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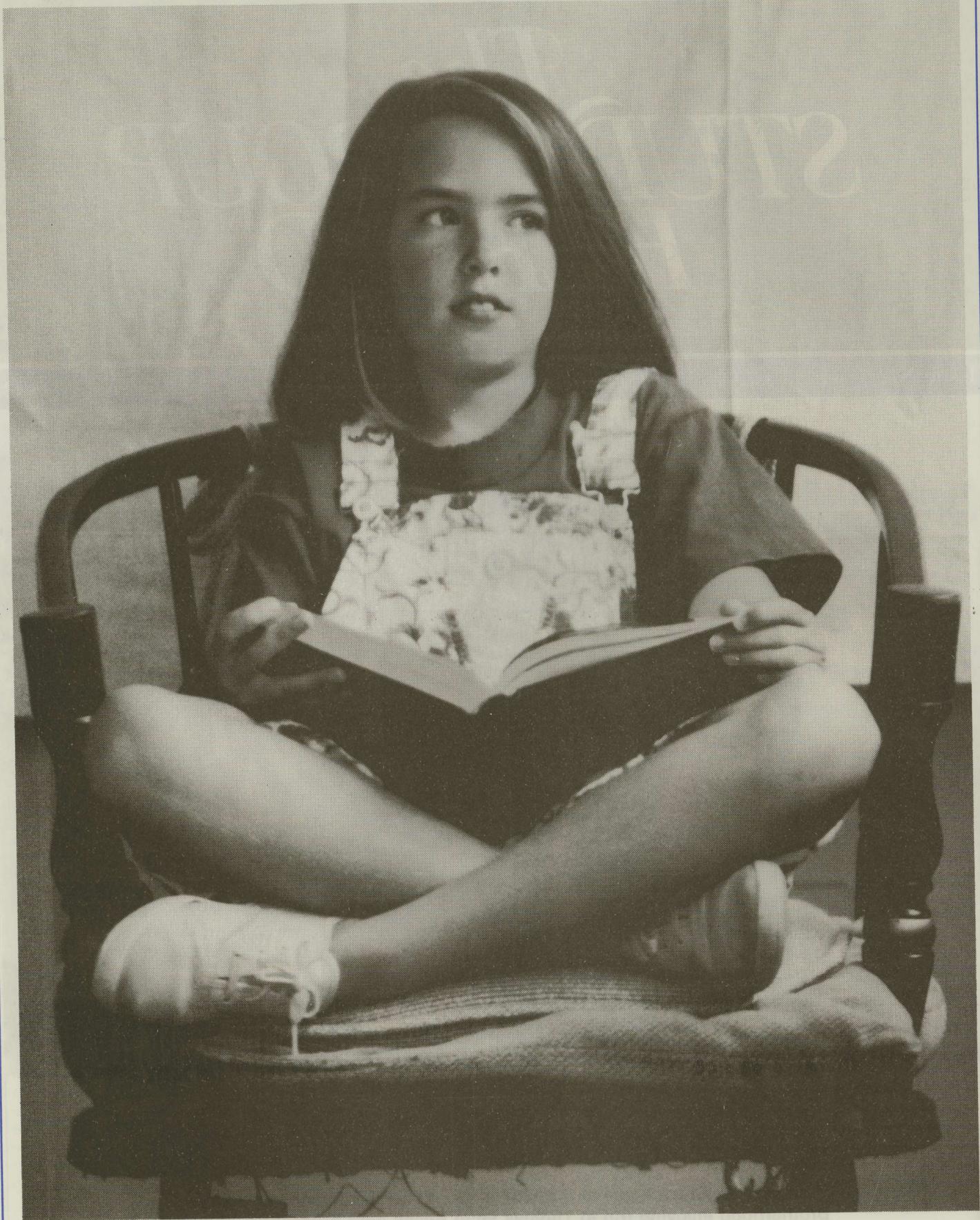
For readers of *The Urantia Book*

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Children In The Movement

Contingent of teen-agers at the 1987 International Conference of Urantia Brotherhood enjoying trip to Thomas Point Beach near Brunswick, Maine.



Lyndsey Herbert, Laconia, New Hampshire



Janet Farrington, Keith Graham, & Family

CHILDREN

IN THE URANTIA MOVEMENT

A Survey of Study Groups

By Janet Farrington and Keith Graham, Brier, Washington

Seventy-eight people took time out from their busy schedules to answer this survey about children in the Urantia movement. 27% of the 286 study groups listed in the 1991 study group directory responded to the survey and are represented in this report covering 27 states in the U.S. and one province in India. 17 people actually wrote personal letters and 8 people volunteered their services to work in the area of children and families.

We thank all respondents for their thoughtful consideration of these questions.

Summary

Responses to this survey indicate a strong feeling that the adult study group is not the place for children but they should get spiritual education based on *Urantia Book* teachings, either in the home by parents, or with a group of readers.

A decidedly large majority believes the Fellowship should support, in some way, the spiritual education of children. In addition, readers appear willing to use materials produced for children in a variety of settings. However, survey respondents seem to have a wide range of opinions on what materials would be useful and how to use them. Some want study aids, others want creative aids. Some hope for organized groups specifically for children, others see this as strictly a parental concern.

Although there was no separate question addressing the issue of teens, there were comments from many parents indicating a sincere desire for their teens to someday become active readers involved in study group or UB community activities.

Many readers commented on the paucity of families in their area and their desire for some type of community where the children could at least socialize with *Urantia Book* readers. Several peo-

ple wrote about how great it is to be around other readers and their families. And one commented, "When our children were young they enjoyed playing with other *Urantia Book* readers' children. They all thought *Urantia Book* people were "Terrific!"

And so do we! Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who have responded so enthusiastically to this survey and also to those who have shown such genuine interest in seeing more resources devoted to children in the Urantia movement. As many of your comments reflect, this is work that needs to be done as we build our spiritual fellowship. Your comments and letters and offers to help can be addressed to the Family Life Editor and will be much appreciated.

The Survey

1. How long has your study group been meeting? How many readers attend on average? How old is the youngest participant?

- The median age of study groups represented is 8 years. 30% of the groups were less than 3 years old. Only 7 groups (9%) have been meeting longer than 15 years.

- 84% of the groups have ten members or less; 51% have 6-10 members, and 33% have 5 members or less.

- Average age of the youngest member is 25. 25% of the responses have a member younger than 20 years of age.

2. Children are:

	8 or older*	under 8 yrs.*
- Encouraged to attend	16	11
- Allowed but not encouraged	14	12
- Discouraged from attending	4	9
- Integrated	10	6
- Tolerated but not integrated	5	7
- None in this age group	32	37
- Have a separate group	5	3

* No. of responses not no. of groups

3. Has the integration of children into study group activities been a "hot" topic for your group?

- For most groups this is not a topic which has generated much debate. However, there were 5 respondents (6%) whose groups have experienced difficulties with the issue, one of which has disbanded as a result. There were 19 (22%) N/A responses to this question.

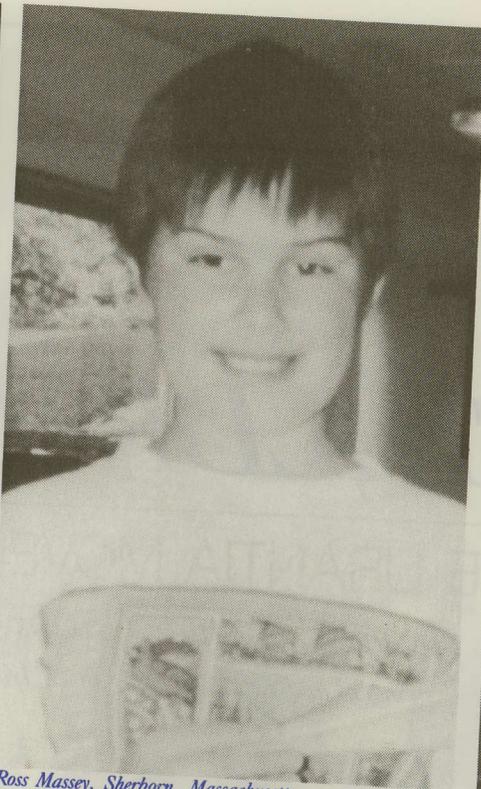
4. What do readers feel/believe about the spiritual education of children?

- The responses to this question are as diverse as the readership. 15% felt that the spiritual education of children needs improvement in some way. Most comments referred to the "dearth of materials" available for children. 23% felt that they were satisfied but there is room for improvement. Many of these noted that the children attend Sunday School at a nearby church (Methodist, Unity, and Quaker were mentioned). Many people wrote that they were very interested and one writer commented about "Jesus having time for children as a natural occurrence..." and implied that our movement should do likewise.

- Three respondents said we should teach the children by example with one reader noting,



Courtney Kuketz, Worcester, Massachusetts



Ross Massey, Sherborn, Massachusetts



Katy Lucsko, Belmont, New Hampshire

"As a group we feel that children live and learn by example, so the children must have the feeling that what the parent does . . . pertains to them also." Our reader in India says, "Teach them young so they will grow in spirit."

- Three respondents specifically said this was a parental responsibility. There were several comments regarding diversity, such as, "Education is important but the methods will vary." One respondent wrote, "Our readers are very diverse. Some go to church, some don't. Some feel opposed to formal religious training, others tolerate it, others pursue it. It is difficult to fit the most recent revelation into our lives because there is really no cultural outlet. We are at the cutting edge, dreaming of forming the 'new.'" Four respondents felt that children would ask for help when they were ready. 32% had no comment on this question.

5. Please list the types of activities available for children in your area.

- 55% of respondents stated that there were no activities available or had no comment. The remainder of the responses listed the activities available as follows:

- Holiday or social events - 10%
- Adult study group where children play - 9%
- Children's program monthly, annual conference - 9%
- Jesus' Birthday celebration - 8%
- Sunday school (non-UB) - 6%
- Family campout/retreat - 4%

6. What activities would you like to see in your area?

- A high number of respondents said they

would like to see study groups specifically for children (20%), while another 6% mentioned a Sunday school program based on UB teachings "with art and music". Another 6% suggested outdoor activities such as gardening, horseback riding, hiking, campouts, and several people mentioned creative projects. Additional responses in this category include conferences or retreats (2), play groups for Urantia kids (2), worship (2) and 8% mentioned specific materials they would like to see (see question 9 below).

There were 37 N/A answers (47%), with some accompanied by the comment "I wish there were more families in this area." There seems to be a general hunger on the part of respondents for more interaction with *Urantia Book* reader families. One reader wrote, "Perhaps part of being aware of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood/Sisterhood of humankind is that we view all activities, whether school, church, sports, or whatever as being activities available for us in God's Urantia schoolroom. As far as separate Urantia activities . . . they would be nice, but perhaps this is not meant to be."

7. What is the most meaningful experience you have had with a child during a Urantia community event?

- 58% of readers responded to this question. 23% reported that working with children in a conference, workshop, or study group setting was meaningful. Many readers commented on the insightful nature of children, including one reader who says, "When I spent time with children on a consistent basis some months ago, I was amazed and touched by the enthusiasm to study the teachings - particularly in the 5-10 age group." Another

reader wrote about discussions she had with "...one or two children at a time about the UB and its teachings. Finding out how they fit in - or don't, with their Christian friends and asking what they are most curious about in the UB. When asked if they own a book most say no. When asked if they would like a book, most said, yes."

- One reader wrote about a roundhouse discussion with several children discussing what 'love' means to them. Another reported that "a twelve year old led the discussion of a paper for an hour and did an excellent job."

- Six readers specifically said socializing with children was meaningful, with one reader writing "The greatest experience at UB activities is watching these children from varied religious backgrounds develop a spiritual brotherhood amongst themselves."

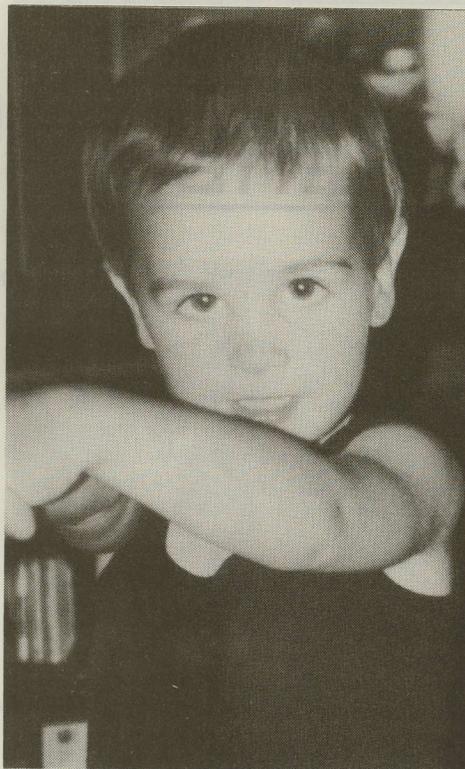
- Two readers told of a Michael's Birthday celebration where "the children wrapped the circle of adults in golden cloth and helped create a worship experience." Other activities reported included a "Thought Adjuster party when the children turn 5 years, 10 months"; children helping with the Remembrance Supper, and singing. One respondent believes "... when children are raised in an open, loving environment around spiritually fragrant persons, the Father will do the rest."

