
Attleboro, Mass.

New Revelation

Keep up the good work(s). I think that there are lots of forces working to open people to new revelation; witness the upsurge of interest in angels.

Rodney Johnson
Minneapolis, Minn.

Good Study Guides

I use your study guides for *The Urantia Book* group I facilitate. We are going to do MotaQuest [see *Study Group Herald*, Issue 4, August 1993]. Fine work of research. Thank you.

Leona M. Hoet
York, Penna.

Time To Heal

Is there any way to heal the rift between the Fellowship and

the Foundation? How can Urantia readers survive on opposite sides of an ever-widening chasm?

Miriam M. Petterborg
Murray, Utah

Spread The Word ...

Is the time near at hand when a more unified and progressive effort will be made in evangelizing the truths of the Fifth Epochal Revelation? Not many people have even heard about it, relatively speaking.

Raphael Wojak
Rosholt, Wisc.

Into Libraries ...

We need to get the book into more and more libraries. It is even more true now, since the retail price is out of the reach of most new readers.

Charles Lilly
Carbondale, Colo.

... Everywhere

Keep up the work of getting the book in as many areas and hands as possible.

Alvin and Helen Smith
Knoxville, Tenn.

Finding Readers

Our study group has had a lot of success finding readers of *The Urantia Book* by placing an announcement in the religious section of the local newspaper. It even got us invited to a religious fair at the local college. I've had a few inquiries, too, which gives me a good opportunity to share Jesus' teachings.

Deborah Goldman
Bakersfield, Calif.

Sharing A Spiritual Rebirth In Russia

By Melissa Wells

Sometimes we take for granted our freedom to worship God as we choose.

Not so in Russia.

"Those people of Russia who in the past pursued their interests in the spiritual realm did so at great expense to themselves," says Fellowship President Steve Dreier. "They have been imprisoned, have been unable to get jobs or find housing, have had their lives completely disrupted, and yet they've survived. This is the community that we're likely to come in contact with."

Last November more than 100 of these Russian spiritualists gathered in Moscow for the Second Urania International Congress, a forum for the discussion of various systems of metaphysical and spiritual thought. Presentations and workshops on *The Urantia Book* were made by members of the Fellowship who were present, including Steve and Bobbie Dreier, David Kantor, Lila Dogim, Ann Garner and Joshua Snider.

In response to the introduction of *The Urantia Book*, the Russians asked many questions:

- * What is the Supreme Being and how does it relate to concepts of an integrated humanity, as expressed in the Russian book *The Rose of the World*?

- * What should we do while we await the return of Jesus?

- * How did life start on our planet?

- * Do other planets in our solar system have life?

- * How does the concept of angels in *The Urantia Book*



Galia Lambova of Bulgaria, conference coordinator Tatiana Antonyan, Steve Dreier and Lila Dogim enjoy dinner at the conference banquet.

compare with the concept as developed in the writings of Swedenborg?

- * What is the origin of *The Urantia Book*?

- * What advice would you give to new readers on how to approach the text? Read from start to finish or is there a better sequence?

- * How does the book deal with temptation and sin?

- * Who was Jesus?

- * Who were Adam and Eve?

- * Do animals have souls which survive?

- * When will a Russian translation be available?

All of this leads to another question: What is the impact of introducing *The Urantia Book* to the spiritual nobility of Russia?

"The impact is in the future," Dreier says. "It will take time for interest to develop in Russia that is equivalent to the sort of thing we have here. The book is unfamiliar to people in Russia. It takes years before an individual is familiar with the book. We can't expect rapid development."

"But we're making friends as well as introducing many Russian people to *The Urantia Book*. In the same sense that the book observes that the apostles held Jesus out of the sentiment of their friendship, not so much out of the grasp of his teaching, we will find much the same thing. If we can make friends, we will have a foundation upon

which we can develop interest in the teachings."

The Tie That Binds

Relationships have begun. A prominent person is Alla Andreeva, the widow of Daniel Andreev, who wrote *The Rose of the World*, with more than 500,000 copies in print. This text, written while the author was in prison, contains a number of ideas which parallel information in *The Urantia Book*. The author defined his vision as "the coming all-Christian church of the last centuries that will unite in itself the churches of the past. It will be a free union of all the religions of light."

"His widow seems most concerned about orienting individuals interested in the book towards Jesus rather than toward her husband's work," says David Kantor.

And there's Lazarev Evgeny, publisher of *Nauka i Religiya* (Science and Religion). This monthly magazine has a circulation of 100,000 each month. "It was for many years a journal of atheistic thought," says Kantor. "Evgeny took it over several years ago and has turned it into a well-read theological publication. He was extremely interested in *The Urantia Book* and requested articles for publication."

At the conference Azer Alliev, a Sufi teacher, spoke about men and women of knowledge working



Alla Andreeva and Alpinist Aldona Skeraitite share a moment of inspiration at the Urania Conference.

behind the scenes who have spiritual insight. "He believes that it is crucial that these men and women of knowledge find ways of working together to move humanity through the present crisis of civilization," Kantor says.

