

RESOLUTION FOR SEPARATION OF POWERS:
WALKING THE 5TH EPOCHAL TALK

WHEREAS; The Urantia Book states that "The only sacred feature of any human government is the division of statehood into the three domains of executive, legislative, and judicial functions";

WHEREAS; The Urantia Book states that "The great struggle in the evolution of government has concerned the concentration of power"; that "The universe administrators have learned from experience that the evolutionary peoples on the inhabited worlds are best regulated by the representative type of civil government when there is maintained proper balance of power between the well co-ordinated executive, legislative, and judicial branches";

WHEREAS; the Fellowship as presently constituted has no such separation of powers, as evidenced by the role of the Executive Committee in nominating Officers to the General Council; and as evidenced by the fact that nearly 1/3 of the 1997 TDA delegates are current members of the General Council; and that xx of these occupy seats that are currently subject to re-election;

WHEREAS; pursuant to Section 14.1, it requires only five members of the Executive Committee to have effective veto power over any changes to the Constitution;

WHEREAS; legislative, judicial and executive functions are all vested in various degrees in the Executive Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that the Fellowship make changes in its Constitution to provide for an organizational structure that is more clearly patterned after the principle of separation of powers, as articulated in the Urantia Book.

RESOLUTION FOR CHANGING TDA DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

WHEREAS; a cardinal role of the TDA is to provide an opportunity for members of the Fellowship not currently serving as General Councilors to actively participate in the governing of the Fellowship;

WHEREAS; such participation by non-Councilors can provide a greater diversity of viewpoint to the General Council and the Executive Committee;

WHEREAS; approximately one-third of the 1997 TDA delegates are also current members of the General Council;

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that the qualification criteria for TDA delegates be changed to disallow currently seated General Councilors.