8. Do you believe the Fellowship should or should not be interested in the spiritual education of children?

- A whopping 82% of the survey respondents believe the Fellowship should be interested in the spiritual education of children. Many readers were emphatic in their support with comments such as: "It is our greatest challenge." "Yes, very much



Allison Kerr, Troy, New York



Ryan Kuketz, Worcester, Massachusetts



Alyssa Rocap, Southington, Connecticut

so. This has been neglected somewhat." Another wrote, "Most definitely so! If children get no regular training, they are very likely to end up with no religion at all — or end up believing in some authoritarian 'religion of the mind!'"

— One reader felt, "It should be a top concern. After all, who is going to carry on where we leave off? I feel it is very important." A similar comment came from another reader, "Of course they should!!! The children are the future for the material in the book. It can't always be taken by people who have no background — it must go forward in second, third, and fourth generations."

— Several respondents commented on the approach needed in the educational process. "We believe that educational activities should start at the earliest possible age. This, however is not the responsibility of the Fellowship but of parents. The Fellowship should encourage and support these activities." Another wrote, "There should certainly be an interest in fostering and encouraging the spiritual education, but we feel that by no means should this be allowed to turn into some sort of systemized program." And still another reader felt, "The spiritual education of our children is best accomplished by the folks living their own religion."

— Although there were many readers who felt adult study groups were not appropriate for children "especially when we get into heavy intellectual stuff," another felt that, "Young children through adolescence need spiritual education desperately. What better way than to incorporate them into a study group with adults or age group to their liking with adult guidance." One reader stated, "I think there are things that can be done and it is a good topic to pursue. But most moral

training should be in the home. Perhaps ways can be found to reinforce it. I don't think any special meetings for children should follow a Sunday School type pattern."

— One respondent stated, "The Fellowship and all readers should be engaged in educating the young with whom they are in contact." There were seven (9%) unqualified NO answers and seven N/A answers.

9. If study aids for children were available, would your group use them?

— 56% of the survey respondents said they or families in their group would use materials if available. 8 readers said they would not use study aids and there were 20 (26%) N/A responses (mostly from those without children).

— Most comments related to the type of study aid, including this from a reader who said, "We should encourage any creativity. Education is a creative experiential process and study aids must not get in the way, but foster it." One reader commented, "My problem with this is the focus on 'study.' I feel that the Fellowship should work to enhance the spiritual culture of families rather than to try and get kids to study." Another reader said she would use study aids ". . . in a format that allowed (the children) to be part of the group. I realize that this is difficult and that is why I have had little success keeping my kids (ages 13, 12, 10) in the study group."

— How to distribute study aids was a concern for some readers, since there are so few children attending study groups. One wrote, "We have no group need but would furnish them to our members who are parents of children for use in the home." Another respondent similarly felt, "Per-

haps we could distribute them to members for use at home. I think Slagle's book on the early childhood of Jesus is excellent and the type of thing that could prove most useful, especially in a setting of reading to children at bedtime." Another reader indicated they would not use study aids "Until such time as our child shows an interest in formalized study of *The Urantia Book*."

— There were many suggestions for the types of materials for children that should be produced. Topping the list were books or stories for children on the later life of Jesus and other *Urantia Book* material. Other ideas include a video, a trivia game, coloring books, an idea book for parents, and songbooks. It is interesting to note that topical studies for children were not mentioned although someone did suggest aids for teens to use in the study group setting.

HIGHLIGHTS

— 55% reported that there were no *Urantia Book* based activities for their children in the area.

— 82% of those responding said the Fellowship should be interested in the spiritual education of children.

— 56% said they would use materials for children if available.

California: I have been reading the *Urantia Book* for 16 years, but just joined a study group one year ago. My primary motivation for seeking a group was to have contact with other readers so I could pick their brains about how to teach this stuff to my own daughters. Of course now my primary motivation for going to study group is that I LOVE the people and to study and discuss out loud is such a joy after 15 solitary years!

New York: Throughout the years we have always encouraged children to participate with the adults and when the "heavy thinking" occurs, to go by themselves and enjoy carefree association with one another.

Washington: Anything which promotes a loving, healthy family life should be supported and encouraged since that is possibly the saddest situation in our country today. There are so many poor influences attacking children — dangers my generation never had to face in most areas, when we were kids. And a lot of us grandparent types are very concerned.

New York: Our most meaningful experience was having our son ask for a *Urantia Book* after a conference. He was a teenager at the time. He read with us for a few meetings but now chooses not to participate.

Massachusetts: When attending a study group, a nine-year-old girl told about her friend who was killed in an automobile accident. We read the paper on the probationary nursery in Mansonia #1. Later she made up a play and presented it at a regional conference.

Virginia: I have two children aged 12 & 15 who I would like to attend, but it really doesn't seem appropriate. This book and our study of it is very advanced and a normal child simply isn't into such things. My older son has his own book, is a believer and knows much of the book; I hope one day he will show interest in attending our meetings. I have told him we would love to have him if he had any desire to participate.

Washington: How can we help to enrich the already present structure of the family? If "study groups" form as a result of this, all the better. But let's strengthen our families first.

Idaho: My study group didn't think they could participate in this survey because we have no children hanging around the fringes these days. But I remember when my children and others were home, and I know the importance of making them feel comfortable and at home on study group night. I also knew the importance of not forcing them in any way to participate. But the times that my invitation to "hang out with the group" were accepted, I usually found some small way to include the curious child. Usually I would have them read a page or so about the lad Joshua when he was of their contemporary age. I was always impressed with how well the children could read, and praised them a little, and thanked them for reading.

Tennessee: For me, accepting children and their needs encourages me to put aside my own wishes and respond to others. It is also a learning experience for me to accept children's concerns as

EXCERPTS FROM THE LETTERS



Sue and Greg Welch of Andover, Massachusetts, provided music for the children at the 1992 Northeast Spring Regional Conference.



Michael & David Puets, New Jersey.

being important to them. Thankfully, most of my children's friends are members of *Urantia Book* reading families so even informal socializing has a *Urantia Book* or Jesusonian values as a backdrop.

New York: Each child who has come (to a study group) is given so much love and attention by the group that none has abused his privilege of making good comments and participating in other ways. They seem pleased to be incorporated into the group's activities.

Connecticut: The snag has been, for the most part, that parents have not taken (perhaps just don't know how) initiative to give the kids a good time and some *Urantia* insights. There is understandably a lot of reluctance on the part of individuals to miss blocks of meeting time to be with the kids. Here is another angle you may have already heard: at least two families have regretted bringing their children to meetings because the children resented the boredom and their parent's preoccupation. These parents believe that the children's later reactions of disinterest, even resistance to the book, had their origin in unpleasant memories of *Urantia* meetings! Not an easy judgement for parents of young ones to make.

Indiana: We have a "Thought Adjuster" party for children when they reach the age of six. We give each child a hand-made, embroidered, cloth medallion of three blue concentric circles on a white background. We have a brief ceremony in which the child lights a candle representing "the light that lights every person that comes into the world." Then each adult in turn lights their candle from the child holding his (her) candle. We read a few lines from the *Urantia Book* about Thought Adjusters. This is done in a party or social atmosphere and not during a regular meeting.

California: When they (the children) ask questions about religion we behave and reply as I at least imagine Jesus might have, with complete confidence in the reality of God, and if you will the naturalness of our relationship to him. We NEVER impose a "religious" interpretation on everyday events. If the kids ASK, we never hesitate to suggest one, but we also are sure to communicate that this is OUR PERSONAL vision and interpretation, and they may also have their own.

Wisconsin: Our children have grown up with knowledge of the *Urantia Book* and *Urantia* activities. Although they have never asked for their own book, we decided to give them one. We have always hoped that some day they would have and enjoy their own book — whenever they are ready. Realistically, when they do become ready we may not be around. We realize what a special gift it would be if their book came from their own parents. We gave them the *Urantia Book* on "Father's Day", explaining they were gifts in celebration of our heavenly Father's love. We each wrote a personal inscription of spiritual encouragement for their reassurance in the years to come. This all happened in June 1989 when our children were 10, 12, & 15. Their *Urantia Books* sit patiently on bedroom shelves and I dust them off occasionally whispering "their time will come, I'm sure

20-20-20

By *Gwen Wenzel, Brier, Washington*

While travelling from Washington to Mexico with my daughter, Leslie Alana and friend, Jo Thackwray, we visited many study groups and shared the joys of brother/sisterhood. Our final stop before leaving California was with a most beautiful and spiritual family - the Hunt's. On Sunday afternoon we gathered to share a wonderful worship technique I learned from friends in Canada.

20-20-20 is a spiritual exercise where we begin by sitting together in a circle for 20 minutes

and centering on God — trying to comprehend him, sending him our love and becoming self-forgetting. At the first 20 minute signal we go directly into writing for the second 20 minutes, using the blank paper at hand to write anything that comes to us. During the final 20 minutes we share what has flowed through us and onto the paper.

As always, we were surprised at the truth, beauty and goodness that flowed forth from every-

one present — elders, teens and our youngest member, Ciera Hunt, who is ten. We radiated pure love to the Most Highs and in turn we were graced by the Spirit of Truth who was present within our extended Family of God.

It is with much love and special permission that we publish the following poem written by Ciera Hunt during this unique and inspiring experience. Thanks Ciera!

A SPRITE'S GUIDE TO SELF-ESTEEM

By *Ciera Hunt (age 10)*

I am a sprite and I have good eyesight.

I know wrong from right.

I don't bite but sometimes you got to fight.

Stand up for yourself

or it might be too late.

However sometimes you have to

take the comment

go fly a kite!

Cause being a Sprite

you have to go on a flight.

Forget about the sorrow, forget about the time.

Put time on hold and unfold

Do what feels right, you really should.

The spirits will help you

the angels will sing.

Show God you still have some zing

at the end of the ring.

Show God you still can be something

you are a person, a true living thing.

You have no time to spare.

Live your life unusual and rare.

Laugh at some trees, sing to your dog

pig out like a hog.

Stand up for yourself in a non-fighting way.

Say hey, Matt, I don't like that.

Walk away.

Give yourself a pat on the back.

You just showed God how to be pure.

You play with your mind and

sing to your toes

and even occasionally pick your nose.

You have a spirit I do recommend.

Work up your self esteem.

Look in the mirror

and say Horray!

Wow!

Now!



Leslie Alana, Ciera Hunt and Gwen Wenzel

FAMILY RITUALS AND CELEBRATIONS

Ed. Note: This column is dedicated to reporting rituals and celebrations used by Urantia Book readers and their families. It is delightful to share with each other the many joys of life. Please con-

sider writing about your special family rituals and celebrations for this column and send them (along with pictures!) to the Family Life Editor.

“In this work of passing on the cultural torch to the next generation, the home will ever be the basic institution.” (Page 909.4)



Grandpa Leon, Francyl, Mikaila, Marvin and Jessica Gawryn.

OUR FAMILY COMMUNION

When our twin daughters were three years old, we began a ritual which we called our Family Communion. We have attempted to keep it going on a regular basis, and though we've not kept at it weekly, we do still practice it. I'd like to tell you about what we do and why I enjoy it so much.

We begin by first setting up the bread, juice, candles, bell, matches, lesson material, etc., and the girls decorate the table. We then each take a turn at ringing a tone bell, then we each light a candle. We have a "lesson" (which I'll get back to later). This is followed by a prayer. After the prayer, we share our bread and juice, sometimes silently, sometimes talking about Jesus. When this is finished, we ring the tone bell once more, blow out our candles, and then we sing and play music. (The girls usually dance!)

When we started, it seemed a little odd, since the girls mostly spent their time wondering how soon they could drink their juice and eat their bread, and after this, how soon we would sing and

dance. However, as they've grown in the three years since that time, they've become more and more involved, sometimes offering prayers of their own, often times asking questions (some GREAT questions) and sometimes making suggestions for topics for future communion lessons.

Our lessons have come from a variety of sources. In addition to *The Urantia Book* itself, there is Bob Slagle's wonderful book, *Tales of Joshua*, and many children's versions of Jesus' parables and appropriate Biblical stories. Often times we just choose a topic that is relevant to the season (Easter-rebirth) or an issue (forgiveness). Once we did one on "structure," that the universe is made and patterned by God. I'm amazed the girls still remember this one a year later! One more word about the lesson, often times we would give the girls paper and crayons and encourage them to draw and color a picture of our lesson topic, encouraging them to think creatively.

What I like most about it is that our Com-

munion has given us a definite time when we as a family sit down to discuss topics of a spiritual nature, and the girls feel free to ask questions or not, to agree or disagree, or sometimes just to listen (or not!).

As teachers, mom & dad don't always come up with the most intriguing and engaging lesson plan, and some lessons go better than others, but the overall effect is that God is a frequent topic as well as a friend in our household and discussions and questions of a spiritual nature are common.

I wish that I could say that I think my children are more spiritual because of this experience, but I don't think they are. They're pretty typical (wonderful!) kids. But I do think that our family life has been spiritually enriched by it and because of it, we share a comfortable space and time together as a family recognizing our common spiritual bond with each other and with all of God's children. And, I think *that's* pretty special!

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"Of all social relations calculated to develop character; the most effective and ideal is the affectionate and understanding friendship of man and woman in the mutual embrace of wedlock. Marriage, with its manifold relations, is best designed to draw forth those precious impulses and those higher motives which are indispensable to the development of a strong character."

(Rodan) P. 1776:1

Those ideals and aspirations were markedly expressed in the early summer, 1991 at ceremonies uniting Dianne Trouy and Terry Matheny in Texas, Karen Johnson and Tom Allen in Oklahoma, and Joan Batson and Larry Mullins in Colorado.