The editor-in-chief of monthly magazine *The Orthodox Path* expressed the need for caution in formulating new religious practices. "Valentin Nikitin examined the writings of Gregory of Palmyra, who warned of psychic diseases of illusion which can easily result from erroneous psychological approaches to spirituality," Kantor says.

Disseminating The Teachings

With two trips made to Russia by members of the Fellowship in the past two years, more than 50 *Urantia Books* are now in circulation. There is a lot of work to be done to foster continuing interest in the Fifth Epochal Revelation.

"You can't just walk in and tell somebody, 'Here's the truth,' and walk out," Dreier says. "We're going to experience all the challenges involved in accommodating people from

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Steve Dreier, Fellowship President

different cultural backgrounds. We have to take a sincere interest in them as persons and as members of a community. We must try to learn from them and benefit from their experience as well as share the truths of our experience.

"The dissemination technique is clearly person to person at this level," Dreier adds. "If we're going to be successful, we will have to study the cultural background of the people we are meeting. We may have to learn some languages and do traveling we hadn't planned on. And we may have to assist people from other countries to travel to conferences that we are holding. And we may have to subsidize the cost of *The Urantia Book*, which is \$65 by the time you add postage and duties. That cost

is out of the question for people whose monthly income is approximately \$30, such as in Russia."

In addition to the overwhelming expense of owning a copy, study of *The Urantia Book* in Russia does have its challenges. There's the barrier of a foreign language.

"The majority are only Russian speaking," says Lila Dogim. "And this book is one of several things for them to invest their time and energy in. It will take time for them to absorb this new information. They have seen us twice now and hopefully we'll be more visible in their publications. Somebody should go again when they meet next year. It's important for us to just be present, to talk about the book and to sow seeds."



David Kantor, Svetlana Braziene (producer for Lithuanian National Television) and Bobbie and Steve Dreier gather in Braziene's home in Vilnius.

Expos Help Spotlight *The Urantia Book*

By Robin Robinson

For the second year, the Fellowship is joining with Jesusonian Foundation to exhibit *Urantia Books* at Whole Life Expos across the nation.

Jesusonian Foundation has been sponsoring booths at these events since the mid 1980s, starting with the Denver Peoples' Fair. The booth was staffed by Rocky Mountain Society members, setting the trend for using volunteer readers in Expo cities.

"I had been somewhat nervous about working the booth," says Mo Siegel, chairman of the Domestic Extension Committee. "But it was obvious that people came to the booth interested, and we weren't out spiritually mugging people."

"After the experience at Denver, the Whole Life Expo seemed even more effective because it was a targeted group of people," he adds. "The people who go are looking for answers, so it seemed like a good spot for a non-intrusive, yet readily available opportunity to learn about the book."

For several years, *The Urantia Book* was presented at Whole Life Expos in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York, sponsored solely by Jesusonian. With participation by the Fellowship, the booth was set up in twice as many cities in 1993 and will expand to eight cities in 1994. The expense of the booth space and shipping the booth and materials is split between the Fellowship, Jesusonian and the local society.

"The nice thing about the way the booth project has gone is that we experimented," Siegel says. "I think it's safer that an outside organization besides the Fellowship had done the experimentation. If we make a mistake at the Fellowship, we get hammered by the Societies."

The Fellowship needed tested ideas that work. It became obvious that it could be included in the Domestic Extension Committee."

Two committee members, Paula Thompson of Boulder and Ann Garner of Fort Worth, manage the logistics of exhibits and attend all of the Expos, in spite of long work weeks.

son says. "It's about giving *Urantia Book* readers an opportunity to share the book. You don't get mad at people, you don't argue. You leave a way out for them."

The two most controversial subjects, Thompson adds, are reincarnation and the atonement doctrine.

"Sometimes you will have people contend with you, mostly



Paula Thompson (left) shares a favorite quote from *The Urantia Book* at a Whole Life Expo.

Between 300 and 800 people stop by the booth in an average weekend, and as many as 30 books are sold. But, as volunteers learn when they attend the training session to work at the exhibit, they're not there to sell books.

"We discuss how best to answer certain questions, how to listen and booth etiquette," says Paula Thompson. "You don't jump into a conversation, no matter how much better you think you could do."

"It's not just about telling people about the book," Thomp-

son says. "With the latter, their main doctrine is a belief in reincarnation and, quite often, they ask what *The Urantia Book* says about reincarnation. They'll have a problem with that. A lot of people think you can skirt the issue, but you can't. You have to give an honest answer."

Fundamentalists, according to Thompson, feel threatened because *The Urantia Book* claims to know something about Jesus. When faced with these issues, "we just tell (booth workers) to be candid

and honest," she says. "Don't try to invest yourself in what they want to hear. Simply say what *The Urantia Book* says. Before you get in that situation, think about these questions and what you'd want to say. Get your head straight, because they are surely going to ask these things."

Generally, about 15 area readers volunteer to staff the booth during the three days of the Whole Life Expo. It helps if volunteers are outgoing, according to Thompson, but is not necessary.

"People think they have to be an expert on *The Urantia Book*, but they don't," she says. "There's always somebody at the booth who is an expert."

