

MIGHTY MESSENGER

SPRING 2002

News & Opinions for Readers of *The Urantia Book*

Whosoever will may come...

International Conference 2002

“Revelation in Action”

The YMCA Conference Center, Estes Park, Colorado,
June 30-July 6

With a backdrop of spectacular mountains and lush forests, the greater Urantia community will enjoy a special commitment to living the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man with the theme “Revelation in Action.”

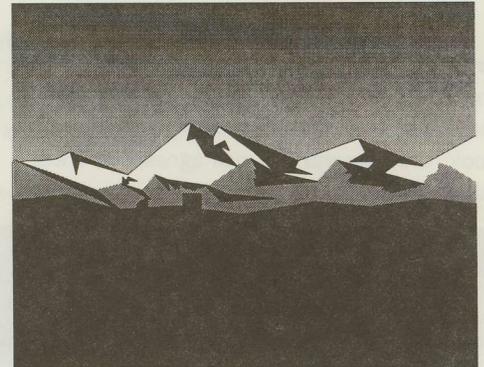
With well over 1000 expected to attend, one of the conference’s most distinctive features is the great diversity of viewpoints shown by those attending. This diversity is not surprising, given the tendency of “Urantians” to think for themselves, rather than to passively adopt beliefs and convictions based upon tradition or social convenience. You can enjoy a firsthand experience of virtually all the existing and developing trends within

The Urantia Book community.

The Urantia Book Fellowship welcomes all readers and reader groups so that we may learn from one another, better understand one another and grow in our love for one another.

The program also reflects the diversity of the conference. You can choose from dozens of presentations and workshops covering body, mind and spirit. Many will focus directly on *The Urantia Book* and its teachings; others will consider matters less directly related to *The Urantia Book* but of interest to many who read it. Presentation of styles will vary from the familiar lecture to fully interactive experiences.

This conference is designed to accommodate all ages—with special programs planned for youth, from infants to young adults. (Over 250 youngsters are expected to attend.) It’s a wonderful opportunity for this age group to form or renew relationships from previous conferences in a casual nondemanding environment.



IC02 will provide more than the study of *The Urantia Book*. There will be opportunities to participate in group worship with others from around the world. Recreational activities? You bet! The Estes Park area features mountain hiking, river rafting, horse-back riding, swimming and more.

Each night will feature entertainment and social events, concluding with a gala party on the last day. IC02 is more than a conference...it’s a vacation and a period of wonderful rest and renewal. Don’t miss it!

Bring body, mind and spirit. And don’t forget a camera.

Need Registration Forms/Travel Info?

Website: fellowship@urantiaabook.org
Email to: ic@iramtoabppl/prg
Phone: 773-327-0424
FAX: 773-327-6159

Want to do a presentation, workshop, or?

Check any of the above and request the “Workshop Application Proposal”

South America...

International Front Line

Casa de FAD in Brazil honors Fad during the times of the Planetary Prince

The International Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce a new and formal organizational affiliation with Casa de FAD educational group in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (See Membership.)

Fad was the individual responsible for the Faculty on Dissemination and Conservation of Knowledge during the times

of the Planetary Prince. (See Paper 66:5.4).

The mission of the Brazilian group is to continue the work of this first college under the guidance of Dr Elyr Dos Santos Silva, a dedicated student of the revelation. The group maintains an office, a meeting room and a small library/bookstore in downtown Rio de Janeiro.

Mexico’s study groups continue to expand

Councilor Agustin Arellano has started his sixty-fourth study group in the country with all groups originally begun continuing to meet. A Mexico national conference is planned

for this Fall. The Fellowship’s General Council is also planning to meet in Mexico early next year. (Details as soon as available.)

Definitive Meeting of the General Council in San Diego

Despite cool temps for the time of the year, San Diego provided a very warm welcome from local readers and visitors to the General Council. The Council meets twice yearly at various venues.

Some Highlights of the Meeting

Discussing *The Urantia Book* printing project, notwithstanding the absence of a motion to reconsider the Council's July decision to "promptly" publish *The Urantia Book*, the General Council agreed to entertain comments or questions from a small

minority of its members on the advisability of going ahead with publication prior to a complete exhaustion of all judicial appeals by Urantia Foundation. This discussion, in effect, reaffirmed the Council's earlier decision to promptly publish the book.

