

FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES

Membership Installation Ceremony

*Pres.*  
~~Lucas~~  
Opening Prayer (Believer's Prayer to be led by the President or other officer)

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Our Father who is in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come; your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our bread for tomorrow;  
Refresh our souls with the water of life.  
And forgive us every one our debts  
As we have forgiven our debtors.  
Save us in temptation, deliver us from evil.  
And increasingly make us perfect like yourself. (1620)

The officiating representative of the Membership Committee, acting for the Membership Committee declares that the committee is fully satisfied after due examination, that the candidates meet all the conditions required in the society constitution. Further, that it has been duly recommended to the Governing Board of the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles that the recommended candidates be approved for induction. The Governing Board then voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

Membership Chairman to the candidates:

*Lucas*  
Are you willing to accept the Constitution of the URANTIA Brotherhood and the Constitution of the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles?  
Answer in unison: "I do."

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PURPOSE (To be read by the Membership Chairman)

The purposes of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD are the study and dissemination of the teachings of the URANTIA Book: the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the peoples of the world of the comprehension and understanding of Cosmology—and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe; of the genesis and destiny of Man and his relation to God, and of the teachings of Jesus Christ; and the inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man - in order to increase the comfort and happiness, and well-being of Man, as an individual and as a member of society, by fostering a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development, through the medium of fraternal association, ever obedient and subservient to the laws of this country and all countries wherein URANTIA Brotherhood may extend. "

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READINGS BY THE OFFICERS

You have accepted a philosophy which is consistent with the facts and

and in harmony with the highest conception of truth, beauty and goodness; a philosophy which teaches self-forgetfulness, a gospel of the kingdom dominated by truth conviction.

The following quotations are from The URANTIA Book:

*rd person* Participate in that most thrilling and inspiring of all possible human (1729:) experiences; the personal quest for truth . . . the supreme adventure of all human existence - man seeking God, for himself and as himself, and finding him."

*rd person* "The ultimate goal of human progress is the reverent recognition of the Fatherhood of God and the loving materialization of the brotherhood of man." (1608:1)

*3rd person* "One of the most important things in human living is to find out what Jesus believed, to discover his ideals, and to strive for the achievement of his exalted life purpose. Of all human knowledge, that which is of greatest value is to know the religious life of Jesus and how he lived it." (2090:4)

PLEDGE (To be administered by the Membership Chairman)

Will you all please repeat after me:

"I pledge myself to the study of the URANTIA Book . . . to strive for the establishment of its teachings in my heart and life . . . and to carry these teachings to those with whom I come in contact . . . I will cooperate as I am able . . . in the promotion of the interests of the Brotherhood and in the dissemination of the teachings of the URANTIA Book. . . To this end, I dedicate my effort in the work of this URANTIA Society."

Now will you please sign the official membership roll and date.

*lastly* The Membership Chairman declares that the candidates are now members of the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles and, by virtue of this fact are now members of the URANTIA Brotherhood.

*lastly* Welcome to our dedicated service.

Welcome by officers present.

*do first, not last*  
Brief addresses by new members. (Optional, according to the wishes of the new members.)

*lastly*  
CLOSING "God the Father loves men; God the Son serves men; God the Spirit inspires the children of the universe to the ever-ascending adventure of finding God the Father, by the ways ordained by God the Sons, through the ministry of the grace of God the Spirit." p.53