Typical of the three ceremonies, all individ-



Dr. Meredith Sprunger performed the ceremony for the wedding of Joan Batson and Larry Mullins.

ually written by the couples and based upon teachings of *The Urantia Book*, was that of Terry and Dianne, who announced in the invitation that "On this day I will marry my friend, the one who shares my dreams, life and love." Onlookers followed the ceremony with printed programs which explained that the flowers and music "express the beauty and joy of God's presence." To symbolize continuity, each family escorted the honoree, entering from opposite sides to signify continuity of family and civilizations produced by marriage, as well as the differences brought by each person to the union. In the outdoor setting, flanked by family and friends gathered in front of a picturesque wishing well, the couple vowed to each other:

"I will encourage your growth as a child of God by nurturing your noblest of virtues, while lovingly, I shall afford you transgressions and missteps along our eternal path to the Father. While giving to you the consideration and kindness which is your due, I shall yet offer you the comfort and familiar understanding of our closeness. I will respect you as an individual, separate and unique, never striving to make of you a reflection of my-

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Reported by John Hyde, Richardson, Texas

self. While I shall never block the path in front of you, nor fall into the shadow left behind you, I shall evermore walk beside you as your companion and your support. I will not forsake you in times

of trial and hardship. I promise to you now, my loyalty and faithfulness, both as your partner in marriage and your friend in God. I will remain with you to the end of our days to share in the joys and fruits of our lives together. As we grow in wisdom and years, we shall grow together and our days shall be filled with love."

Following affirmation of the vows, the minister asked for acknowledgement and acceptance by the community, explaining that "Marriage is societal as well as personal . . . aiding in the progress of civilization as well as the individual's spiritual growth." The couple then exchanged rings as a physical symbol of the union and signed contracts to signify "respect for civil society and agreement between the two mature, responsible persons." Each offered wine to the other, indicating a readiness "to share in the rewards as well as the difficulties of marriage." The ceremony concluded with an invitation to celebrate in expressing "willingness to open their hearts and home to all, thereby embracing the Family of Man."

Larry Bowan of Oklahoma City reports that "Two conferences six years apart at the Francis-

can Renewal Center in Phoenix were the occasions for introductions which culminated in a wedding in Oklahoma City in May, 1991. Among the people whom Tom Allen of Oklahoma met in 1982 at the first Arizona gathering for readers of *The Urantia Book* were Dick and Peggy Johnson of Phoenix. "Six years later, at a second conference, Tom met the Johnson's daughter, Karen. The grounds of Harry McMullan's beautiful home in Oklahoma City was the setting for an outdoor ceremony, attended by more than 100 guests from the Sooner State and from Japan, Arizona, Texas, Arkansas, Illinois, and Minnesota. After exchange of the couple's original vows, they were pronounced one.

Carol Hay of Boulder, Colorado, always a wel-



Karen & Tom Allen

come entertainer at Urantia gatherings, reports that the union of Joan Batson and Larry Mullins began in a beautiful outdoor setting to the strains of Star Edwards at the harp and a magnificent backdrop of scenic Rocky Mountains. Dr. Meredith Sprunger presided at the ceremony, with the bride in Victorian lace, Michelle Mullins as a charming flower girl, and James and Claire Hay bearing the rings. The Banner of Michael of Nebadon dominated the scene. But, alas, reports Carol, "as best man, Herb Sperber, scrambled to catch a runaway wedding band, we began to sense that things were going to go awry in Paradise." The skies began to darken, tiny drops of rain began to fall on the idyllic setting, Dr. Sprunger began to pick up his pace. The ceremony concluded with John Hay's friendly umbrella held over the happy couple. "And besides," concludes Carol, "having it rain in 40 degree temperature on your wedding is the kind of thing that memories are made of!" Or, as our book reminds us, ". . . man and woman in the fond embrace of the highest ideals of time, is so valuable and satisfying an experience that it is worth any price, any sacrifice, requisite for its possession."

TOPICAL STUDIES

FATHERHOOD:

JESUS AS A CREATIVE PARENTAL ROLE MODEL

Given by Patrick Yesh, Kingston, Ontario

Much of my continuing research on spiritually ideal family lifestyles has its roots in Julia Fenderson's earlier works on parenting and child rearing. She once told me of the importance of having others continue her work in guiding parents into more spiritually fruitful family practices.

The ultimate role model for family life as a

father and creative brother is that of Jesus. There are a multitude of references in *The Urantia Book* about Jesus and his relationship to his family. Besides providing for their financial welfare, Jesus took a keen personal interest in the spiritual welfare of every one of his brothers and sisters.

Of course, as a parental model Jesus' bottom

line was following the will of the Father. Jesus knew God never left his children, so naturally his fatherly example centered on his obligation of watchcare and support for his family. The following are a few examples of Jesus' problem solving skills as a creative parent.

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
1388 - 1390	All did go/obligation
1302.8 - 1394	Gradually/family
1401 - 1402	By this time/city
1405.4	Jesus is rapidly/eternity

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
1410.3	Before/suggestions
1418.5	The day after/family
1573.3 - 1575	From the Sermon/injustice

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
1589.4	Andrew/children
1603.5 - 1604	He next explained/perfect
1862.3	The righteousness/fellows

STUDIES FOR TROUBLED TIMES

Submitted by Jill Hull, Golden, Colorado

I. WHY TROUBLED TIMES ARE A PART OF LIFE:

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
258.4	The Creators/perfect universe.
538.5	"Coming up/and tolerant.
555.4	Even as/new opportunity.
556.7	5. DIFFICULTIES MAY/
	Most Highs.
556.14	12. THE GREATEST/

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
557.2	experiencing tribulation.
	16. YOU CANNOT/in
	adversity.
578.3	But you/survival values.
1130.6	You do/of "delivery."

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
1191.6-1192.1	They are/of spirit.
1199.5	While in/evolutionary struggle.
1664.1-3	Then Jesus/everlasting
	righteousness.
1674.5-6	"Much of/the spirit."

II. COMFORT AND ASSURANCE DURING TROUBLED TIMES:

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
138.3-4	God loves/and space.
291.3	But long/is impossible."
294.2	On Paradise/of eternity.
373.2	You are/even mercifully.
454.2	God loves/the Creator.
761.5	Every mortal/social domains.
1020.7	The covenant/his instructions.
1096.4-5	Jesus portrayed/universe

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
1117.1	attainment.
	Religion effectually/his
	universe.
1289.2-3	Men all/the Supreme.
1291.3	But no/the Supreme.
1306.7	But man/of all.
1558.6	It is/more abundantly.
1577.7-1578.1	Having now/trouble thereof."

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
1593.0	This is/eternal salvation.
1653.4	The important/are today.
1662.4	But such/of persons.
1675.6	I have/of wisdom.'
1722.5	It is/understanding counselor.
2062.11-2063.0	Many things/of Pentecost.
2076.3-4	As you/of evil.

III. WAYS TO ALLEVIATE TROUBLES:

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
956.7-957.1	But new/accidental ills.
998.3	Remember even/evolving
	races.
999.5-8	Prayer is/at hand.
1002.5	Prayer is/for gratification.
1092.6	In the/cosmic perspective.
1094.2	Spiritual growth/daily living.
1098.0	The highest/all understanding.
1101.1	One of/to disappointment.
1192.3	The Thought/advancing

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
1223.4	illumination.
1475.1	The indwelling/material world.
1525.3	Elevate the/divine spirit."
1536.3	In the/in heaven."
1573.1	My disciples/eternal life.
	Education should/contribute
	thereto.
1638.4	When man/so conditioned.
1661.5	"But, my/earthly misery.
1662.1	All too/divine ordinance.

Page numbers	Begins/ends with:
1669.0	Nevertheless, scores/for healing.
1670.0	Jesus did/personal faith.
1674.4	"Simon, some/within him.
1674.4	'A little/within himself'
1727.7	True religion/righteous fruit-
	fulness.
2063.1	Jesus met/the flesh.
1522.3	He discerned/drink it.
2096.5	Religious insight/spirit
	progression.

Ascending Currents

Stephen Zendt
San Francisco, CA, editor

"Even when the air currents are ascending, no bird can soar except by outstretched wings. Prayer elevates man because it is a technique of progressing by the utilization of the ascending spiritual currents of the universe."

P.1002:2

My Fellow Creatures

There is a place on the outer fringes of this finite,
Where my love and I embraced in an eternal light.

'Twas there in distant time, to mortal reason
The supreme gave a glimpse of what is to be.

Bathed in light, we were cuddled in a peaceful tone
and welcomed by many beings.

Until as a snowflake falling to mother earth,
I awakened to a new day, and behold...

Blending in Divine light
Those locked in this finite.

My fellow creatures.

Anonymous

Father, thank you for this day.
Hear us as we pause to pray.
We thank you for our home and food.
Help us to create Brotherhood.

Esther Hoover Zendt and Stephen Zendt

"Jesus deplored that so little of the spirit of thanksgiving was to be found in the prayers and worship of his followers."

P.1640:5

A URANTIAN GROUP PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, AD 1987

*Heavenly Father, Holy Mother...
Beloved Christ Michael, Beloved Creative Daughter Spirit,*

*We humbly offer you great praises of thanksgiving
for being our perfectly loving Divine Parents.*

We sincerely offer an expression of gratitude to our
Paradise Parents of Trinity:

Thank you, Universal Father, for your gifts of unique
personality and the indwelling of our minds by your

perfect Thought Adjusters. We are in awe that as the
least of all your children, we host the highest spirit
entity in all creation.

Thank you Eternal Son, for the bestowal of your
Paradise Son, Michael of Nebadon, Master Sovereign
Creator Son of our universe, who came to our planet
as Christ Jesus. Glory to you, Great Spiritual Lure,
for ever attracting us homeward.

Thank you, Infinite Spirit, for our mindal connection
to reality, and for your supernal seraphim who guard
us as infants and later deliver us from death. You
keep us sane on a world that kills God's messengers.

*We are your loyal agonizants of Urantia, dear Lord. We
are your peerless creatures who can believe without seeing,
who can overcome insuperable obstacles, and who can
persevere even when isolated. We commit ourselves and our
offspring to the dedication of attempting to do your divine
will, rather than our own.*

Thank you, Master Michael, for bestowing yourself as
a mortal of the realm. For choosing our world of the
cross as the only one in eternity for your human in-
carnation, we offer you undying gratitude.

We are thankful for our planet's Midwayers who have
brought to us the Fifth Epochal Revelation.

*Dear God, we appreciate the incredible privilege of being
of service to your spiritual family on a quarantined sphere
where your love is so desperately needed.*

Thank you, incomparable Jesus, for your merciful
ministry to us through your Spirit of Truth. You
indwell us also.

Thank you, Father, for our human brothers and
sisters: our parents, our children, and all other rela-
tives in our five-billion-member family.

**We extend thanksgiving to our adorable Father-
Mother God who is ever our friend, always forgiv-
ing, perfectly patient, and in whom we move,
live, and have our being. Always will it be so.
Amen.**

Jay Newbern, Santa Rosa, California
(reprinted from "The Circles" Spring-Summer 1988)

REMINISCENCES OF AN EARLY FORUM MEMBER

AN INTERVIEW WITH CLYDE BEDELL

The following article almost wholly consists of transcribed excerpts from a taped interview with Clyde Bedell conducted by Barbara Kulieke in 1983, a little over one year before Clyde's death.

Clyde Bedell joined the Forum in 1924 before the Urantia Papers had begun arriving. Clyde remained a member of this group for over 30 years until it was replaced by the Urantia Brotherhood and First Urantia Society in Chicago. Clyde was a member of the Brotherhood until his death in 1985. He thus had over 60 years of involvement with the Fifth Epochal Revelation of truth to our planet.

Clyde first related how he came to be involved in the Forum:

"I was living in Texas, in Dallas, in 1921-22. My mother who had been down there with me for the entire summer preceding had gone back north . . . and she wrote that her doctor wanted her to have an exploratory operation. Well, that frightened me. We were very close. I quit my job and went north. I wanted to be on hand if that were done. It was and she was found to have cancer and died quite soon after that.

"Meanwhile, as soon as I got up there, I went to look for a job in Chicago . . . I responded to an ad for an advertising agency wanting a copywriter . . . Well, I immediately made a good friend in this agency by the name of Lister Alwood, a man much my senior but a gifted writer. And we became very close friends . . . We would write things about emotional response and that sort of stuff. He was a religious man, as I was.

"Before I left [the agency] . . . a girl came there to work by the name of Florence Evans . . . I asked her for a date and was given a rain check which I never cashed in because I left pretty suddenly . . . Lou Hennig offered me a job in San Francisco . . . I joined him in San Francisco. I was there for two years . . . It was a great place. And a great job.

"Then I received from my friend Lister Alwood a long telegram . . . He had applied for a job, had not got it and decided from the interview that . . . perhaps I was better suited to it than he . . . I applied and I got the job . . . I arrived in Chicago and of course the first person I saw was Lister Alwood . . . I had Sunday din-

ner at his home, I would imagine a day or two after I got there . . . He asked me if I would like to go Sunday afternoon with him to a Forum meeting at the home of an eminent Chicago psychiatrist.

"I asked a few questions and he said, 'Well, Sadler is a fantastic speaker; he talks about all sorts of things. Discussion may go in any direction. But he's a fascinating, interesting, brilliant man' . . . I said it sounded great, I'd like to go. So that first Sunday I had dinner at Lister's home and we then went to Dr. Sadler's Forum at 533 Diversey.