A discussion deemed stimulating and thought-provoking to GCers and observers alike, was one that followed a motion to repudiate the June 2001 testimony of Harry McMullan in the court case of Michael Foundation vs. Urantia Foundation and to affirm the General Council's belief in the integrity of Doctor Sadler and other members of the contact commission, the belief in *The Urantia Book* as an epochal revelation, and the belief in the human subject's complete disinterest in the contents of the book.

The sense of the group was that voting for the motion would be tantamount to a declaration of creed and that voting it down

would be misinterpreted as the group's denial of the revelation. The Council therefore chose to "indefinitely postpone debate," effectively deciding not to vote on what it considered to be an inappropriate motion.

The **office decentralization** has begun in gradual stages with transfer of financial operations to Oklahoma City, January 1, and apparently without problems. The next step will be to transfer the data base to the Fellowship website in northern California. (Are you in our data base with your correct name, address, phone and Email address?) The final steps will be to transfer phone services to the existing 1-877 number in Colorado and to move the mailing address to New York City.

Because of **two resignations** from the GC for demanding personal health and welfare reasons, the Council expressed its gratitude to Richard Johnson and Joe Liszka for their many years of service to the Fellowship. Both will continue to work for the Fellowship in different capacities. **Two new councilors**, Rebecca Kantor and Tom Orjala, were elected from a field of eight highly qualified candidates. (See New Councilors)

Group worship on Sunday morning concluded the memorable meeting.



General Councilors and visitors enjoy conversation and companionship over breakfast.

New E-mail List Proposed to Encourage Interaction between *The Urantia Book* Fellowship and Members

Richard Omura has made it a personal project to start an E-mail list strictly for *The Urantia Book* Fellowship. Nonmembers who want to join the Fellowship in the future can subscribe by being sponsored by a member.

This service will not be provided through the Fellowship's internet facilities but through a commercial internet company, Yahoo!

The purpose of the list is for members to get to know each other and discuss matters pertinent to our organization and movement.

Getting on the list is voluntary. Every current member of the Fellowship with an E-mail address will be sent first an E-mail invitation, and a confirmation if your reply is positive. If you do not want to join, just do nothing. No one is automatically subscribed.

Messages will be archived so that those who do not wish to receive E-mail can still read previous posts at the website in order to stay updated. However, you must initially subscribe and become a member of YahooGroups to read the archived postings. Your mail can then be turned off as you wish.

Richard Omura is asking for a volunteer from each society to be responsible for subscribers (or not) of their members. If none can be found, Richard will assume the "listop" position for societies as well as members-at-large. You can contact Richard Omura at: omura@mediaone.net.

Donations for the printing and distribution of the new edition of *The Urantia Book* are now being accepted (and gratefully received).

Have airline miles? The Fellowship needs them for international readers who cannot otherwise attend IC02. Please help if you can.

What's New on Our Website?

History and More!

Students of *The Urantia Book* will find a collection of exams from The Urantia Brotherhood School now published on our website.

These exams are great for personal study or for study groups. They may be found by visiting the "What's New?" page at: urantiabook.org/whatsnew.htm

This page will always contain listings of the most recent published documents as well as links to the information from the General Council and Executive Committee to the readership.

A growing and important range of information related to IC02 can be had on the website: urantiabook.org/conferences/ic02. New information will be published to this address as we get closer to the conference time.

New Options for Membership in The Fellowship Are Welcomed

Becoming a member of *The Urantia Book* Fellowship is now easier and more inclusive than ever. Since 1955, Urantia Brotherhood/The Fellowship has expected its members to have read the entire *Urantia Book* and the Fellowship constitution. These requirements remain only for members of the General Council and for the founding members (minimum ten) who start a new society. As a result, any student of *The Urantia Book* who supports the purposes of the Fellowship is eligible to become a member.

A new category called "Affiliate Member" is proposed and expected to be passed at the annual meeting of the General Council in July, as will the name of the Charter Committee change to Membership Committee. This name change more nearly reflects the functions of the committee.

The members of the Fellowship affiliate group would be eligible to become members formally called Fellowship associates, such groups being composed of at least five members dedicated to the spread of the Urantia revelation. This group needs no constitution, nor do they participate in the Fellowship governance as do societies.

Affiliate status allows for a more informal kind of organizational relationship. Of course, such a group could decide to apply for society status in the future. (See Casa de FAD in Brazil in the International story on page 1.)

William S. Sadler, Jr.,
author of
Bill Sadler Conversations
(The Sadler Tapes)
will now be universally
available. Transcripts are
in the works.