Despite the challenges in sharing the message of *The Urantia Book*, it is an effort that carries personal reward.

"For the most part, it's a positive, wonderful experience," Thompson says. "I've had experiences at the booth that were sublime. In many cases, people come up and it's like they're dying and you are giving them water. It's just the greatest feeling in the world."

Siegel sees additional benefits, calling the Expos a catalyst for local groups to do something together. It also brings new people to the study groups and long-time readers into communication with other readers.

"We have discovered an incredible number of 'closet readers' during the Expos," says Ann Garner. "A large number of people walk by the booth, glance up and say, 'Oh, I have that book.' The most important aspect of this is that these wandering sheep are not connected with us. Over 90 percent of them didn't know about study groups, meetings and conferences."

For more information on how to participate in the exhibit booth at Whole Life Expos, please contact the Fellowship at (312) 327-0424 or fax a letter to (312) 327-6159.



Julio Edwards (left) introduces *The Urantia Book* to Denver Expo participants.

1994 Schedule of Expos

Los Angeles
April 15-17
San Francisco
April 22-24
Chicago
May 20-22
Santa Fe
June 10-12
New York
Sept. 9-11
Toronto
November

Results of Four Expos in 1993

Sold 70 *Urantia Books*, 19 *Concordexes*, 9 *Paramonies*, 70 *Life After Death* magazines.

Handed out 905 *Origins of The Urantia Book* brochures (by Meredith Sprunger), 507 *Spiritual Perspectives for a New Era* brochures (Sprunger), 916 *Introduction to The Urantia Book* brochures (Jesusonian), 4,400 *Mustard Seed* brochures and 150 *Why I Believe The Urantia Book* (by Harry McMullan).

Over 200 people have attended introductory talks on *The Urantia Book*.

The booth was seen by more than 100,000 people, and 1,800 stopped at the booth to ask questions.

Eighty-one volunteers worked at the booths.

Subsidizing Books For the Expo

What began as an experiment at a Whole Life Expo in New York last year has blossomed into a new program called Afford-a-Book. A long-time reader of *The Urantia Book* donated funds to lower the price of *The Urantia Book* to \$20 for sale at that Expo. He just wanted to see if it would bolster sales. Of the 40 books available at the reduced price, 39 sold that weekend.

"People cringe at the \$48 price," says Paula Thompson. "That's a lot to spend to take a chance on a new book. But they'll buy it at \$20. For those who can't take the time to work at an Expo or otherwise get involved in outreach, this is a nice way to help."

You can learn more about donating to the program by contacting Jesusonian Foundation, P.O. Box 18764, Boulder, CO 80308, (303) 581-0456.



"The Mirror -- When will we be responsible for what we create?"

Artwork courtesy of Steve Sawyer, Versailles, Kentucky.

Scientific Symposium III

Man's Universe Integration

July 5-7, 1994
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"Man's universe integration -- the increase of human insight plus the increase of human experiential achievement brings him into closer harmony with the unifying presences of Supremacy -- Paradise Trinity and Supreme Being."

The Urantia Book, page 1306

Have you ever wondered about the difference between a dark star and black holes?

Have you gazed at the stars and looked for Jerusem, Salvington or even Uversa?

Are you mystified at the shape of Paradise and the bi-directional dark masses that enshroud Havona?

If you would like to discuss these thoughts, come to Oklahoma City this summer for the third symposium. Listen to experts in science and the cosmology of *The Urantia Book* explain these and many more facts about our cosmos.

Irwin Ginsburgh will follow up his popular presentation at Scientific Symposium II by comparing modern astronomy and *The Urantia Book's* study of the stars.

Also joining us again are Carol Hay, John Lange, Phil Calabrese, Michael Wisenbaker, Lawrence Schkade, Dan Massey and Dave Elders.

The talented vocal artist Hay, a favorite speaker at Fellowship conferences, will open the symposium

with an inspiring look at man's journey from the lowest rung on the ladder of life to the glory of perfection.

Matthew Block will report on his exhaustive research to discover the human sources used by the revelators to present the scientific concepts in *The Urantia Book*. Dan Young will present his thoughts on chaos theory and its relevance to the Supreme.

Join with your fellows this summer in the quest for a better understanding of *Urantia Book* cosmology and prevailing scientific thought. Ask the questions you've pondered in your studies to this knowledgeable group of thinkers. And share in the joy of discovery of fact and appreciation for truth -- all in the fellowship of brotherly love. Don't miss what promises to be a great meeting of the minds.

Symposium Special Events

On the evening of July 4th we'll have a picnic at Harry McMullan's farm on the outskirts of Oklahoma City. It will be an afternoon of rock n' roll bands, ball games, swimming in the lake, barbecue and lots of fellowship. After sundown we'll celebrate with a fireworks display.

Ingrid H. Shafer, Ph.D., a professor of philosophy and religion at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, will share her insights on God as our personal

creator and the controller of all creation. Shafer, a native of Austria, has written and presented many papers on the relationship of science and religion.

Eric Carlson, head astronomer at Adler Planetarium in Chicago, will take us on a journey to the edge of the universe at Oklahoma City's Kirkpatrick Planetarium.