"It was extremely interesting — I have no idea what it was all about or what he talked about now. Can't remember. But I do know that the second person I saw in Chicago was Florence Evans whose address I had . . . I called her . . . Made a date and had a date at once . . . It must have gone fairly well because at the end of the [my] first Forum meeting, which was, I think the 24th of September, 1924, I went to Dr. Sadler and said, 'I wonder if I can bring a young woman into this Forum meeting next Sunday.' . . . So the next Sunday which was on . . . The first Sunday in October, . . . Florence went to the Forum with me and from late September, early October, 1924, we have been identified with either the forerunner of the movement, or the Urantia movement itself. They're interesting circumstances that I would meet Alwood and Florence in this one advertising agency, leave it for two years, Alwood be instrumental in my coming back, he being in the Sadler Forum and then the girl I married two years later. . .

"Incidentally, I should mention the fact that shortly after I joined the Forum, Lister Alwood was through with the Forum . . . There was quite a little turnover. There were no limits on what could be discussed. I think a good many people in the very early Forum felt years later they had been circumstanced into it. If that is the case, what occurred before papers started coming . . . was of no moment. It's a strange thing but . . . many things which you think today we should have remembered, we do not remember, probably because we were not supposed to remember them. What year did the papers begin to come through? I don't know. If we had known that such a thing as an epochal revelation was coming

through, we would have kept diaries . . . I have concluded . . . that we weren't supposed to."

Clyde talks about the Forum process:

"When a paper was read to us for the first time, we were then asked to ask questions in writing and bring them in the next week which we would do. Mr. Kellogg would sort them out, eliminate duplicates, and so on. And then maybe six months later, the paper would come back again modified and amplified by the answers to the questions we would ask.

"I believe, Florence did too, and I'm sure some other oldtimers did, that there were communications coming through which may have been a testing on the part of the revelators or unseen friends . . . testing whether or not this group would react rationally or fanatically or what not to some psychic phenomena, to something occult. We had reason to believe in those old days that there were several groups in the United States that were being checked and tested. We were quite certain that there was a group in Omaha that was being tested, checked, probably to see whether or not the leader of the group was the kind of person who could be trusted with such a revelation, and whether or not the members were also the type that would react rationally and reasonably. And of course in my opinion, no one better than Dr. Sadler could have been found. He was a fantastic man.

"The Contact Commission were all Forum members, that is the few who went with Sadler sometimes when the papers were coming through . . . They were all Forum members . . . Dr. William, Dr. Lena, Bill Sadler, his son, the three Kelloggs, one of whom, the daughter, I think, was there very rarely. And then a doctor whose name I can't recall who was in the Forum. I have it in my papers somewhere.

"The papers were revised until Paper 196 had been presented, questions asked, and then answers brought into the text which would amplify and so forth."

Regarding secrecy:

"Anything in the form of an important document or paper that supposedly has a mysterious source, but that is to be ultimately a completely integrated



William Sadler and Clyde Bedell, June, 1952.



Clyde and Florence Bedell, 1978.

presentation of anything important, I think, would suffer if the people who were hearing it over a long period of time talked about it and spread word about it and so on. So it was a very natural thing, I think we all felt, even not knowing this to be an important thing, if we were to be members of the Sadler Forum, and Sadler was to treat us with some confidence and relate to us confidential things, the most natural thing in the world would be to say, 'Now this is to be between us.' We're speaking and talking and reading in confidence. We all, I'm sure, respected that. And, of course, this included our families."

Concerning the human subject:

"... [H]is name was not known to anyone of the Forum members except the Contact Commission."

Clyde and his family were on a world trip when The Urantia Book was finally published and the family received their first printing of the Book in Rome on October 21, 1955, airmailed there by Bill Sadler Jr.:

"1924 to 1955 is 31 years . . . and that is a long time in the life of anyone. You can imagine after all those years, knowing this book is to come out, it's an epochal revelation, you can imagine with what joy we opened the package.

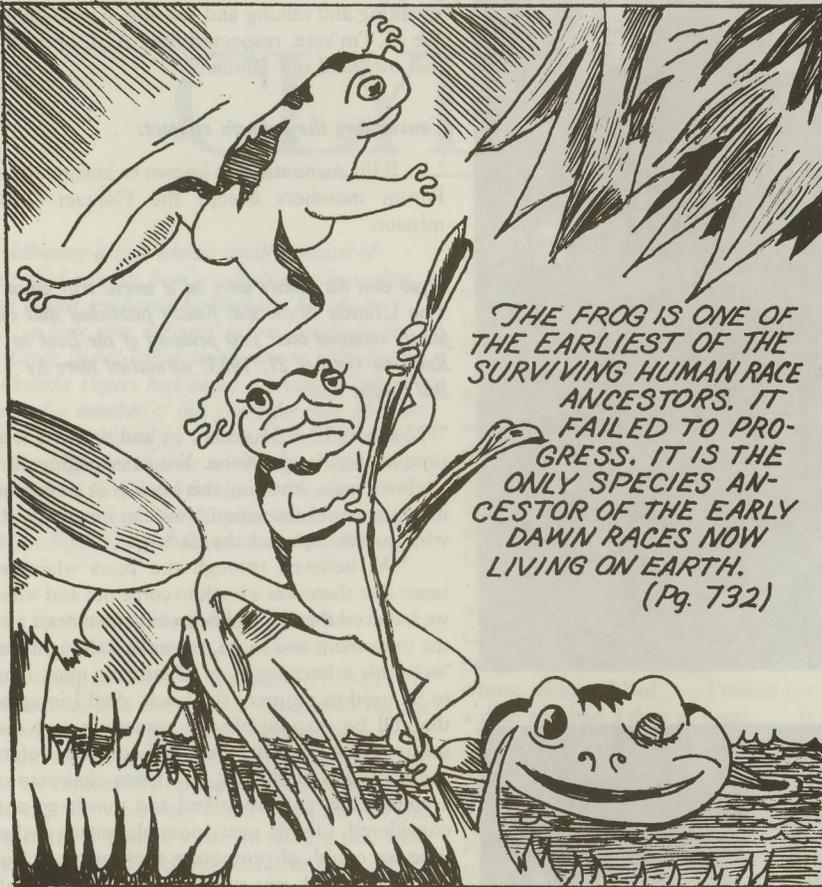
"We believed through the years when we knew that there was a book to come out and when we believed that we had been circumstanced into the movement and so on, my natural thought was 'well, this is because as an advertising man, I am to be used to promote the book. And I imagine that I'll be responsible for spreading and disseminating the word about the book.' But before the book was published, . . . I was chairman of a committee, and we talked and pondered and considered, I think, every possible means at that time we could, of promoting the book . . . But before the book was published, we had I think unanimously agreed that this was not something to be advertised widespread and publicized like a common, ordinary book . . . I have never wanted to mass advertise the book. But I do believe that we should use every possible means locally and local groups and one-on-one to spread this book. And there are many many things that can be done that have nothing to do with mass advertising. Well in 1955 when the book came out, we did a good deal of pondering what might be done and there seemed to be nothing that could be done on a widespread basis that any of us wanted to do. . .

"I came to the west coast in '58, . . . feeling that our ministries would vary a great deal. I felt that I could serve the book as well there as I could in Chicago.

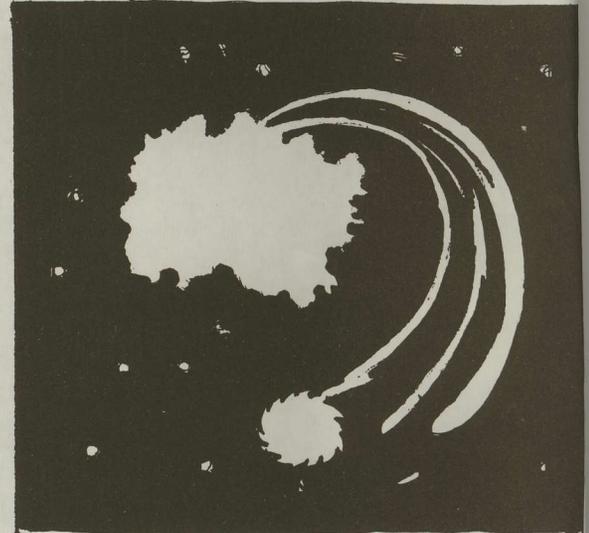
"I felt consistently . . . that the first years, 50, 25 whatever they may be, are extremely crucial. They are the years in which we are supposed to be doing all the formative foundation stuff that is required for the day when the book can come into its own — when the two great ideologies between the east and west are resolved. And when

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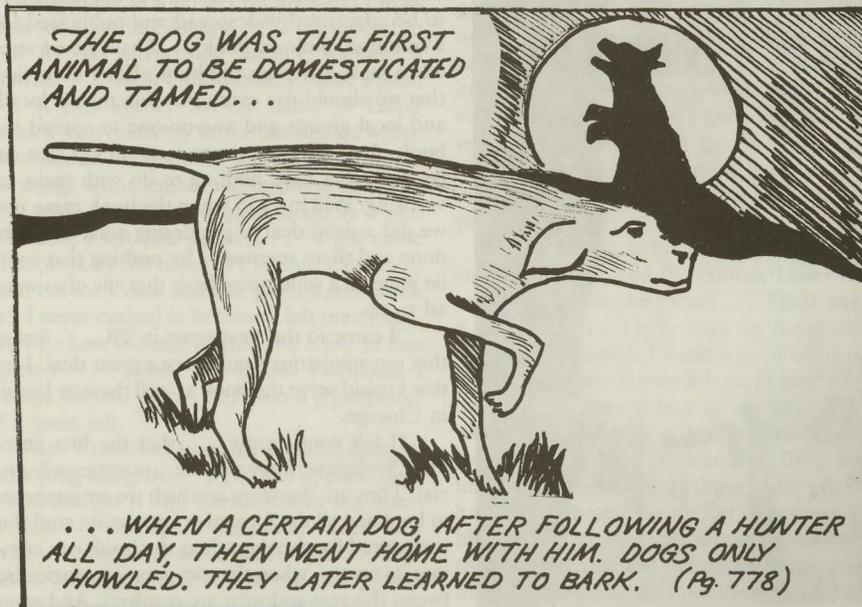
FACTS FROM



THE FROG IS ONE OF THE EARLIEST OF THE SURVIVING HUMAN RACE ANCESTORS. IT FAILED TO PROGRESS. IT IS THE ONLY SPECIES ANCESTOR OF THE EARLY DAWN RACES NOW LIVING ON EARTH. (Pg. 732)

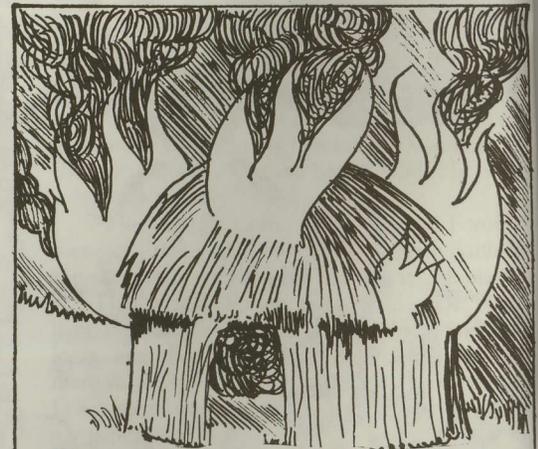


500 BILLION YEARS AGO - THE ANDROMEDA NEBULA - THE FIRST SUN - WAS BORN. THIS BLAZING STREAK BROKE AWAY FROM THE MOTHER GRAVITY AND TORE OUT INTO SPACE (Pg. 653)
6 BILLION YEARS AGO OUR SUN WAS BORN. (Pg. 655)



THE DOG WAS THE FIRST ANIMAL TO BE DOMESTICATED AND TAMED...

... WHEN A CERTAIN DOG, AFTER FOLLOWING A HUNTER ALL DAY, THEN WENT HOME WITH HIM. DOGS ONLY HOWLED. THEY LATER LEARNED TO BARK. (Pg. 778)

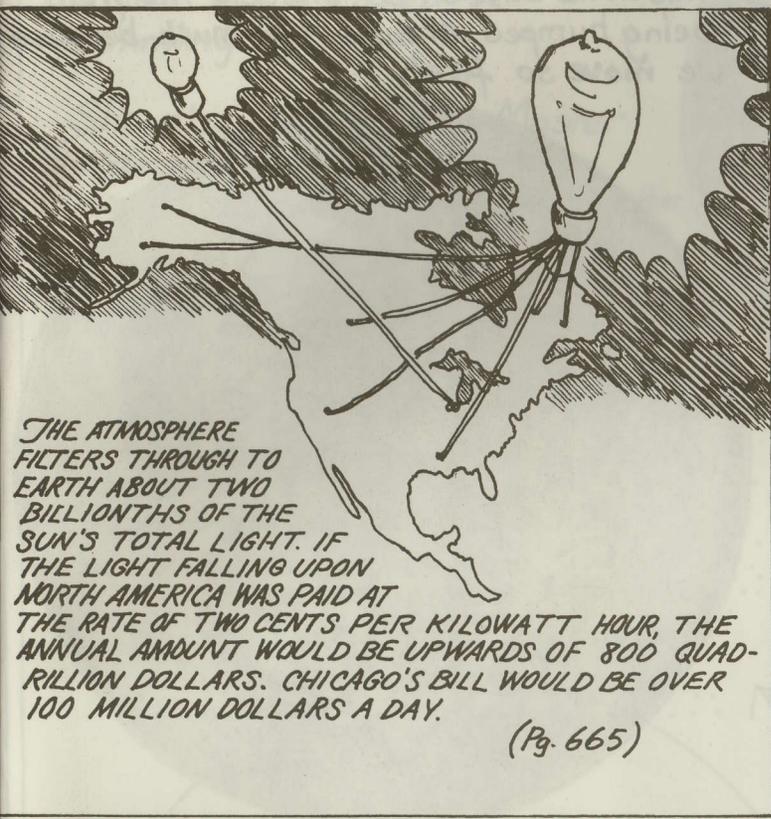


FIRE - IT WAS A SIN TO EXTINGUISH A FLAME. IF A HUT CAUGHT FIRE, IT WAS ALLOWED TO BURN.