Silver Springs Retreats

An extended list of retreats for Urantia readers has been scheduled by Sue and Derek Tennant at their Silver Springs, Ontario facility. The series of programs will begin on July 6 and end by September 2. Topics are varied, as are the lengths of the various presentations. For further information, contact the Tennants at www.ubretreats.ca or stennant@georgian.net, or call 1-800-546-5601.

IN MEMORIAM

Family and friends alike note the passing of Peggy Johnson, a long-time active member and a founder along with her husband, Richard, of the Grand Canyon Society for Readers of *The Urantia Book*. Friends say they could always depend on Peggy. "We'll all miss this very loving and giving person."

COMING SOON...

New Edition of *The Urantia Book*

Coming soon likely will mean that the very newest edition of *The Urantia Book* will be seen and available for purchase at *The Urantia Book* Fellowship's International Conference, IC02, at Estes Park, Colorado, June 30 to July 6.

This new edition features one of the most beneficial and most favorably received supportive works to a book that a reader could want, namely a comprehensive index.

The index will be bound with *The Urantia Book*, making one book, one volume, with immediate access to certain words or phrases in the original text. What an advantage for readers and students to quickly access the desired information without trial-and-error hunting for just the right reference.

For instance, "Melchizedek" has well over 100 index references from Machiventa to Melchizedek Worlds. "Mesopotamia" has over 35 references. The listings are very readable, and quickly scanned.

The index is a highly useful reference library for *The Urantia Book*. And the price of the book with the index included is expected to be about twenty dollars...a real accomplishment for man and machinery.

Thank you everyone for your fine work.

Ever hear of a growing child who wasn't hungry?
The growing *Urantia Book* Fellowship needs the sustenance that you can provide.
It's our time.

C'mon Moms and Dads

Help make IC02 fun for the youngsters!

Sara Blackstock, the Fellowship's preeminent and fun "reconstructionist" of Biblical/*Urantia* times and places for the youngsters who will attend IC02, needs your help. You can help her set up simple but dramatic vignettes portraying Jesus' environment or stories from *The Urantia Book* history comes alive in a way that "just words" cannot convey.

A long-ago "marketplace" is more than fun. The realism, including chickens or other animals, is a learning experience, especially for young minds. The vignettes need not center strictly on Jesus' time—Andon and Fonta can discover fire, or Adam and Eve might arrive in the Garden?

Another way you can help is to be a volunteer in any of the "care" programs from tots to teens. Guides or "guardian angels" are needed to just "be there."

Contact these dedicated folks with your help:

- Sara Blackstock will handle the Jerusalem Marketplace—1–5 year olds (slb@linkzone.com)
- Cady Halverson (mail@solonia.com) & Laura Hay (lhay33@yahoo.com) for babies & toddlers
- Bill Rocap (brocap@aol.com) for 11–14 year olds
- Tom Choquette (TomChoquette@aol.com) for older teens
- Lee Farmer (maratho2@ix.netcom.com) & Claudia Ayers (c_ayers@pacebell.net) for young adults

Be an angel, be a mother or dad,
be a friend, but please be there.

Come to a Party!

As a continuation of a special event begun at IC99, we will again, at IC02, host a "Welcome Thought Adjuster" party for children ages 5–7. The party is held at the Jerusalem Market Place, with the children dressed in the costumes of Jesus' era. It is a simple 10-minute ceremony, and acknowledges the presence of the Father within. The children's families participate in the ceremony, as well as any observers. You're invited to share this special experience with us. Further information will be available at conference registration.



**MEET THE
TWO NEW
GENERAL
COUNCILORS**



REBECCA KANTOR

Rebecca Kantor is a member of the Golden Gate Society and has been studying *The Urantia Book* for over 30 years. She is a seminary graduate with a masters degree in religion (psychology of religion). Aside from participating in study groups and conferences, her interests include studying the community of *Urantia Book* readers as a new religious movement, religious cults, the human source authors and texts, and the theology of *The Urantia Book*. She and her husband, David, live in "intentional community" with other *Urantia Book* readers in Sebastopol, California.

THOMAS ORJALA

A reader since 1969, Tom Orjala, whose name is deceptively Latin, is of Finnish descent. Originally from Minnesota, Tom first found *The Urantia Book* in San Francisco, spending many winters in the Bay area, and was a volunteer with the Family of God in Berkeley.