And we'll celebrate the 2,000-year anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

Summer Seminar

Progress and Providence – Keys to Universe Integration

July 3-4 and 8, 1994 – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



The great paradox in human evolutionary religious experience is the evidence of evil in a universe supposedly created and ruled by a perfect God. The human condition is this – a finite creature, subject almost entirely to the laws of antecedent causation, possesses a mind that can envision the possibility of perfection, the potentiality of a perfectly governed creation.

How cruel that the hopes and aspirations of such a creature should so often be frustrated by material experience. And yet, the circumstances of finite existence often seem to suggest the mysterious presence of an unseen manipulator of circumstance.

The Urantia Book reveals a satisfactory answer to this puzzle of the ages in its presentation of the Supreme. Although a single human can envision a personal God of love, the race seems to experience only the impersonal ministry of a vaguely glimpsed Supreme Being, seemingly unconcerned with individual human welfare.

Yet, from time to time, the unseen hand of God seems to act in the experience of the individual and the race through amazingly serendipitous occurrences. We are told that these are the confluence of the personal actions of the Father, the outworkings of providence, and the actions of innumerable agents of God the Sevenfold.

As the Supreme Being progresses toward experiential perfection in the finite universes of time and space, we individual faith sons contribute to this growth through our own spiritual striving. Although most of the influences which support our human quest for perfection are deliberate and personal, there is another influence which correlates the circumstances of finite existence in support of finite growth. And this influence is Providence, a manifestation of the emerging overcontrol of the Supreme.

Our ability to perceive the operation of Providence is limited by our understanding of, control over, and integration with the mechanisms of the universe. And this ability equates to human unification in knowledge, action, and insight with the Almighty Supreme.

Full understanding of the human condition emerges from appreciation of the process by which an imperfect finite creation, created by the Supreme Creators, is gradually evolved toward increasing levels of perfection – even on levels of reality beyond the finite.

We are told that, "To realize providence in time, man must accomplish the task of achieving perfection. But man can even now foretaste this providence in its eternity meaning as he ponders the universe fact that all things, be they good or evil, work together for the advancement of God-knowing mortals in their quest for the Father of all."

It is no accident that the authors of the *Urantia Papers* conclude their presentation of the origins and nature of reality by explaining the idea of Providence as "... the overcontrol of the incomplete Supreme manifested in the incomplete universes ..." Having begun their presentation of universe reality with the existential level of the three persons of the Trinity, and having descended the circles of reality to present the finite history of *Urantia*, they are now ready to reveal the true nature and meaning of the bestowals of Christ Michael, with particular emphasis on the seventh and final bestowal.

This tale of mortal and divine experience fully demonstrates the striving of the finite toward perfection and the limitations imposed by incomplete universe integration. It is surely providential that the Creator Sons, Supreme Creator personalities, never fail in their exploits to retrieve and to perfect their imperfect creations. It is surely providential that our Creator Son, now established as Supreme ruler of his universe, is embarked on the adventure of eventuating the brotherhood of man throughout *Nebadon*. It is surely providential that personalities have been coordinated in time and space to materialize the *Urantia Papers* to foster the transformative vision of our Creator Son for the redemption of our troubled sphere.

This summer, as the Third Scientific Symposium addresses "Man's Universe Integration," the Education Committee invites your participation in an intensive study program exploring the meanings and mechanisms of universe integration as revealed in *The Urantia Book* through Papers 115-118. These papers explain the purposes and processes of the Supreme and Ultimate Deities. Over the course of three days (July 3, 4 and 8), we will study these papers in depth, through plenary talks by long-time readers of the book with particular interest in the Supreme, and through workshops and discussion groups focusing on the broad contents of each paper. If you are interested in leading a workshop, please contact The Fellowship at (312) 327-0424 as soon as possible.

**The Fellowship for Readers of The Urantia Book
Combined Registration Form**

1994 SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM III * TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY * SUMMER SEMINAR
Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Will you need pillows? ☐ No ☐ Yes _____ (number needed) Pay when picking them up.

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

Organizational Meetings. The Triennial Delegate Assembly meets once every three years to elect General Councilors. An orientation meeting for the TDA will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 1. The TDA itself begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, and is open to observers only for the first hour. Thereafter only elected Society Delegates and Alternates may attend. The General Council Triennial meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 7. As space permits, it will be open to observers, except when elections are being held.

Meals. The cost for meals at the university cafeteria is \$15 per person per day, whether you eat all of the meals or not. Infants under three are free. At these very low rates, however, there is no further discount for children. If you expect that your arrival or departure schedule will cause you to miss several meals on a particular day, it may be more economical for you to eat in one of the many nearby restaurants on that day. The 4th of July picnic is free.

Housing. Cost for lodging is \$20 per person per night, double occupancy. These are dormitory rooms with two twin beds per room. Pillows are not provided; however, you may purchase them for \$4. Please indicate on this form if you will need a roommate. Cost for a single occupancy room (if available) is \$30 per night. The dormitory is not equipped for children under 12 years old. Families with children may reserve rooms at the nearby Comfort Inn Motel, 2801 NW 39, Oklahoma City, for \$34.00 per night. These rooms have two double beds, and accommodate up to four people. Call (405) 946-0741 directly to reserve such rooms. Ask for the Scientific Symposium rate.