THE FIRES IN TEMPLES AND SHRINES WERE SACRED AND NEVER PERMITTED TO GO OUT. (Pg. 777)

URANTIA FILES

By ALLEN COLLINS

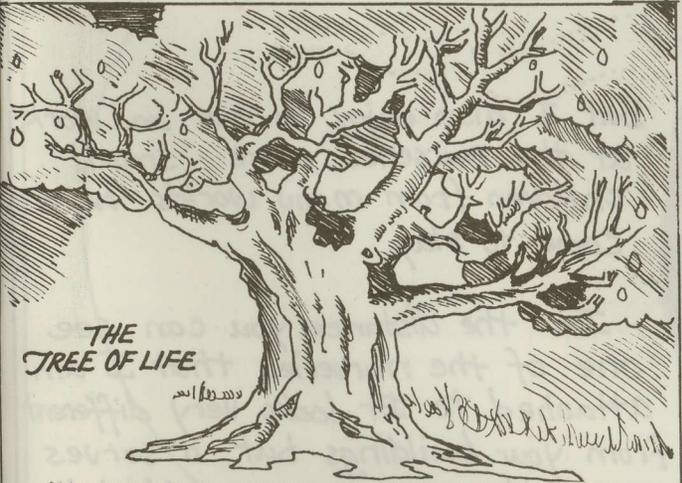
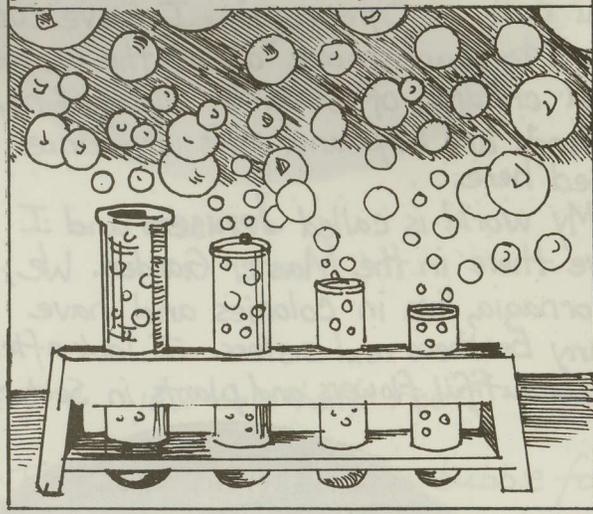


THE ATMOSPHERE FILTERS THROUGH TO EARTH ABOUT TWO BILLIONTHS OF THE SUN'S TOTAL LIGHT. IF THE LIGHT FALLING UPON NORTH AMERICA WAS PAID AT THE RATE OF TWO CENTS PER KILOWATT HOUR, THE ANNUAL AMOUNT WOULD BE UPWARDS OF 800 QUADRILLION DOLLARS. CHICAGO'S BILL WOULD BE OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS A DAY.

(Pg. 665)

EVIDENCE OF LIFE BEING INTELLIGENTLY PLANNED - IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT WHEN A LIVING CELL IS INJURED, IT HAS THE ABILITY TO ELABORATE CERTAIN CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES WHICH ACTIVATE THE NEIGHBORING CELLS AND HELP THE HEALING PROCESS IN THE WOUND. THIS CREATES NEW CELLS TO REPLACE THE DESTROYED ONES.

(Pg. 735)



THE TREE OF LIFE

- WAS TRANSPLANTED FROM EDENTIA TO THE GARDEN OF EDEN. IT GREW IN A CENTRAL CIRCULAR COURTYARD. ADAM AND EVE PERIODICALLY ATE ITS FRUIT TO MAINTAIN A DUAL FORM OF LIFE AND TO SUSTAIN A SPIRITUAL POWER.

(Pg. 826)



WHEN THE NODITES INVADED EDEN, THEY ATE FROM THE TREE. WHEN THEY WERE NOT MADE INTO GODS, THEY DESTROYED IT BY FIRE.

(Pg. 826)



Whew! That was quite the ride!

- I've been travelling the universe waves now for 3 of your days and I'm really feeling squished inside
- this little bubble. It protects me from being bumped around too much because we move so fast.

My name is Azia and I am what you call a Spornagia. I have come here to learn more about the world and children of Urantia. Many of my friends are boys and girls who once lived here.

My world is called Jerusem and I live there in the Master Garden. We, Spornagia, live in colonies and have many Brothers and sisters. I look after the beautiful flowers and plants in Sector 5



but I also enjoy to visit and work at the nurseries where small children from many worlds have come to stay.

In the distance you can see one of the nurseries that I am attached to. It looks very different from your buildings but it serves much the same purpose. Next time I will take you inside if that pleases you.

This is my friend and helper

Saliana

She is very similar to a creature on your world called a hummingbird.

She also lives in the Master Garden and helps with the flowers. We have always been together.

Well...it seems I have been going on and on about myself!

There is much more to tell you but I don't know where to start



Maybe you can help me?

I have blanked my bubble for a moment to give you room to draw.

Draw me a picture about yourself.

If you want to know more about me, or where I come from, just ask me in the bubble and mail to: Azia,

1088 Barwell Ave. Ottawa, Canada K2B8H5

I'll be here for a while and I will like to receive your mail.

Awai! (that means good bye)

THE IRISH STUDY GROUP

By Jim Breffni, Northern Ireland



Adrian Joyce, Lorraine, Jim, Tiarnan (10) and Ailill (3½) Breffni

The Irish Study Group began meeting in mid-1990. It consists of four people at the moment: Adrian Joyce and Sabrina Rousseau, Lorraine Breffni and myself, Jim Breffni. Adrian lives in Co. Dublin and works as an architect. Lorraine and I live in Northern Ireland, she looks after our three children and I work as a computer programmer. Adrian has been studying *The Urantia Book* for four years now and was introduced to it when he was living in England. Lorraine and I have been studying *The Urantia Book* since 1980 and have found it a great help in bringing up a family. We were introduced to the book by a gentleman (whom we corresponded briefly with) in America who sent us a letter in the late 70's recommending it. The recommendation in the letter was never

forgotten and I eventually got around to ordering it from the local library who, in turn, had to order it from Belfast who, in turn, had to order it from England. We had to wait several weeks — and, of course, the rest is history. I would like to thank Joseph P. Guardiano somewhere in the U.S.A. who sent us that fateful letter for I had lost his address by the time I realized the import of the contents of *The Urantia Book*. If He is still alive we would love to hear from him.

We believe we are the first study group in Ireland but would love to be proved wrong on that one! There are two or three other people on the Island who are/were readers of *The Urantia Book*. We have written to them but a correspondence never developed. Adrian placed an advert in a

national newspaper for other readers to contact us but he had absolutely no reply. It must seem strange to those of you in the U.S.A. that we can count our country's readers on the fingers of one hand!

Here, in Northern Ireland, we live on the cutting edge of life and death. The falsehoods in any religion or system of beliefs are soon exposed in this environment of extremes. *The Urantia Book* has withstood all the tests and questions we have asked of it over the years and it has not been found wanting. In this society one is practically forced to take one side or another in the continuing conflict, and the philosophy of *The Urantia Book* puts into context the awful waste of life on both sides, thereby allowing that most rarified of viewpoints

in Northern Ireland — the objective viewpoint.

Genuine peace and progress will only come about when the old beliefs are enhanced or replaced by the truths such as those found in *The Urantia Book*.

We sometimes feel like visitors from another time when we see so much bigotry, barbarity, and ignorance around us. But the truth is that most people want peace. It's just that present religion, beliefs, and culture are not sufficient in themselves to prevent this sort of situation let alone remedy it. Every society has its serious problems at the heart of which is a culture and philosophy so shallow that it is a miracle that humankind has progressed as far as it has. Society has plateaued and in some instances has started to degenerate. The gift of *The Urantia Book* to the world can therefore be seen as well timed and necessary for all of us.

The particular problems in Northern Ireland have led us to carefully examine what our attitude to violence should be. Are there any circumstances in which violence can be used? The following passages from *The Urantia Book* indicate an answer:

P.783:5 War is/Human interassociations
P.1086:2 But religion/cultural requirements
P.1469:3 Ganid, I/the contrary.

Belconnen, Australia
November 4, 1991

Dear Chilufya,

Thanks for making contact with Australia! We recently held a conference for readers of *The Urantia Book*. 35 people from Australia, New Zealand, U.S.A. attended.

I have enclosed a copy of a paper I presented to the group. Feel free to make any use of it you can.

Best regards to you and Zambia!
Your partner in all this,
Nigel B. Nunn

ED. NOTE: Copies of Nigel's illustrated twelve page booklet "Evolving A Next Model of the Mind" will be mailed to interested parties who send \$5.00 (U.S.) for postage, envelope, and photocopier costs to Chilufya M.K. Thompson, International Editor, The STUDY GROUP HERALD, P.O. Box 22620, Kirwe, Zambia.

Auckland, New Zealand
November 24, 1991

Dear Chilufya,

I hope you don't mind my also responding to your letter. My name is Sharen, Dennis' wife. I am an American and have been in New Zealand only four months. Dennis and I are both long-time readers of the book. I, since 1976, Dennis, since 1978.

I am always very excited to hear about anything that will bring the international readers together. This is very important work. While living in the U.S.A. I initiated a project to match up other readers as pen pals to share ideas, projects, etc. This is, by the way, how Dennis and I became acquainted. I most wanted to reach those in other countries but, many of the responses I received were from U.S. readers wishing overseas cor-

respondents. I found it very difficult to locate these readers. Addresses were very hard to come by. I did send a letter to a couple in South Africa but did not receive a reply.

Additionally, I've had this idea in relation to study groups. A lot of them write their own study aids that I know would be really welcomed by other study groups. I collected a lot of this material myself which I shared with the group here in Auckland. There is an organization in Iowa, U.S.A. that has a lot of such information available through computer link up. But this service is not available all over the world yet and many people don't even have a computer. It would be really good to find a way to make such materials available to those who want it. As of now I don't have a clear idea of how to bring this about. It's only an idea. Perhaps this is something you see as part of your page in *The STUDY GROUP HERALD*. . . Perhaps there are some who would like to take part in my pen pal project. . .

. . . If I can be of help to you in this regard (or with anything else), please let me know and I will share what I have. . .

With best wishes,
Sharen Clampitt

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New Zealand

Auckland, New Zealand
November 11, 1991

Dear Chilufya,

I welcome your interest in contacting New Zealand study groups and readers here. Up till three or four months ago I was an active reader in the Auckland Study Group which had its inception in 1986. I have recently withdrawn but still am active in placing *Urantia Books* in New Zealand libraries and have been doing so for ten years. . .

I should mention that our Auckland *Urantia* Study Group of approximately seven is ably led by Neville and Patricia Twist. . . They, I am sure, will be interested in giving you more precise reports of the *Urantia* happenings in New Zealand.

Regards, best wishes,
Dennis Clampitt

Jabalpur, India
November 6, 1991

Dear Chilufya,

Greetings and good wishes. Thanks for your letter dated October 2, 1991. . . I am glad you are studying *The Urantia Book* since a long time. May Father-God bless you, your family, and your study group more and more. . .

A few stamps from your letter were removed in the postal, midway. I have not received *The STUDY GROUP HERALD* magazine till now. Some things and cassettes are generally lost in the postal midway so it is better to send (indicating the contents on the cover) by registered post.

After some time I will send you some meaningful — useful aids to create interest in studying *The Urantia Book*. . .

Please send details of the study group (as we read daily in the newspaper about Zambia), your

family, and personal life.

Do pray for me, for my son, Ajny who is unemployed, and for my daughter Amita (M.A. final student in sociology) so that she will get a good life partner. . .

In His love,
Dr. Rajan S. Chauhan

February 29, 1992
To *The STUDY GROUP HERALD*,

Thank you so much for having sent me again the *STUDY GROUP HERALD*. This is a marvellous and most skillful publication — very inspiring and stimulating. I do especially appreciate it since I am now still isolated from any other readers here.

Thank you so much for all the tremendous work you are putting into this valuable and versatile publication. All of God's blessing to each one of you.

Olga A. Unverzagt
Bremen, Germany

Braine-l'Alleud, France
December 14, 1991

Dear Chilufya,

At our last meeting we came to the conclusion that perhaps it would be worthwhile, for the use of young or aging study groups to pinpoint a few reasons why we have experienced 14 years of happy and growing interest. (We meet once a month).

Here are a few points that may have helped our meetings:

— There is no preset procedure but only a selection of the paper to be studied and everyone prepares for the meeting.

— Only parts of the book are read to illuminate a particular topic. There is no systematic reading.

— Generally speaking we move regularly through the paper but flexibility is the master rule. Discussion can move to any part of the paper, the book (or out of the book).

— Before coming, members have made a note of what struck them and they give comment, and when possible, personal experience on this point; a very difficult but most essential challenge. We try to transfer intellectual understanding to real life experience.

