



Third Western Conference

for URANTIA Book Readers



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THIRD WESTERN CONFERENCE FOR URANTIA BOOK READERS

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THEME: BROTHERHOOD: FROM CONCEPT TO ACTION

PROGRAM

Saturday, September 3rd

- 8:00-11:00 A.M.
Arrival and Registration
- 9:45-10:45 A.M.
Brunch
- 11:00 A.M.
Opening Session
- Thanksgiving Meditation Vincent Ventola
- Welcome and Introductions Julia Fenderson
- Introductory Remarks Scott Forsythe
- Keynote Talk Polly Friedman
"Brotherhood: From Concept to Action"
- 12:00 P.M.
Coffee Break
- 12:30 P.M.
Study Group and Workshop Sessions 1:40 1:50
- 3:00-4:00 P.M.
Fellowship (Free Time)
- 4:00-5:00 P.M.
Dinner
- 5:00-7:00 P.M.
Fellowship (Free Time)
- 7:00-8:30 P.M.
Evening Session
- A Visual Meditation-"Art for the Vincent Ventola
Spiritual Renaissance"
- A Talk-"Living the Brotherhood of Jesus" Lucile Faw
- A Multi-Media Production-"Vision for An Cosmic Pilgrim
Advanced Civilization" Productions
- 8:30-You Name the Time
Fellowship, Group Singing, and light refreshments

*5:00 Library
Worship with
Jane*

Sunday, September 4th

9:45-10:45 A.M.
Brunch

11:00 P.M.
Morning Program

Musical Opening

A Talk-"Man and the Spiritual Brotherhood" Dick Prince

A Song Francyl Gawryn

A Talk-"Furthering the Spiritual Renaissance" Marvin Gawryn

12:30-3:00 P.M.
Study Group and Workshop Sessions

3:00-4:00 P.M.
Fellowship (Free Time)

4:00-5:00 P.M.
Dinner

5:00-6:30 P.M.
Fellowship (Free Time)

6:30-9:15 P.M.
Evening Session

6:30-8:15
"Sharing Workshop Experiences"

Moderated by
Chick Montgomery and
Ellen Bishop

8:15-8:30 Break

8:30
A Talk-"Our Mission: A Spiritual Renaissance Among the Worldwide Brotherhood of Man"

Vern Grimsley

9:15-You Name the Time
Fellowship, Group Singing, and light refreshment

Monday, September 5th

8:00-9:00 A.M.
Continental Breakfast for all Conference goers provided courtesy of The First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles.

9:00-11:00 A.M.
Introduction of URANTIA Brotherhood Representatives Julia Fenderson

*Dear Victoria
you sleep the peace
of the righteous.*

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Monday, September 5th (cont.)

A Talk-"The Activities of the URANTIA Brotherhood"

John Hales, Secretary
General of URANTIA
Brotherhood

A Talk-"A Look into the Future"

Meredith Sprunger,
President of URANTIA
Brotherhood

A Talk-"Jesus-the Living Embodiment of Brotherhood"

Kermit Anderson,
President of FUSLA

A final moment of sharing and the conclusion of the Conference

The Conference Co-ordinators, Polly Friedman and Scott Forsythe, wish to thank the following people for their faithful and loving service in the preparation of this Conference:

Carol Forsythe, for gallantry in the face of mountainous paper work;

David Kantor, Multi-Media Consultant, for making sure everything is plugged in;

Francyl Gawryn, Music Co-ordinator for making sure all the notes are right;

Chick Montgomery, Toni Richey, and Ralph Schmidt, for assistance in too many ways to mention;

And last but far from least, Julia, for her sagely wisdom and advise.

NO TAPE RECORDING PLEASE

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K_Sun. New Age Movements... (cont.)

To include lecture, discussion, visual meditation, sharing and more discussion on greater spiritual awareness.

L_Sun.- How to Start a New Study Group

David Gray

...or who, where, when, what, and why-

Description- This will involve sharing our ideas, ideals and experiences. It will include slides, discussion and printed material. Output may include a handbook for new study groups, or perhaps the forming of one or more groups.

M_Sun.- Forming a Spiritual Workshop

Marvin Gawryn

Description- Participants should be interested in actually forming an ongoing spiritual workgroup. We will be considering the underlying philosophy and purposes of such a group; options for its organization and function, interaction of individual and group efforts, and specific goals and projects such a group might undertake.

H_Sun.- Relaxation, Meditation, Prayer, Thanksgiving and Worship

Vince Ventola

Description- This workshop will include a study of each of these points and will end in actual practice of what we've discovered together. This should be a very interesting experience of group worship.

_____ Study Groups _____

B_Sat.- Techniques of Communicating the Teachings:

As Per Jesus' Example

Francyl Gawryn

Description- This will be a study group studying the topic from three viewpoints: His personal ministry, his public ministry, and his own personal religious life...taught in the context of how we can personally relate these to our own teaching abilities.