Registration Fees. The registration charge of \$50 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 applies regardless of how much or how little of the week's activities you attend. Please register by May 15, 1994.

Daycare. Daycare is available for children under 12 years old, during the speaker's presentations only, for \$25 per child per day.

Airport Transportation. Transportation to and from the airport will be provided free of charge by local readers. Call (405) 843-4900 to give us your arrival and departure times.

Cancellations. Cancellations received before May 15, 1994 will be given a full refund; if later, none.

Payment. The minimum registration fee is \$50 per adult and \$10 per child. The rest may be paid upon your arrival in Oklahoma City. Send your check, money order, or your Visa/Mastercard number with this registration form to:

The Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood, Chicago, IL 60614.

Questions? If you have any questions, call John or Matt at (312) 327-0424. Thanks!

Please complete the reverse side !

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EXPENSE WORKSHEET

Day	Program	# eating @ \$15/person/day	# lodging @ \$20/person/day	Daycare @ \$25/child/day	Daily total
Friday, July 1	Triennial Orientation	____ x \$15 = \$	____ x \$20 = \$	____ x \$25 = \$	\$
Saturday, July 2	Triennial	____ x \$15 = \$	____ x \$20 = \$	____ x \$25 = \$	\$
Sunday, July 3	Summer Seminar	____ x \$15 = \$	____ x \$20 = \$	____ x \$25 = \$	\$
Monday, July 4	Summer Seminar Picnic at farm	____ x \$15 = \$	____ x \$20 = \$	____ x \$25 = \$	\$
Tuesday, July 5	Scientific Symposium	____ x \$15 = \$	____ x \$20 = \$	____ x \$25 = \$	\$
Wednesday, July 6	Scientific Symposium	____ x \$15 = \$	____ x \$20 = \$	____ x \$25 = \$	\$
Thursday, July 7	Sci. Symposium General Council	____ x \$15 = \$	____ x \$20 = \$	____ x \$25 = \$	\$
Friday, July 8	Summer Seminar General Council	____ x \$15 = \$	____ x \$20 = \$	____ x \$25 = \$	\$
Saturday, July 9	General Council	____ x \$15 = \$	____ x \$20 = \$	____ x \$25 = \$	\$
Registration, Adults:	____ Adults @ \$50 = \$				\$
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Fellowship Enters New Stage Of Growth

Editor's Note: This is an edited version of the annual report which Fellowship President Steve Dreier presented to the General Council in August 1993.

An observer of 25 years ago easily might have described the Fellowship as an organization dominated by a Chicago culture. The evidence of the time would have supported such a description. The officers and a majority of the General Councilors came from the Chicago area. Most activities took place in or near Chicago.

More importantly, the majority of significant decisions were made by a small number of people from Chicago. Virtually all major aspects of the Fellowship reflected the values and tastes of the midwest Chicago culture.

This situation has undergone steady change over the last two decades. And today no one could justifiably argue that the Fellowship is dominated by a Chicago cultural perspective. The evidence

would no longer support such a claim.

The transition involved many incremental steps, not all of which were peaceful. Conflict and dissension were not unusual. The final event of this transitional process -- the separation of Foundation and Fellowship -- was the most turbulent of all. It was the suddenly which finally and fully detached the Fellowship from its prior stage of development. The detailed history of this 25-year evolution provides an instructive study of the evolution of a social group with a religious purpose.

While it would no longer be correct to describe the Fellowship as dominated by a Chicago cultural flavor, it would be reasonably accurate to describe it as one which is pervaded by American cultural values. No one part of the United States now dominates the character of the Fellowship. The attitudes and viewpoints of all parts are represented in both the governing structures and decision-actions of

the Fellowship. But as a whole, it is characteristically an American organization.

IC93 (International Conference of the Fellowship held in August at Ste. Hyacinthe, Quebec) may represent the leading edge of the next transition. For the first time, the Fellowship's flagship social event was held outside the United States. The planning team was composed of individuals from the United States and from French and English-speaking sections of Canada. This may have been the first step in the transition from American culture to an organizational flavor which is more truly reflective of international values and viewpoints.

If this is the case, we are at the beginning of another phase of growth which will require two decades or more to complete. We have some idea about how long such change might take, and we also know something of the challenges which are likely to accompany this transition. Past experience suggests that the process will not be entirely peaceful.

We can not know in advance all the details of these events. We can only be certain that they will arise from time to time, and that we will have to pass through periods of conflict and confusion as we make our way from where we currently are to where we believe we ought to be.

Our ideals encourage us to think of our work as having international significance. We do not believe it should be restricted to any one people or culture. Nevertheless, the experiential actualization of such ideals requires a degree of cultural readjustment which is more welcome in theory than in fact. It is not easy to change old habits, or old ways of doing things. So far, the work of the Fellowship has favored the preferences and tastes of Americans.



The first summer study session, held in August 1963, was largely attended by Chicago residents.