— There is never more than one person speaking at a time.

— Although the meetings are fun (what a privilege it must have been to witness the humor of Jesus!), they are not social gatherings. Actually we know very little of one another's private life.

— Meetings of four hours are divided by a break; the first part for discussing the paper of the day and, until lately, the second period for a Jesus paper.

— Having been twice through the Jesus papers and in order to avoid routine, we now choose for each meeting any question of major and practical importance. For instance: freedom, evil, forgiveness, faith and beliefs, the golden rule, etc. Each member searches what the book has to say about it (from any paper) and shares their personal understanding of the matter. This helps

each participant to broaden, on their own initiative, their own awareness of essential life problems.

Our best Urantia Greetings,
Feruand and Marie-Therese de Vinck

Hoole, Chester
England
March 12, 1992

Dear Friends,

A few lines from across the sea to say, 'Hello' and to let you know my new address . . . My new home is in a beautiful town, formerly a Roman fortress (within 50 feet of where I am writing are great walls built just a few years after Jesus' departure from Urantia!). A popular place for U.S. visitors. If anyone is headed this way, I would be pleased to assist them.

Since leaving London, I have little contact with other readers. I formerly attended the Study Group at Gez Lamb's house. Looking at the pictures of huge gatherings of readers around the U.S. is, for me, rather awesome! One day, when money allows, I'll come over and see *everyone!*

A year or so ago I started the Black and White picture place which is a photographic gallery and picture library specializing in landscape and life in N.W. England and Wales. We get a lot of interest from American visitors, often coming to see where their ancestors came from, and in the case of Liverpool, the point from which they departed for the new world.

Anything we can do to assist readers in this direction, we will be very happy to help.

I think **The STUDY GROUP HERALD** is a marvelous publication, full of life and interest. Please continue to send it to me, as well as anything else connected to our wonderful book — I am hungry for more!

In God,
Steve Howe

1 Rufus Court Row
Abbey Green off Northgate
Chester, England
Tel. (0244) 322282

Grand-Mere, Quebec, Canada
February 26, 1992

Dear Chilufya,

When I saw your picture in **The STUDY GROUP HERALD** I didn't recognize you . . . When I read your name, my memory began to work . . . But, in your letter I suddenly realized that you were the same person I once asked the meaning of the knots in her hair in the Lake Forest summer seminars of 1984.

Now I know the meaning of the knots in the hair of beautiful African women because I went to Africa last year and was asked to "buy" a wife . . . Urantia is very little. I was in Ruhengeri (Rwanda) near the Kivu lake for a cooperative program, but a civil war took me back home after only three months and all my goods (including my first copy of *The Urantia Book*) remain on the side of the volcano where Diane Fossey was killed because of her love for gorillas. . .

I will never ask again to my Seraphim to put some action in my life. Like you, I really love to see their work in society but, in my personal life

I would prefer a quieter path.

When I walked along the streets of the villages of Rwanda or Zaire I understood the shock that Adam and Eve got some 35,000 years ago. As a northamerican, these experiences gave me the biggest teachings of reality in all my life. I won't be in a rush for anything anymore and I really feel what you mean by "Yours in Kingdom building".

Next year in the first week of August, We are going to hold The International Conference for *Urantia Book* readers in St. Hyacinthe (Quebec) Canada on the Theme of "Touch the World". As a special project for or within this international conference I would like to do something for your part of the world. It could be something like sending you copies of *The Urantia Book* to start the group that you mentioned in **The STUDY GROUP HERALD**, or anything else that you could imagine that would help Kingdom building in your part of Urantia. It could be a special workshop on how the revelation could touch Africa.

As your idea for an international column resulted in something actual I wish we could build something. Now that I better know the way the angels like to work with me, I will let them play with this spiritual offer and the results will be for Him although the action could be ours.

Yours in Kingdom building,
M. Jacques Vallee

Bogota, Columbia
December 3, 1991

Dear Chilufya,

Our group is small, about six or seven and a maximum of eight depending on the circumstances.

Basically, we are translating the book into the Spanish language. Quite a few years ago we began on page one and are now in part IV, near page 1500. We meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 and read till about 10 P.M. It is hoped that when the book is available in Spanish, (1993-1994), we will see an increase in the number of persons studying it. I understand that there are several study groups meeting in Chile. . .

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
Dale Rives Hall

Mexico
November 11, 1991

Dear Chilufya,

I first learned of *The Urantia Book* a few years ago through a friend in the United States and since that time I have written and called the Fellowship offices on several occasions requesting information on when the book will be released in Spanish. Living in Mexico has made it necessary for me to acquire the book in Spanish so I can form a small reading group. Unfortunately, I have not heard news of its release.

I hope that you'll be able to pool all the help necessary to make this international page a true success.

May the Father's Light guide you and illuminate you in all you do. **GOOD LUCK!!**

Your friend,
Melanie

Ed. Note: *The following letter is translated from Spanish.*

Trujillo, Peru
November 5, 1991

Dear Friend, Reader of *The Urantia Book*,
It was a pleasure to receive your letter of October 2 and to answer it today.

I began translating *The Urantia Book* early in 1970 and completed a manuscript of the translation (29 notebooks of 100 pages double-spaced) on the 19th of December, 1972. Slowly, over three years, I typed it on legal-size paper, single-spaced, having completed 1600 pages. I am still reading *The Urantia Book* to this day.

It is easy to understand that my dedication and effort in this work was sustained by the enormous importance that this book has for each human being. This book is stupendous because it is a revelation of the spiritual world to rid us of the ignorance that covers our awareness and gives us a clear and open view which has changed our concepts of life.

In this way we have been enabled to see the supreme power of God (our spiritual Father) in having designed a perfectly organized creation of time-space, in addition to the organization of the eternal Central [Universe]. It is a marvelous book and I think that it is the book that everybody should read.

Sadly, the official version in castillian [Spanish] that is in the hands of the international translation company is taking too long in spite of the time that was given, thereby depriving the Spanish-speaking world of the Spanish translation and the joy of reading this book.

My study group, Chan (Chan) is a little unstable and the meetings are very occasional. My special work is the dissemination from person to person. The most important reason for this instability is the terrible economic and social situation of this country that has been hit by terrorists, narcotraffic, immorality, administrative corruption, etc., difficulties that our government is bravely fighting.

I hope that our correspondence continues.

Sincerely,
Eloy Yepes Gordon

Oslo, Norway
November 22, 1991

Dear Chilufya,

I would like to tell you something interesting but there's not a lot happening in this country as yet. There are some readers. Maybe about nine or ten but some of them are not really dedicated to the book. There was an attempt to maintain a study group for a couple of years. It disbanded two years ago and I think that it was best that it did.

Recently new contacts have been made and learning the lessons from the first study group that didn't work out, we are taking things slowly and not rushing; concentrating on building solid relationships and then letting a study group grow rather than "forming" it.

I wish you the best with your project and if things develop here, I will try to let you know.

Yours sincerely,
Nigel Hornby

The Urantia Nazareth Brotherhood
Accra, Ghana
November 21, 1991

Dear Chilufya,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8/10/91 with thanks. We are also grateful for

the interest and concern shown in our study group.

Hope to feed you with information, activities and other as requested.

Best wishes for your new assignment.

In Fellowship,
Richard Quaynor

June, 1992

Some members of the Urantia Nazareth Brotherhood Pose for picture after Study Meeting.

Meeting Days: Thursdays and Saturdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Method of Service — Praises. Group prayers. Meditation. Reading of *The Urantia Book*. Questions and Answers.

Vigil Prayer: First Friday of every month with the same method of service. Our services are non-denominational.

We welcome any Urantia group around the globe who wants to share ideas with us.

Ed. Note: As I receive all of these letters from all parts of Urantia, I actually feel the size of the planet shrink. You all seem so intimately near. It's such a wonderful feeling... let us build the Kingdom together.

Chilufya



Left from front: Beatrice Cofie, Emma Amoo, Richard Quaynor (leader), Benedicta Acheapong (asst. treasurer). Top from left: Isaac Ahenakwah (treasurer), Rose Asare, Sylvanus Abbey (coordinator), Dina Anwoi, Pius Kwablah (secretary), Albert Arthur, Seth Kotey Quaye, Brother Lawrence Asiedu, Reedemer Flechen (public relations officer).

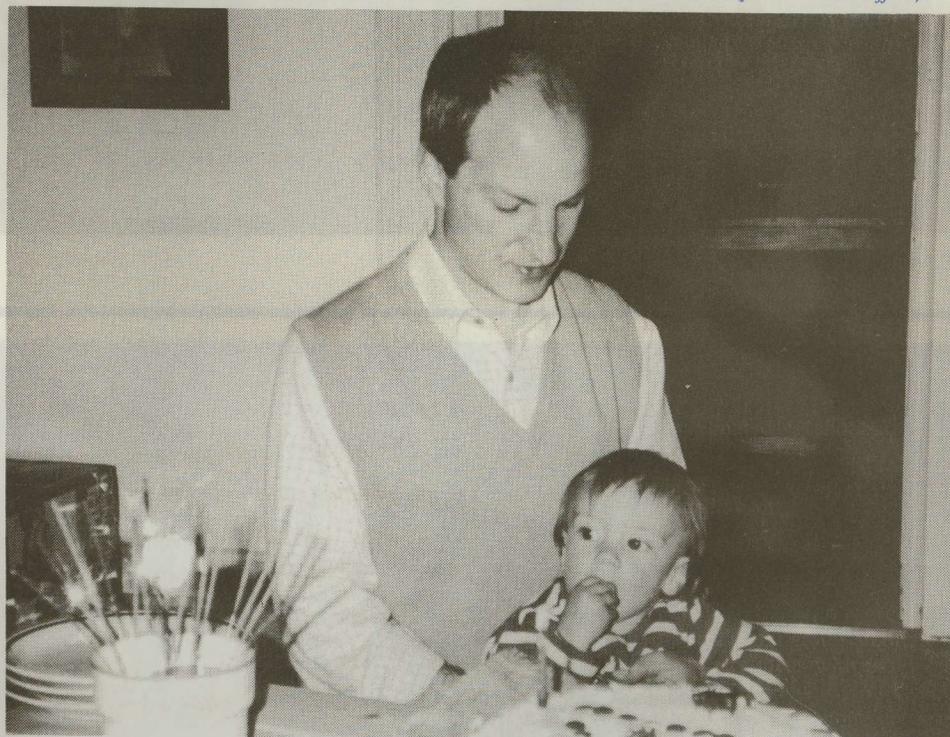
Clyde Bedell *continued from page 13*

that happens, we're supposed to have thousands of study groups and many different translations. Well when you start that, you start that as soon as you are commissioned to do so . . . That was the impression, I'm sure, of practically all of the early Forumites and of the Seventy. We thought we had a job to do beginning at once. The early trustees believed that . . . and they were dedicated to it.

"I am moved again and again by this passage on page 1051:

'Had the followers of Jesus taken more seriously his injunction to "go into all the world and preach the gospel," and had they been more gracious in that preaching, less stringent in collateral social requirements of their own devising, then many lands would gladly have received the simple gospel of the carpenter's son, Arabia among them.'

"Islam resulted from this failure of Abner's missionaries. Two thousand years later . . . many . . . are paying the penalty of the failures of Abner's missionaries. And I wonder how many years from now, people will be paying the penalties and suffering for the failures that we have to follow Jesus' instruction . . . to spread and disseminate this gospel to the world now and forever."



Nigel and Joshua Hornby

'The Living Flame Fraternity'
Accra Ghana
27 January, 1991

Dear Mrs. Thompson,

Our study group named, 'The Living Flame Fraternity' has a membership of twelve including visitors. The regular members number eight. Meetings are held once a week on Saturdays from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. Generally the period of the meeting depends on the interest shown by members in the topical subject discussed.

We are presently studying parts III and IV of the book, that is 'The History of Urantia and The Life And Teachings of Jesus.'

Apart from the study of *The Urantia Book*, we organize prayer meetings on the same day as a supplementary programme. This, in fact, precedes the group discussions of *The Urantia Book*.

We find time to do some philanthropic activity such as visiting the homes of the sick and the disabled when we make a donation. We

organize similar activities on occasions like Easter and Christmas.

We have tried to give you a rough idea as to the general programme followed by the group. No doubt your original idea for an International Readers Page may go beyond this. . .

We enclose herewith a group photograph of the present regular members.

Thank you for your initiative.

In Fellowship,
Oblempon Nkoi



The Living Flame Fraternity.

Universal Love Father

*In the midst
Of all the Master Universe
Does exist
The Universal Love Father
The Universal Love Father*

Of Creation.

*The nursery station
for enlightened souls everywhere
Taking into consideration all their care
The Universal Love Father
Love Father
Love Father.
From Creation made*

A POEM,

*Eons beyond eons ago
But if we are light enough
There ya can surely go.
Our Father never to perish
Recycling souls to higher planes
It serves love's purpose*

THE SOUL AS THE ENTRANCE INTO TRUE COMMUNITY

By Marta and David Elders, Darien, Connecticut

INTRODUCTION

Consider your soul as a refuge from the isolation of the materialistic ego self and its worldly concerns. Experience it as the sacred place of peace wherein the Spirit of the Father dwells and com-

munes in loving fellowship with the spirit of his Son, the Spirit of Truth. Now, sense as well, the presence of your spiritual brothers and sisters. Know with certainty that this soul is the ground of our common being; the consciousness of self-

lessness, the Kingdom of Heaven, The family of God, the essence of true spiritual community, the temple in which our Father through union with each and all of us becomes self-realized as community, true brotherhood, the Supreme.