His first experience at a conference was Lake Geneva and subsequently in Vancouver in '79, where he met Emma "Christy" Christensen. He has lived in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho since '74. Tom started the area's first study group, thus generating a large population of readers. As a *Urantia Book* "activist,"

he is outspoken in his love for the revelation and enjoys finding new ways to introduce the book, including participation in Expos. He even boldly introduced *The Urantia Book* to Coeur d'Alene's new mayor.

Tom Orjala, a building contractor, is married to Cassandra and has two grown boys. He has a keen interest in transformational thinking and enjoys his life as one who is willing to trade his mind for the mind of Jesus. He admits the download is not complete but progressing nicely.

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The Urantia Book Fellowship
International Urantia Book Conference 2002
Revelation in Action

YMCA Conference Center
Estes Park, Colorado
Sunday, June 30 to Saturday, July 6, 2002

Dear Friend,

If you plan to attend International Conference 2002 (IC02), it is essential that you register promptly. In a few weeks we'll have to give the conference center a guarantee of the number of people attending. Once we release the rooms we have reserved they will be quickly taken by others. Estes Park is a very popular summer vacation destination, and rooms can be difficult to get.

Please complete and return the enclosed registration form as soon as possible. You won't want to miss this great triennial gathering of "Urantians."

If you have any questions, call 773-327-0424, or send an email to: ic@urantia-book.org.

For more information about IC02, go to www.urantiabook.org and click on IC02.

We hope to see you there.

In fellowship,

Steve Dreier and Paula Thompson
Conference Co-chairs

PS: You'll find the IC02 program description on the back of this note. In exploring the conference themes you can choose from over 80 workshops and presentations. In addition, each day will feature a variety of opportunities for fellowship, worship, recreation, entertainment, and much more. Special programs are planned for youth from toddlers to young adults.

Revelation in Action
Living the Teachings in Loving Service
The Urantia Book Fellowship's 2002 International Conference
Estes Park, Colorado June 30 – July 6

The Urantia Book calls us to an eternal adventure of living and loving. The book provides the vision, God provides the resources, and we are asked for the faith and willingness to heed the call. This summer's conference in Estes Park, Colorado invites each of us to deepen our sense of community, to study *The Urantia Book's* teachings, to share our faith and to return to our homes empowered for loving service. Please join us in Estes Park for Revelation in Action!

THE PROGRAM

Arrival and Registration (after 1 P.M.) Sunday, June 30

Monday: "Be you perfect..." Part 1 - The Central and Superuniverses
July 1

"The God of Action functions and the dead vaults of space are astir." In the dawn of eternity creator thought precedes creative action. How does the eternity perspective provided by *The Urantia Book* inspire us to accept our Paradise Father's mandate: "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect"?

Tuesday: "Accepting Cosmic Citizenship" Part 2 - The Local Universe
July 2

"One is free to choose and act only within the realm of one's consciousness." How can the expanded knowledge of the creation, organization, and evolution of our local universe help us to make Godlike decisions and act upon them?

Free Day – Recreation and Relaxation Wednesday, July 3

Thursday: "Cocreating the Supreme" Part 3 - The History of Urantia
July 4

The origin, history and destiny of Urantia blend material, mindal and spiritual realities. How can a study of our planet's past and an understanding of Supremacy help us to participate consciously in Urantia's evolution towards Light and Life?

Friday: "Love One Another" Part 4 - The Life and Teachings of Jesus
July 5

"The great hope of Urantia lies in the possibility of a new revelation of Jesus with a new and enlarged presentation of his saving message which would spiritually unite in loving service the numerous families of his present-day professed followers." Are we prepared to go the second mile, to follow Jesus as he teaches us to live and love and serve?

Checkout and departure (by 10 A.M.) Saturday, July 6

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2002 REGISTRATION FORM

The Urantia Book Fellowship

529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614 USA

Phone: 773-327-0424 Fax: 773-327-6159 Email: IC@urantiabook.org

A warm welcome to International Conference 2002 (IC02)—“Revelation in Action.” Please complete the information in all sections of this form and mail or fax it to The Fellowship as soon as possible. Your early response will greatly facilitate conference planning and give you priority choice of all conference options. Thank you!

SECTION I PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____ Evening Phone: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Nation: _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____

Is this your first Fellowship conference? _____ Please list your fluent languages _____

Please print the full name for each member of your group, including yourself, as you would like these names to appear on the conference name tags. Please include ages for children and check the youth program column for each child participating in the youth programs described on page four of this form.