E_Sun. The I-Thou Relationship

Jeff Wattles

Description- This, discussed by modern philosophers. How can I justify my certainty that other people exist? How does my mind build its concept of another person? What is the difference between authentic and inauthentic personal relationships? Is it possible to give any general description of relationships without taking into account the broader social context? Is personal contact direct or indirect, or both? The URANTIA Book reveals important materials for an answer to these questions. Philosophers to be mentioned are Edmund Husserl, Karl Marx, and Martin Buber.

TECHNIQUES OF COMMUNICATING THE TEACHINGS AS PER JESUS' EXAMPLE

I. PERSONAL MINISTRY

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| A. Working within a person's already established framework. | P.1428 mid |
| B. Confronted the person with a soul motivating <u>challenge</u> | P.1461 bot |
| C. Use of parables to stimulate spirit imagination | P.1430 mid |
| D. Asked questions, even requested assistance | P.1437 all |
| E. The burdon of his message was: | P.1432 top |
| F. Offered practical advice | P.1474,5 |
| G. Can't lead unwilling men to God | P.1437 all |
| H. Courageously defended truth, beauty, goodness | P.1460 bot |
| I. The love that completely engulfed his ministry | P.1460 bot |
| | P.1461 top |
| | P.1466 mid |
| | P.1470 bot |
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P.1400 - "Personal Ministry"

II. PUBLIC MINISTRY

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| A. Started out appostles doing personal work first | P.1538 bot |
| B. They were sent out two at a time | P. " |
| C. Made provision for rest and recreation | P.1542 bot |
| D. He was organized | P.1547 all |
| E. General instruction on ministry | P.1592,3 |
| F. People seeing spirit led lives would desire hearing truth | P.1593 mid |
| G. Single mindedness of purpose | P.1593 next |
| | P.1725 bot |
| | P.1726 top |
| H. The message was very comforting to the sick | P.1595 mid |
| | P.1658 bot |
| I. Each of us have our own strengths | P.1594 mid |
| J. Be more concerned w/ positive aspects of teachings | P.1609 top |
| K. Each taught their own version , learn then do | P.1658 top |
| L. Tollerance of fanatacism and other teachings | P.1666 top |
| | P.1729 top |
| M. Jesus wouldn't do what others could do for themselves | P.1668 top |
| N. Effort was made to provide practical experience | P.1668 mid |
| O. Recognition of TRUTH in other religions | P.1670 bot |
| | P.1732 bot |
| P. Jesus taught from the real experiences of life not law | P.1672 mid |
| Q. Courageously denounced superstition as belief system | P.1680 bot |
| | P.1681 top |
| R. Appeal to the emotions as a gateway to the soul | P.1705 bot |
| S. Social practicality of teaching the message | P.1679 bot |
| T. Jesus admonished the 24 to become living prophets | P.1731 bot |
| U. Tact and tollerance | P.1740 mid |
| V. "And when the feelings of service for your fellow man..." | P.1745 mid |
| W. IS IT IMPORTANT TO TELL PEOPLE JESUS IS A SON OF GOD? | P.1747 mid |
| X. Our purpose, motive, ideal, ambition, procedure | P.1758 bot |
| Z. Lesson on self respect | P.1765 bot |
| AA. Fringe of conflict, warn all believers | P.1766 top |
| BB. Teaching friendship with God | P.1766 mid |
| CC. Avoid the insecure props of sympathy | P.1766 bot |
| DD. Will not prevent trouble, will keep you unafraid | P.1767 top |
| EE. Positive action in place of negative compliance | P.1769 bot |
| FF. Discriptoin of Jesus teachings | P.1771 top |
| GG. Lessons in adversity | P.1636 end |
| | P.1726 bot |

III. JESUS' PERSONAL ATTITUDES

- A. The supreme experience of living P.1431 top
- B. What one can do to make friends- P.1438,9
- C. Jesus was fond of doing things for people P.1461 mid
- D. Jesus knowledge of people's inability to disown the past P.1722 bot
- E. His whole earth life consisted of P.1728 top
- F. The less of love in any creature's nature, more need P.1739 bot
- G. Jesus' one ideal of living P.1749 top
- H. He lived what he taught P.1749 mid
- T. Discription of Jesus' faith P.2087,8
- J. always did he co-ordinate faith w/ experience P.2088 mid
- K. List of human loyalties P.2088 mid
- L. How Jesus used prayer P.2089 top
- M. Religion a direct movement from reverence to riteousness P.2089 mid
- N. Jesus requires us to believe with, not in him P.2089 bot
- O. You may preach religion about Jesus, you must live the religion of Jesus P.2091 mid

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12:30 p.m. -
1:40 p.m.

C H O I C E S F O R S A T U R D A Y

1:50-3:p.m.