Page numbers: Begins/ends with:

1747:3 "... you could/Father's Kingdom."
1747:5 And ever since/spirits.

I. This living temple in which we can choose to live is the Supreme Being

1276:7-1277:1 Man's urge/Being.
1278:5 The Supreme/Deity.
1278:6-1279:1 This universe/brotherhood.
1283:1 The Supreme/supreme.
1285:4 The great Supreme/purpose.
1290:9 Man can discover/life.

II. The individual souls of human beings are the building blocks of the living temple of the Supreme.

1290:3 Despite the fact/experience.
381:6 ... for the fruits/temperance
1287:2 Even the experience/Supreme.
1289:1 All soul-evolving/service.
1284:6 The great challenge/yours.
1747:5 ... you could not/kingdom.
1747:3 And ever since/spirits.

III. It is in and through our souls that we make true and lasting contact with

Page numbers: Begins/ends with:

other personalities both divine and those of our fellow humans who self-consciously have attained this level of realization, anywhere or anytime in the the universes.

1733:1 When you//universe.
1744:5 Prejudice blinds/divinity
1865:1 to Jesus/man.
1944:4 Remember I am/disciples.
1950:3 The true/God.

IV. The factors contributing to soul growth.

1. Faith

1610:2 Your secret/God.
1105:3 Faith unites/personality
1114:5 Belief has/more.
380:4 From the heights/ministry
1106:7 Faith/soul
1108:3 Through religious/situations.
1211:3 The mastery/God.
1438:1 And then/God.
1766:8 When my/loved.
2083:4 But expectant/beyond.

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2. Self-Conscious, Moral Decision-making

70:1 A human/heaven.
1229:5 But selfhood/creature.
1210:1 Every decision/achievement
2095:7 Every time/conditions
1209:1 The sum total/potentiality.
1209:3 The psychic/attunement.
1211:1 Perhaps these/citizenship.

3. Love

1739:6 You are destined/bestowed.
1740:4 Spiritual living/love for man...
2076:5 In religion/insight.
1608:1 Love is/relationship.
1642:2 While you/fellows.
648:4 Love/others.
1950:5 Love/destiny.

V. The soul as entrance into community.

1591:4-1592:1 Your personalities/soul.
1289:3 All true/Supreme.
1290:7 A human/discovery.
1950:3 And when/God.

REMEMBRANCE

1949:1 This new teacher/you.

A SONG

To Creation it is solely a gain.

In the midst

Of the Master Universe

Does exist

The Universal Love Father

The Universal Love Father

Of Creation.

The nursery station

For enlightened souls everywhere

Taking into consideration all their care

The Universal Love Father

Love Father

Love Father.

Planetary stars are at awe

Being all dimension, time 'n' space

The Father He watches

All mankind in every race.

Give all praise 'n' devotion

To the center of our local creation

The Universal Love Father

The love to every creation.

Peter Lisk, Dearborn, Michigan

LETTERS

March 12, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

I received my copy of the Herald last week and I started from the beginning to read through as I always do with any book. I thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the efforts of so many people whose efforts were involved in preparing such a work.

THEN I reached the last pages upon which were printed the CLASSIFIEDS. I could not believe what I was reading! There appeared an ad for a book written by Frank Jakubowski suggesting that this book would tell us more about the life of Jesus as we studied the ASTROLOGICAL influence upon his life. This was very disturbing to me.

I have no objection to anyone who chooses to plan their lives based upon astrological information. I even have good friends who are still fascinated with it. This is a free country and we are free willed beings. I respect that with all my being. But, to be an instrument to suggest to *Urantia Book* Students that we can learn *more* about *Jesus* and *His life* by reading such a book really "turns me off." *The Urantia Book* so very plainly teaches that Astrology is not a valid science for today. It is not even dealt with ambiguously, but *definitely*. There are at least a dozen references on the pages of *The Urantia Book* to the fact that Astrology is a *remnant* of the *superstitions* of a people who are not informed. (Although many of those people were the "intelligent" of that day.)

Why are we meeting in Study Groups to study *The Urantia Book*? I *know* why our group meets and studies *The Urantia Book* and I had assumed that all other Urantia Study Groups had the same reason. We, here in our Knoxville group, have accepted this U-Book to be exactly what it says it is — the Fifth Epochal Revelation. When the new revelation so plainly explains the place that Astrology should have in the history of the evolutionary process of our spiritual growth — then why would any Urantia Group who accepts these teachings still give space to a belief in superstitions of our uninformed brothers of past epochs in our history?? (The disclaimer for products advertised does not satisfy me. This is not a merchandise catalogue.)

The Urantia Book does tell us that uninformed man, in his zeal to find instant answers and his human fascination with the bizarre, is still inclined to hang on to some of these superstitions. But, I would think that those of us who have been privileged to have access to the advanced knowledge in *The Urantia Book* would have passed the stage of dependence upon such "stuff". To realize that a group of Urantia movement leaders whom I had perceived to be true believers in a *higher* understanding of truth, has resorted to giving advertising to a book which encourages us to

seek understanding of Jesus' life from the words of some astrologer is very disappointing and disillusioning to me. Perhaps you should review the information on pages 973A, 1337A and 1680D. If this is not enough then proceed with all the other references to the subject of Astrology listed in the Concorde.

Helen G. Smith
Knoxville, Tennessee

March 23, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

In my view, the Classified Ad *Jesus was a Leo* (Vol. 1, No. 2) stuck out like a sore thumb. In this type of periodical, accepting an ad implies an endorsement of the product advertised. *The Urantia Book* goes to great lengths to discourage the belief in astrology and other superstitions. To include this advertisement would seem to promote something contrary to the teachings of the book. Would the magazine consider similar ads for Tarot Cards, Ouija Boards, etc.? The picture of Jesus as a "Leo" is not the picture of Jesus which *The Urantia Book* presents. In my opinion, such a picture does a deep disservice to Jesus. Advertising such a book does a similar disservice to your readership.

If the magazine does not yet have a policy for accepting advertising, I suggest that you should formulate one very soon and very thoughtfully.

David K. Burleson
Atlanta, Georgia

March 31, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

This past week I received my first copy of *The STUDY GROUP HERALD*. It was quite refreshing to read the various articles from international to the home side.

I was enjoying the Herald until I reached the classified section and was extremely disappointed to find an ad pertaining to Astrology.

Turning to (page 1337) of *The Urantia Book*, you will find that Astrology is a superstitious belief. I do feel that this type of material ought not to be a part of the material of *The Urantia Book*, or the Herald.

In the future, I hope your classifieds would be more selective and that money will not be a motivation for printing such classifieds.

Joseph A. De Cosmo
Boynton Beach, Florida

Ed. Note: We published the ad for Frank Jakubowski's book, JESUS WAS A LEO because Frank is a reader and avid student of The Urantia Book. Although we do not think alike we do wish to communicate with him which must begin with hearing what he has to say.

The STUDY GROUP HERALD publishes a classified advertisement section expressly to enable the networking of readers. In no way do the ads represent policies of The STUDY GROUP HERALD or of The Fellowship.

We thank the writers of the above letters for their considered opinions and regard this exchange as an important process in the study group movement.

February 29, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

I don't know how many of those who knew Fran [Huntington] are aware of her passing. I thought that if you published this eulogy, it might help get the word out to her many friends in the Urantia movement. Anyway, it made me feel better to write it.

IN MEMORY OF FRAN HUNTINGTON

A very dear friend of mine graduated from Urantia last fall. If you knew Fran, I'm sure you loved her well, as I did.

The first time we met, I had come to *The Urantia Book* study group in Portland, Oregon for the first time. By then I had lived in Oregon for over five years, in which time I had finished *The Urantia Book*, and I knew not another single person in Oregon who believed or had even begun to read the book. Imagine how happy I was to be so warmly received by someone as charming and witty as Fran!

Fran, my young son, and I were roommates at my first Urantia Conference in Silver Falls, Oregon. For several years after that, my son's favorite expression was her's: "For crying out loud!" To this day, that expression brings back a sequence of funny memories of Fran.

Fran's physical death came as a great shock to me. She was in such great shape that I thought she would live to be a hundred. Now after pondering her life and death for a few months, I am getting over feeling guilty about not being there for her during her last months (I had moved out of state and wasn't keeping in touch). Now I am more comforted by the fact that someone who never had a true life-mate, nor even very much the physical comfort of this world, must by now have both a true love soul-mate with whom to raise the ideal family, and a new body which is whole and well in a world of worship, love, and plenty.

I feel very fortunate to have made Fran Huntington one of the most treasured friends of my life. I know her memory will live on in my heart until I see her again in the mansion worlds.

Bon voyage, Fran. God speed in your new adventures!

Shirley Warren
Tulsa, Oklahoma

March 16, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

I appreciate receiving The STUDY GROUP HERALD — and plan to subscribe as soon as I can.

About seven years ago, when in Chicago, I visited the Fellowship Headquarters — and attended one of the meetings there — led, if I remember right, by a young lady — I believe her name was Kulieke though I was unable to meet her.

While in Chicago I visited the Urantia headquarters and was shown all over. I have fond memories of this experience. I'm now quite elderly (84) and my resources prevent my typing instead of handwriting.

Next month I will be able to send the five dollars — (How can you do it for so little?) (I decided I could send it now. Ha! Ha!) — in the meantime I will try to reach some of the readers of *The Urantia Book*, and hope to set up some meetings.

I've been away from my home here for several years — travelling to see members of my family in Denver and in Oregon etc. — and am more settled here again.

An 8 week illness prevented my keeping up with my friends of past years, but now, having recovered, you will be hearing from me again.

I've been a reader of *The Urantia Book* for seven years. Now I'm reading it again for the fourth time and understanding its message even more deeply. I hope to be of more service to the Urantia movement, worldwide. I'm thrilled to learn that it is in Finnish now. I was born in Finland and at the age of two brought to America (Montana).

Thank you for sending the Herald.

Sylvia R. Hare
Yucca Valley, California

March 12, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

I'm so happy to have the joy of reading "about" Urantia even as the joy/jubilation of experiencing is within. Perhaps if I knew your publication schedule I could contribute some written matter not only inspirational but experiential as well.

M. McNeil
Seattle, Washington

Ed. Note: Just send in your material when you are ready. We publish twice a year; spring and fall. July and January are deadlines but get it in sooner so we can find space for your copy.

March 16, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

Hearty, warm, sincere congratulations to all who contributed to the first 2 issues of our new Herald. It is a welcome, effective study group medium for all of us far-flung readers.

The subject of reading our Book has so many nuances of personality — !

4 years ago, after finishing a 9th reading and cogitating on something new for the 10th, I tentatively began a condensing project which has proven such a delightfully fresh insight that I am

wondering if anyone else is doing something similar — undoubtedly with a variety of procedures. . .

My routine is — at dawn — to read just 1 section of a paper and to copy a few favorite sentences. By the next morning — after the hours of subconscious winnowing — the key sentence (the most times all) is/are transferred to a bound composition book; and the next section of the book receives its preparation for tomorrow.

Now on a 13th composition book, limiting entries to 1 side of a single page, the other side is being left to eventually add decorations of all sorts . . . it will finally be an open, thoroughly personal expression of our weighty tome . . . which would eventually be so enlightening to compare with someone else's.

My travelling so slowly through 9 readings before needing a variation would probably find a counterpart who tried something else after less . . . and went about it in styles innumerable.

A treasured 1986 bookmark memento of the First Annual Yearly Reading of *The Urantia Book* with the Northern Light Urantia Society of Alaska starts me off with wondering if they are still an active, impressively friendly beacon of light and life; and does all this seem to merit an ongoing dialogue?

Ruth Spaulding
Northfield, Massachusetts

March 21, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

My wife and I are readers of *The Urantia Book* and members of a study group in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. A fellow member of the study group loaned us a copy of The STUDY GROUP HERALD and I was impressed by the intimate, down-to-earth style. It's wonderful to see the comments of readers in distant locations.

Personally, I have been reading *The Urantia Book* for 13 years now. I was majoring in philosophy at university when I was introduced to the book. I was 23 and filled with the wonder of life and a curiosity as to the meaning and purpose of human existence. *The Urantia Book* answered my philosophical questions and satisfied my scientific wonderings, but most of all it gave me an understanding which led to a way of life which philosophy or science could not have shown: The love of our Father and the relationship we have as brothers and sisters. For as I wrote inside my book's cover:

YOU DO NOT HAVE A SOUL
YOU ARE ONE
AND IN THIS REGARD
WE ARE ALL KINDRED

Please accept my cheque in the amount of \$15.00 and place me on your mailing list for The STUDY GROUP HERALD.

Ted Duthoit
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

March 30, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

As I was reading through the second issue of The STUDY GROUP HERALD, I felt re-inspired to continue on getting involved in the revelation of *The Urantia Book*. It feels good to hear

of others experiencing the revelation and be able to share it with many others of similar feelings.

Keep up the great work. I hope to see you at the International Conference in 1993.

Gerry Gallant
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

April 20, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

This STUDY GROUP HERALD is filling a void, and will become a very helpful tool to have to put topics and related papers together. Thank you very much, your hard work is being appreciated.

Judy Myland
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

April 20, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

I am honored to be a part of the readership of *The Urantia Book* and The STUDY GROUP HERALD. The kingdom of heaven on earth is apparent in the spirit/energy/divine love alive in this publication. Never have I felt such spiritual support. A part of me wishes to write/contact each of the contributors (in some cosmic way I have) because I am deeply touched with the diversity and commonality of the experience of knowing Jesus through the revelation — and the sublime joy of that knowing!