Americans may be in the position of the Chicagoans of 25 years ago. They are in control of the organization, and the organization reflects their cultural values and practices. They may find other cultural practices somewhat strange and even unpleasant when first experienced; and if that happens, they will be resisted.

Those same Americans who 25 years ago acted as the agents of what ought to be will then find themselves functioning as the conservators of that which is. Newer and unfamiliar faces will appear and demand progress.

This is inevitable. Growth requires struggle. But today we are not as experientially ignorant as we were 25 years ago. We have been through a cycle of transition.

That experience makes us wiser participants in the next transitional cycle. It should give us the ability to minimize the confusion and uncertainty which are certain to accompany the event.

Perhaps 25 or 50 years from now those occupying the positions we now hold will review their past experience and remember that in 1993 the Fellowship was a distinctly American organization. They might reflect upon the many incremental adjustments made over the years, not all of which came easily or quietly.

And they might observe that the Fellowship no longer embraced solely American domination. The evidence would compel any reasonable observer to conclude that the Fellowship had become truly international, that its nature and character could not be assigned to anyone culture, but that it truly had become representative of all cultures, a living and hard-won experiential manifestation of unity in diversity.

None of this suggests that the Fellowship has a mandate to control or direct the response to *The Urantia Book* either in the United States or anywhere else in the

world. The issue is not one of control, but of assistance and cooperation. The purpose is to foster mutual support and understanding in accordance with local preferences.

It is entirely possible to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds without adopting a paternalistic attitude. We have seen the dangers of such attitudes and, hopefully, have learned from these experiences. We seek only fellow-



Alvin Kulieko presides at the first Triennial Delegate Assembly, which occurred August 1964.

ship and cooperation among the growing family of students of *The Urantia Book*.

In immediate terms, the Spanish translation of *The Urantia Book* is now in print. Suddenly there are new possibilities for the study and dissemination of *The Urantia Book* among Spanish-speaking people. Mexico and Central and South America are home to hundreds,

perhaps thousands of individuals who will shortly have the opportunity to discover *The Urantia Book*.

The next international conference in 1996 may have many Spanish-speaking people present. In addition, we are developing relationships with interested individuals from Russia. These efforts have just begun, but may be in a much more advanced state of development when we hold IC96.

We intelligently must decide the direction we wish to go. In the past, we have focused our attention upon ourselves, our viewpoints and concerns which hold the interests of Americans. If we are to make a meaningful contribution to the internationalization of *The Urantia Book*, we will have to redirect a significant portion of our attention and resources outside the United States to the service of individuals speaking different languages, living in different cultures and having different needs.

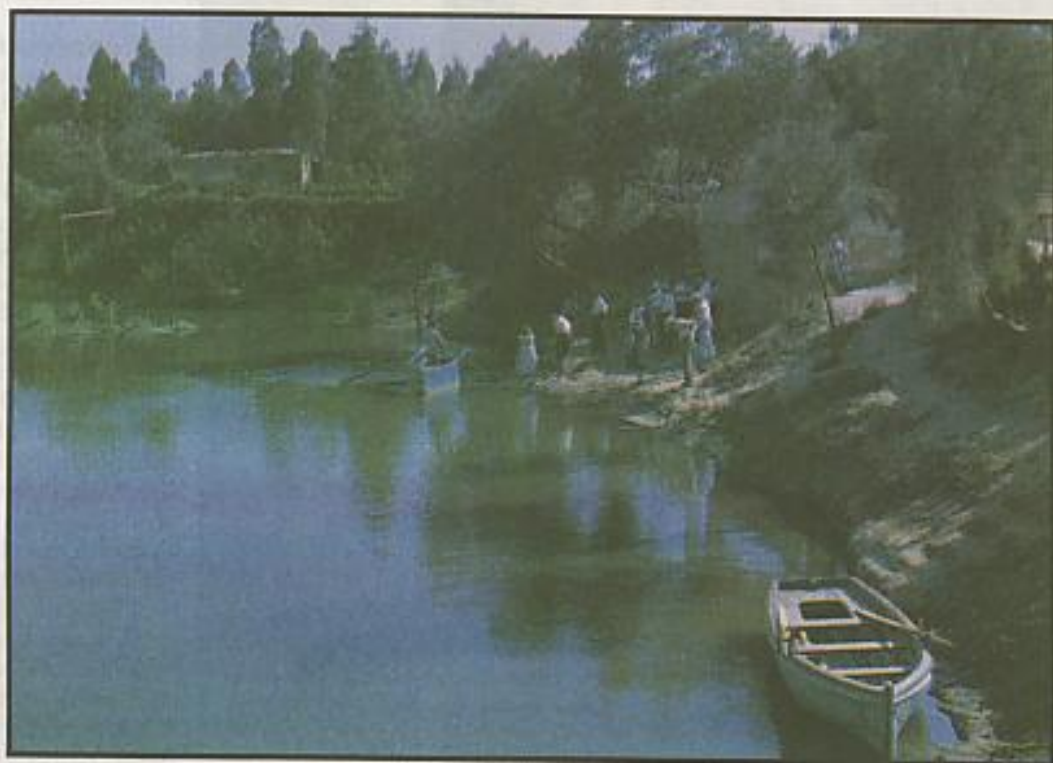
We are not required to do this. We could continue to focus our efforts primarily upon ourselves and our own needs, and leave others to solve their own problems. What is important is that we know what we are about, that we do not claim to be doing one thing while we are actually doing another.