Last Name (Please print)	First Name (Please print)	Gender	Age (youth)	Youth Program
1. _____	_____	M F	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	M F	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	M F	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	M F	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	M F	_____	_____

SECTION 2 REGISTRATION and COMMUTER FEES

Adults ages 21 and above:	\$75 before April 1	\$100 after April 1	\$125 after June 1
Youth ages 3 to 20:	\$25 before April 1	\$50 after April 1	\$75 after June 1

_____ adult registrations x \$ _____ = \$ _____ +

_____ youth registrations x \$ _____ = \$ _____ = Total Registration Fees = \$ _____ (transfer to section 4)

COMMUTER FEES: In addition to the registration fees above, the YMCA Conference Center charges a commuter fee of \$40 per week for each adult (age 16 and over) not staying at the conference site. Please complete below if this applies to you.

_____ adult commuters x \$40 = \$ _____ (please transfer total to Section 4 of this form)

Please use the space below for questions, comments and special requests.

SECTION 3 ACCOMMODATIONS (ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED)

Reservations for accommodations at IC02 must be made through The Fellowship office using this form. Prices are per adult (16 years and older), for 6 nights (Sunday night, June 30—Friday night, July 5), including all meals and taxes. Prices depend upon the accommodation level selected (standard or deluxe) and the number of adults sharing the room. Requests will be filled in the order received—first come, first served. Please register early. If your choice is unavailable, the most similar accommodation will be assigned. There are two price schedules – one for either Mt. Ypsilon Lodge or Eastside Lodges (standard rooms) and a second for either Wind River Lodge or Alpen Inn (deluxe rooms).

SHARING ACCOMMODATIONS:

Please arrange for me to share (standard _____) (deluxe _____) accommodations with _____ people, including myself.

MT. YPSILON LODGE (100 rooms)

1 double bed/ 1 set bunked beds/full bath/phone

WIND RIVER LODGE (100 rooms)

2 queen beds/1 single floor futon/full bath/phone/balcony

EASTSIDE LODGES (203 rooms)

1 queen bed/ 2 sets bunked beds-3/4 bath

ALPEN INN (48 rooms)

2 queen beds/1 queen sofa bed/full bath/phone/balcony

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR ACCOMMODATION REQUEST IN THE CHART BELOW.

First circle the desired facility, then circle the price per person based upon the number of adults sharing the room.

Standard Room Prices _____

Deluxe Room Prices _____

	MOUNT YPSILON	or EASTSIDE LODGES	WIND RIVER	or ALPEN INN
Single Occupancy	\$650		\$850	
2 Adults/ per adult	\$425		\$525	
3 Adults/per adult	\$350		\$425	
4 Adults/per adult	\$310		\$380	
5 Adults/per adult	\$275 (Eastside)		\$350	
6 Adults/per adult	\$265 (Eastside)		\$300 (Alpen)	

CHILDREN ages 3-15 years.

sharing any room with adults, cost \$100 per child for all six nights, including meals. The YMCA charges children 16 and older the adult rates. There is no charge for children under 3. Please circle the number of children (ages 3-15 years) sharing your room:

1 2 3 4 5

Adults _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____ # Children (ages 3-15) _____ x \$100 = \$ _____

Total accommodation cost (Adults + Children) = \$ _____ (please transfer total to Section 4)

SECTION 4 TOTALS AND BILLING AUTHORIZATION

A deposit of \$125 is due with this form. Refund of your deposit or changes to your reservation may be made anytime prior to April 15. After April 15 the YMCA will charge a \$125 per room cancellation fee. Final payment of your balance is due no later than June 15, 2002. **If you are paying by credit card, your card will be billed for your \$125 deposit immediately, and for your remaining balance on June 15.**

- 1. Total Registration Fees \$ _____ (section 2)
- 2. Total Commuter Fees \$ _____ (section 2)
- 3. Total Accommodation Cost \$ _____ (section 3)
- 4. Scholarship Contribution \$ _____ (section 12)
- 5. Grand Total \$ _____
- 6. Deposit \$125 _____ (\$25 for commuters)
- 7. Balance (due June 15) \$ _____

Mail this form with your deposit to:

**The Urantia Book Fellowship
529 Wrightwood Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614 USA**

Payment type: Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Check _____ Money Order _____

Card Number _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

You can help facilitate conference administration by paying your Grand Total immediately. If you wish to do this, please check here _____