I was particularly pleased to see Mary Daly's writings and photo. I contacted Mary earlier this year, with the help of the Fellowship (Thank you!) and was delighted with her loving and warm response to my questions. I know she was sent by God (and angels doing some serious trekking between South Dakota and Alaska). Her prayers, support, and back issues of THE SQUARE PEG JOURNAL have been helpful and healing.

My contact with readers has been sporadic, but always characterized by love and joyful service. Such is sonship with the Father. What a privilege. What a joy!

Annette Alleva
Anchorage, Alaska

May 1, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

This paper is what I've been waiting for! It's like a visit to an old friend.

I have no one I can talk with about the Urantia teaching — no one seems to be interested.

I had a book put in the local library but it is not used. I'm very disappointed.

Perhaps this lady will read the paper when you send it — I hope.

Mrs Loyd (Ruth) Sims
Cannelton, Indiana

May 7, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

I'd like to thank you for this gift (The HERALD) and to express my love for our fellowship. And thank our Father for the gift of life and *The Urantia Book* to guide us through it.

Dahl Dodge
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



Briega Daly (at 11 months), Mowing the lawn.

April 14, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

We are enjoying your little magazine so much. We especially appreciated the Topical Study by Annette Crawford. Our study group followed it. Very worthwhile. Thank you, Annette.

Billie Webb
Gravois Mills, Missouri

June 9, 1992

To The STUDY GROUP HERALD,

Thank you for sharing about my publication [SQUARE PEG JOURNAL]. I got about a dozen letters and I answered each one explaining the situation as best I could [regarding the termination of publication of SQUARE PEG JOURNAL] and sent them back issues. The demands of family life have continued to grow. Briega can walk now and does not sit quietly while I type but wants to add her own flourishes. And there is far, far more.

... with three of my children in a Catholic school for the first time, I have become involved in something different. Of course after years of homeschooling, they need extra support in this change. But, now that the year is over, I can say they have done very well.

However, I have learned that there are no Catholic textbooks in use, and hardly are any on the market. Except for the catechism texts, all the books are secular same as for the public schools.

Part of the reason is that such books are paid for with public funds, no small matter when the school is struggling to survive in a farming community. However there is a certain lack of vision

in this decision. Secular texts, as you know if you have looked at any, are aggressively secular. The silence about God and religion is deafening, and even dishonest. Periods in history when everyone had to make their religious allegiance known on pain of death, are passed over with only a word or two about the secular achievements of their sovereigns. It is as if religious choice and religious motivation had never been a factor in human history... this is the sort of re-writing of history we had come to expect of the communist world...

What kind of a Catholic, Christian, or religious education is being provided? Is religious material being provided in a supplementary fashion? No.

In defense of the truth and in an effort to provide my children and others with the education they need, I have decided to embark on a very ambitious project. I would like to provide a grade-by-grade supplement for the use of either the schools or the parents, so that we may keep our children informed of the truth about history, literature, science, and the arts — that religious consciousness and motivation have been a vast factor throughout most of human history.

You may be familiar with E.D. Hirsch's books about cultural literacy. In these you will find the same politically correct nonsense as elsewhere. By second grade, for example, he recommends that children be familiar with "The Night Before Christmas" — But not with the first chapter of Luke's Gospel where we learn what happened the first Christmas. About Jesus, he has less to say than about King Tut, although in his first grade book there is a world civilization section which

evenhandedly gives space to all the world's religions. Here he presents Jesus thus: "Jesus seemed to be teaching that people should work hard, he was kind and led a simple life. . ." "Seemed . . . what?" Is E.D. Hirsch aware that Jesus had a religious message?

So I have gotten together with a number of people, in writing and locally, and we are working on a "Hedge School Anthology." For over a hundred years, when education was forbidden in Ireland, those courageous people educated their children behind the hedges. When my great, great grandfather came to this country during the potato famine, he not only knew reading, writing, math, and history but catechism and Latin. All learned in secret. Parents can provide for their children if they've a mind to.

What should be in such an anthology? I welcome any suggestions. Though I have, as usual, the specific needs of Catholics in mind, I hope to be more honest than Hirsch about the genuine religious motivations of men throughout history and all over the world. As you know, the Urantia revelation transforms one's perception of everything.

Perhaps this project will interest some readers.

Love,
Mary Daly
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Ed. Note: The SQUARE PEG JOURNAL which was featured in our last issue's Periodicals of the Movement has been discontinued. Mary Daly, publisher still offers back issues to those who are interested.

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"Spiritual Interlude", July 28-30, 1993. Details to be published.

1992 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ED. NOTE: *This 1992 Calendar of Events is published in retrospect in anticipation of the repeat of many of these functions in 1993. As we develop the network of communication required, we will publish the calendar in advance of the year's events. Summer events in 1993 will be subject to changes due to the scheduling of the International Conference '93 slated for July 31-August 5, in St-Hyacinthe, Quebec.*

MAR 27-29 Arkansas Fellowship of Urantia Book Readers presents, Theme: "Love: Divine and Dynamic." Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Contact John Lange (501) 782-3263 or write AR Fellowship #5 Wynona Dr. Ft. Smith AR 72901.

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JUNE 5-7 Dallas Conference, Northwood Institute, Cedar Hill/Dallas, Ft. Worth. Theme: "Living in God's Love, Our Cosmic Destiny." Contact Ann Garner (817) 265-8375 or

JUNE 12-14 Diane Matheny (214) 618-3977. Northeast Regional Conference at Simon's Rock College. Theme, "Sharing the Journey". Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Contact, Sandy Rogers (508)432-4999.

JULY 17-19 Weekend retreat for Spiritual Rest and Renewal. Theme: "Practicing the Presence." Canaan Valley, WV. Contact Buddy Roogow (301) 461-9603.

JUNE 28- JULY 2 The 1992 ISS-Intensive Summer Seminar at Lake Forest, IL. Contact the Fellowship for details.

AUG 1-8 Third International Meeting of *Urantia Book* Readers in France, Maison Saint Gerard, Haguenau France. Theme: "To Have - To Be - To Do." Contact Georges or Marlene Dupont, #3 Bis Grande Rue, 77940 Blennes, France. Tel. 64.31.02 21.

- AUG 7-9 Midwest Conference St. Benedict Center, Madison, WI. Theme: "Power Prerogatives, Planetary and Personal." Contact Dennis/Susan Brodsky (800) 872-6842
- AUG 20-23 A family retreat/Jesus' Birthday celebration, Mt. Rainier Ashford, WA. Supported by: Pilot Light Society. Call Tony Finstad (206) 485-8266.
- AUG 21 An annual tradition for the Oklahoma Society, Celebration of Jesus' Birthday. Contact Jeralie Scanlan (405) 691-8142
- AUG 22 Annual Celebration of Jesus' Birthday in the home; covered dish, social gathering for His Remembrance Supper. Call Jim/Adrienne Jarnagin (713) 583-9030
- SEPT 4-7 First Annual Frontier Conference, sponsored by three Midwest Fellowship Societies. Place: Boulder, Colorado. Contact Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship, 205 Canyon Boulevard, Suite 200, Boulder, CO 80302.
- SEPT 18-20 Golden Gate Society Fall Retreat. San Ramon, California. Call Sara Blackstock (510) 672-3340.
- OCT 2-4 Heart of America Society Fall Retreat, Lake of the Ozarks, MO. Contact: Pat Heinerikson (314) 365-3977.
- OCT 9-12 Australian Conference. Elanora Conference Centre-Sidney. Theme: "Human Nature and the Twelve Apostles." Contact Trevor and Kathleen Swadling (02) 9137893.
- OCT 16-18 Annual conference and Society business meeting of the Ontario Fellowship for Readers of *The Urantia Book*. Guelph, ONT. Contact: Bob Jones (519) 657-8080.
- OCT 16-18 Adventures in Spiritual Living, at MO Ranch Conference Center, Hunt, TX (near San Antonio) Contact: Skip/Carol Weatherford (713) 363-1652
- OCT 24 Fall Harvest Event in Austin, TX sponsored by *Urantia Book* Study Group of Austin. Contact: Tim/Kitty Traylor, 100 W Odell, Austin, TX 78752 (512) 451-9479.
- NOV 7-8 First Society of Oklahoma Fall Forum. Contact: Warren Litchfield (405) 794-2978

TOPICAL STUDIES

ACHIEVING BALANCE

Jungian Symbolism in Light of the Urantia Revelation

By Dianna Padgett, Culpeper, Virginia

ED NOTE: We ask readers engaging in this study to submit other references that they might introduce as relevant to this topic.

Each individual is a microcosm of all aspects of God, (1) from the Father to the Absolute. Each moment has infinity at its core. In the process of actualizing the potential of each moment all aspects of God take part. For us to utilize our potential to its greatest good we must understand, nourish, and submit to all representatives of God in us in every moment, in every action, and in every thought.

The initial polarization of the Infinite into the Father and the Son, or the concept and the Word, produced a tension, a charge, caused by the space between the two polar points which both individualized and united the poles. "The Infinite Spirit became the conjoint administrator of the Father and the Son for the execution of their united and eternal purpose." (P.93.3-8) The Second Source and Center is the focalization of the pattern (2) and the Third Source and Center is the application of the pattern, the natural result of its focalization. (3)

I do not address either the physical or the social realms of gender, only the unity of the individual soul. Two vital elements of the psyche are the *animus* and the *anima*. Carl Jung used these terms to designate the male within and the female within respectively.

The *anima's* proper positive role is "as mediator between the ego and the self," (*Man and His Symbols*, C. Jung) The ego being the conscious focalization of the self, and the self being the totality of the individual (the evolving soul). Therefore, the female within is the psychic counterpart of the Conjoint Actor (P.94.4). The growth of this aspect is in four steps. The first is biological —

unadorned, "virgin", physical perfection, as are *Gauguin's Island Women*, which produces basic physical desire. The second step is idealized, romantic beauty as *Helen of Troy*, whose face "launched a thousand ships". The third step can be represented by the Catholic concept of the *Virgin Mary*, who has become the mediator to the higher spiritual powers. She symbolizes spiritual *eros* (feeling). The fourth step is wisdom as personified by the *Mona Lisa* or *Athena*; or as the evolving soul, as is *Shekhina* of the *Kabbalah*; or, perhaps, as Deity Absolute is to the First Source and Center. (4)

Through time, the mind has personified its various aspects into gods and goddesses, heroes and heroines. Female gods all have one thing in common. They give, they dispense. Pandora gives the ills of the world. The mythical Eve gives "original sin". The idealized Mary gives guidance to the saints. Venus gives love, Athena gives wisdom, Gaia gives life.

Male gods are patterns. Eros is love. Cronus is time. Vulcan is the "fallen", the imperfect. Zeus is supremacy.

The Eternal Son is the focalization of Infinite Personality into Absolute personality. He is the spiritual pattern. "The Eternal Son is the spiritual personalization of the Paradise Father's universal and infinite concept of divine reality". (P.73.3) At the moment of this focalization, Paradise was formed. It is the material pattern.

In our psyche, according to Jung, the *animus* represents the male within, ". . . the positive side of the animus can personify an enterprising spirit, courage, truthfulness, and in the highest form, spiritual profundity." (*Man and His Symbols*, C. Jung) It takes the form of sacred convictions. It is the core of an individual that focalizes into a "truth" to which the individual aspires. It's the pattern

(Second Source and Center) of the forming soul that is applied to the individual's physical existence by the process determined by the *anima* (Third Source and Center) and in the environment of the individual's personality (First Source and Center).

Christ is a role model for the balanced soul. He is our "Word" of the Father's "concept". (P.1965:3) To follow his lead, to continue the pattern he set, we, therefore, must emulate the highest beauty we know, taking that as our pattern. When Christ speaks to an individual he doesn't force his pattern on that person or belittle that person for not understanding. He gives to that person what that person's potential is ripe for. He gives away based on the individual's need. Christ's male aspect (truth) and female aspect (application) are balanced. "Jesus of Nazareth achieved the knowing and doing of the will of God." (P.2090:2)

Notes:

(1) This means God as he applies himself to evolutionary reality. Obviously the Father, Son, and Spirit are reflected as personality, spirit and mind. Likewise the Ancients of Days, the Master Spirits, and the Supreme can be reflected as administration (taking control of one's destiny), morality, and brotherhood. We desire to recreate as does the Local Universe Creator Son (both racially and artistically). The three Absolutes are our untapped potential, our ideal, and the vast area between. P.11:6 VIII, God The Sevenfold/Father on Paradise.

P.1146:7 In these papers/cycles of eternity.
P.1945:4 "I am the Vine, and you are the Branches."

(2) P.73:1 The Eternal Son/Universal Father

(3) P.90:1 ...There ensues/combined action.

(4) P.13:4 God the Absolute/superabsonite beings.

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EDITOR OF TOPICAL STUDIES — We seek help in this department of someone who will elicit and gather studies that are being used in the international array of study groups. The studies need be found, prepared for publication, and carefully proofed for accuracy of page references.

A remarkable study of the 28 statements presented on Page 556 and 557 from an actual

mansion world lesson on morontia mota was painstakingly assembled by George Zeuberbuchler, a reader from White Haven Pennsylvania. George gave this topical study to a gathering of the Connecticut Fellowship in September of 1992. It will be presented in our 1993 Spring Edition.

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