Time after time I have watched the General Council grapple with difficult and complex matters. And I have been impressed at the creative power present in this collective process.

I have seen solutions develop which were nowhere present when discussions began. Through all of this I have watched the members of this group grow in their ability to work with one another, to stimulate one another to productive thought and responsible decision, and to grow in affectionate regard for one another even in the face of substantial disagreement.

And as this happens here, it is reflected throughout the entire reader community.

*This village
by the River
Jordan could
have been a
site where
Jesus or John
the Baptist
taught
believers ...
and changed
the world in
the process.*



In The Beginning, Was The Holy Land

Imagine walking the roads that Jesus walked and visiting the sites of his intriguing life as the Son of Man and the Son of God.

If ever there was a time to visit the home site of the Master, it is this year, the 2,000th anniversary of his birth on our world.

To commemorate this beloved event, a special tour of the Holy Land has been organized for readers of *The Urantia Book* August 11 through 22. To date, about 130 individuals have signed up for the trip. And there's room for more.

The tour begins in Tel Aviv with a drive north to Caesarea to view the ruins of the crusaders' fortress and the great Roman amphitheater. Then it's off to Megiddo on the Plain of Esdraelon and Mount Carmel to visit the Carmelite Monastery, Elijah's Cave and the Bahai Temple with its lovely Persian Gardens.

Three days have been scheduled to explore Tiberias. We will cross the Sea of Galilee to visit Capernaum and see the remains of a second-century synagogue and the Apostle Peter's house, followed by a visit to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Continuing on to Tabgha, we will visit the site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

Then we will travel to Cana to visit the church which is heralded as the site where Jesus turned the water to wine. From there, it's on to Nazareth, the childhood home of the Master, and a tour of the grotto assumed to be Joseph's carpentry shop.

The final four days of the tour will take us to Jerusalem to visit the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the crippled man, and the site of the Temple, the Dome of the Rock, the El Aqsa Mosque and the

Wailing Wall.

A trip to Bethany will include a visit to the tomb of Lazarus. From there we will continue on to the Dead Sea, 1,288 feet below sea level and site of Sodom and Gomorrah. We also will travel to the Caves of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and the Masada fortress, where the Zealots made their last stand against Rome in 73 A.D.

The tour concludes in Bethlehem with a commemorative program presented by Gard Jameson, chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the Fellowship, and Carol Hay of Boulder, Colorado. We will then visit the Church of the Nativity and the manger where Jesus was born, and return to Jerusalem for a visit to the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper, and the Church of All Nations on the Rock of Agony, followed by a visit to Mount Olivet, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Chapel of the Ascension.

The favorite spots in this tour for Berkeley Elliott in Oklahoma City are Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. This will be Berkeley's third trip to the Holy Land.

"We'll have a worship service on the hill where Jesus went to pray as a young man," Elliott says. "A special place is the Sea of Galilee and the beach where Jesus walked with the Apostles and the boats he built."

Land of the Pharaohs

The tour will be extended another week to explore Egypt, August 22 through 28. Scheduled cities include Cairo, Memphis, Sakkara, Luxor and Aswan.

In this extended trip, we will see:

- * The Egyptian museum of antiquities with the treasures of Tutankhamen.

- * The Great Pyramids and the Sphinx.

- * The Alabaster Mosque and the Sultan Hassan Mosque.

- * The Temple of Ptah and the Alabaster Sphinx of Ramses II.

- * The Fourth Dynasty Pyramids of King Unas of Sakkara.

- * The Valley of the Kings with the tombs of Tutankhamen, Seti and Queen Nefertiti, Deir El Bahari and the Colossi of Memnon and Temple of Queen Hatshepsut.

- * The Temples of Karnak and Luxor.



Walk the roads of Nazareth, where Jesus spent his childhood years.

- * Philae Island.

- * The Granite Quarries and the unfinished Obelisk.

- * The New High Dam and Lake Nasser.

- * The Mausoleum of Agha Khan and the sixth-century Monastery of St. Simon.

How To Register

The price of the Holy Land tour is \$1,991 per person, based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is an additional \$295. For those traveling on to Egypt, the cost is an additional \$1,297 per person, based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is another \$225.

These prices include air transportation by an IATA/ARC jet carrier in economy class, surface transportation by deluxe motorcoach, accommodations in first class and deluxe hotels based on rooms with twin beds and private bath, continental breakfast and dinner daily, entrance fees to sightseeing events listed in the itinerary and local English-speaking guides.

The tour price does not include U.S. and foreign airport departure taxes and security charges (currently \$36 for main tour and \$10 for Egypt extension), passport and visa fees, laundry room, meals not included in the itinerary, tips and excess baggage fees.

A passport valid six months beyond the date of re-entry to the United States is required.

For more information, contact Berkeley Elliott at 14 Southwest 97th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73139 or call (405) 794-2978.