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FIRST SESSION

SECOND SESSION

LEADER

STUDY GROUP/ SUBJECT

LEADER

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Please choose TWO of the following:

A	Gard Jameson	The Deeper Meaning of Brotherhood ...as Jesus Taught	Terry McCade
B	<i>2 floor lounge right</i> Beverley Wold Opal Schmidt	Techniques of Communicating ...as illustrated in Jesus' Life	Francyl Gawryn
C	<i>2 floor lounge left</i> Bettina Gray	Brotherhood Among Believers ...world religions	Gregg Harris
D	<i>2 floor lounge across from</i> Phil Calabrese	---This study group will carry over for two sessions--- Pet Sins and Spiritual Progress	→
		WORKSHOP / SUBJECT	
OR.....		Please choose ONE of these only as they extend until 3:p.m.	
H	Jackie Anderson Kermit Anderson	Couple Power: The Intimate Relationship (For couples only...limit- 10 couples)	
J	Pat Mc Nelly	104 Brotherhood in the Community: Community Gardens	101 Ground Floor
K	Cathy Ventola	Adventures in Poetry ...the joint creation of a religious poem	
L	Julia Fenderson Bob Hudspeth	Study Groups Around the World ...with slide presentation	
M	Chick Montgomery Ellen Bishop	<i>Red Room - Registration Room</i> Get Down and Do It Brotherhood (especially when it's not easy!) ...a drama workshop.	<i>Lorian Living Room Ground Floor</i>
P	Bill Sherwood Mary Marks	Brotherhood Among Those- Yet to Become Believers	1016 Ground Floor

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12:30 p.m.-
1:40 p.m.
First Session
LEADER

C H O I C E S F O R S U N D A Y

1:50-3:p.m.
Second Session
LEADER

STUDY GROUP/ SUBJECT

Please choose TWO of the following:

A	Bob Blackstock	Jesus As a Brother.... to his own family and to us..	Diane Elder
B	Charley Hicks	Lines of Communication: The Thought Adjuster (If this study group ends by 1:50, please move to a second session group)	
C	Duane Faw	Brotherhood Among Believersworld religions	Harris & D.Faw
D	Dorothy Hicks	The Meaning of Sonship	
E		The I-Thou Relationship	<i>Library</i> Jeff Wattles
H	OR..... WORKSHOP/SUBJECT - Please choose ONE		class only-
H	Vince Ventola	A Workshop In Relaxation, Meditation, Prayer, Thanksgiving & Worship	
K	Cheryl Davis	New Age Movements and Their Relationship to The Spiritual Renaissance	
L	David Gray	HOW To Start a New Study Group	
M	Marvin Gawryn	Forming a Spiritual Workshop	
P	Sara Blackstock	Teaching Children About Brotherhoodespecially for parents & teachers	
R	Dr. Robert Slagle	Experiential Games for Personal and Interpersonal Growth (with some role-playing) * Note: This group will assemble in the auditorium!	

ANNOUNCING THE

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WHERE: University of California, Irvine Campus, Orange County.

WHEN: Saturday, September 3rd, 1977, through Monday, September 5th at Noon. Register at the Middle Earth Complex at 9:00 AM on Saturday.

WHO: About 200 readers from the Western States, Hawaii, Alaska, and Western Canada. We hope you will be there.

PROGRAM: In keeping with the theme of this conference, "BROTHERHOOD: FROM CONCEPT TO ACTION", the formal program of talks, media presentations, structured workshops and study groups will be interspersed with liberal amounts of free time for meeting old and new friends, free-flowing fellowship, small group worship and meditation.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Dorm accommodations are \$14.50 per person per night double occupancy, and \$16.50 per person per night single occupancy. For campers, tents, etc., we are working on getting space at a nearby campground. (Camping is not permitted on the Campus.) Or you may prefer to make other arrangements on your own.

FOOD: Two meals per day are included in your dorm reservation. If you are camping, commuting, etc., you may order these meals at the conference for \$3.25 each. We recommend this as meal time provides a significant opportunity for fellowship.

CHILDREN: Children are welcome and paid professional child care with planned activities will be provided and is included in your registration fee.

PETS: Please note that the U.C. Campus does not permit pets.

TRANSPORTATION: If you need transportation from L.A. International Airport, or Orange County Airport (practically next door to the conference), please let us know at least two weeks before the conference.

HOSPITALITY: If you have other special transportation needs, or if you plan to spend an extra day or two in the Southern California area, and would like to visit with other readers here, please let us know and we will make an effort to accommodate you.

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YOUR PARTICIPATION: This is your conference. We would like your ideas and suggestions for paper titles, study group topics, and workshop activities related to the "Brotherhood" theme. Send in your ideas with your registration.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. MAY THE FATHER'S LOVE ENFOLD YOU.



Peace and blessings,

Scott Forsythe

SCOTT FORSYTHE, President
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