Recalling Jesus' admonition to the Apostles of "Peace, be still," these students of The Urantia Book find a certain inner peace while visiting the Sea of Galilee during their trip to the Holy Land in 1985.

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because they had to fight for what they have. They've had to have each paper translated to study and we had it handed to us on a silver platter.

Bulletin: That brings up a good point. How did they respond to the Spanish translation?

Elliott: They think that now they will be free to study it, instead of just having to study what few papers were translated for them.

Lange: Another 50 readers have joined the Santiago group since we were there.

Elliott: We met about 60 people and they've only had it three years. And they're just now getting the translation.

Bulletin: Did this trip change your perceptions about the goals of your committee?

Lange: It shifted our emphasis of looking at the movement as coming from the United States and going out to the world. So many more readers are in Latin America that we will look toward a working partnership.

Bulletin: What are your favorite memories of this trip?

Elliott: The shock of the trip in Bogota was our first night there. We walked in and there were about 100 people. We expected maybe 10 or 12. The next night we had about 50. I thought there would be one meeting with a good-sized group, but I never figured 100, and I never anticipated going to meetings every day. We did that in both places and these were different people.

Bulletin: Tell me about the readers. I've always been struck by the diversity that exists in the movement. Was that the case?

Elliott: Yes, they were very diverse. The second night we were in Tabio (Colombia) the group was almost all professional people.

Lange: They were all professionals and had a special meeting room where they met for several hours.

Elliott: Six hours every Sunday.

Lange: They are assigned topics to study and present. They translate what they're going to study on the weekend. That shows how happy they are to get the



This group in Chile discussed questions on The Urantia Book with Lange and Elliott.

Spanish translation. It's going to accelerate their study abilities.

Elliott: In both places, they dedicated their time, energy, money and gifts as though we were their very best friends. They were so glad to see us. They treated us with so much love and respect. It was extremely touching. It was probably one of the most incredible trips, in that way, that I've ever taken in my life.

Lange: It's just amazing how the Urantia Revelation was planted in another culture and the truth has blossomed into a very loving organization.

Elliott: We need to give Douglas Fraser credit for planting the book there and nourishing these groups. He stays in close contact with them and is beginning small study groups in other countries in South America.

Bulletin: What if local study groups or readers want to get involved? How can they help in Latin America?

Lange: They can call the Fellowship office (312/327-0424) or they can call me (501/782-3263). Acquiring books at a reasonable cost or help with the translation of secondary works is needed, and just an exchange of ideas and information so we can help them. They sense the direction they want their study groups to go. They enjoy getting to know people who have been reading the book and share in our knowledge.

*When you know that you are saved by faith, you have real peace with God.
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Calendar of Events

- April 15-17, Whole Life Expo, Seattle, Wash. Contact Paula Thompson, (800) 767-5683.
- April 17, "World Religions: Conflict and Cooperation," Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Contact The Fellowship, (312) 327-0424 or Marilyn Kulisek, (708) 945-1812.
- April 22-24, Whole Life Expo, San Francisco, Calif. Contact Paula Thompson, (800) 767-5683.
- May 20-22, Whole Life Expo, Chicago, Ill. Contact Paula Thompson, (800) 767-5683.
- May 21, Twentieth Annual Southern Oregon Conference, Grants Pass, Ore. Contact 2000 & 20 Committee, P.O. Box 367, Murphy, OR 97533.
- June 17-19, Annual Retreat and Business Meeting, Florida Students of The Urantia Book, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Theme: "2000 Years of Reflection." Contact Waldine Stump, (305) 476-8563 or Jack Miller, (305) 421-3957.
- July 1-10, Triennial Delegate Assembly, Summer Seminar and Scientific Symposium III, Oklahoma City, Okla. Contact The Fellowship, (312) 327-0424.
- Aug. 11-22, Tour of Holy Land, Celebration of 2,000 Year Anniversary of Birth of Jesus. Contact Berkeley Elliott, (405) 843-4900.
- Aug. 18-21, Jesus Birthday Celebration, Camp Brotherhood, Mount Vernon, Wash. Contact Tony or Inez Finstad, (206) 485-8266.
- October 4-8, South Pacific Conference of ANZURA, Auckland, New Zealand. Contact Marion Steward, 14 Aspiring Avenue, Manukau City, Auckland, New Zealand.

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Announcements

If you have a study group to be listed in this year's *Study Group Directory*, please call Paula at (303) 581-0456.

IC93 tee shirts are available for \$10. Sizes L and XL in aqua, mustard or hot pink. Send orders to The Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, (312) 327-0424.

Pins embossed with the two-color IC93 logo are available from Jesusonian Foundation at (800) 767-5683.

In Remembrance

James Carleton Mills, Ph.D. passed away in Atlanta, Georgia on July 29, 1993. Born March 8, 1908, Mills became a reader of the Urantia Papers in 1951. He was active in Urantia Brotherhood, now known as the Fellowship, as a General Councilor from 1955 to 1984. Various responsibilities he held include vice president from 1957 to 1964 and acting president in 1962 and again in 1973. He was a trustee of Urantia Foundation from 1971 to 1975.
