

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN BBS

An electronic data outreach for students of The URANTIA Book.

OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Where it stands Today:

The concept of the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN Electronic Data Outreach was realized and developed by Richard Preiss who, with Dave Missavage originated and tested the concept. Like all new endeavors it was limited by time and money in it's first period of testing in 1986.

Today, the equipment and software to run it is ready. A small staff of individuals have dedicated themselves to the mission. Initial files are now on disk and the service is available for transmission.

Some Interesting Ideas:

We have a hundred ideas. The vision for this endeavor sees it as an International repository for all pertinent subjects of STUDY and FELLOWSHIP from study guides to news-letter articles.

Whatever information you want to have is downloadable and may be saved to your own disk to be printed out as needed. Once the printout is in hand, photocopies may be run for your entire Study Group, their friends and their friends friends!

Further, by uploading files to us, your insights will be shared with people all over the world. Every serious student of The URANTIA Papers has some tidbit of information either prepared by themselves or others which is important to the whole - all seekers.

At this time we have permission to use the works of several secondary authors, others have expressed much interest in contributing papers, articles, essays and so forth. It is our opinion that most writers and teachers today use word-processors - their data is already on disk. We feel that Teachers will appear and by means of telecommunication, will be able, easily and conveniently, to help teach the world!

These are the kinds of things we hope to see evolve:

Study group outlines and notes could be made available for every Paper in the Book.

Anyone who has prepared to lead a workshop for a Conference would be able to leave their notes so that others who have a similar task may learn from their hard work and pick-up where the original researcher left off.

The Bulletin Board Section of the Library - designed primarily for Fellowship can expand to 99 different ROOMS (boards). Only 22 are on-line at present.

At this moment, students from around the world can communicate here with one another privately, instantaneously by means of Electronic Mail.

Secondary works can be made available by the forces within our movement so that in addition to all the individual mail lists, the latest available and yet to be announced information can be posted here - in the Library.

We could have a section for placing orders for Books, Secondary Works, Newsletter Subscriptions and other useful tools - which would be re-directed to the various producers by means of Electronic Mail. For the time being, we intend to list such information so that you may order on your own.

A library of every article from every participating newsletter (past-present and future) could provide reference to almost any subject.

A list of Study Groups and individuals from around the world is voluntarily made available so that anyone traveling can find meaningful fellowship when away from home.

Comprehensive references by various subjects can be compiled and made available for specific subject study.

Lengthy files could someday be available on disk to avoid long transmission times.

The list of services is as endless as the creativity of the entire body of Students/Teachers itself!

One of the most positive aspects is that Students of The URANTIA Book have something very special in common - the desire to actually do good. Users of the Library will partake freely of the of the assembled knowledge herein but they will also add to it, uploading their files for the benefit of others.

OUR MISSION:

It seems to us that many like-minded groups and individuals are doing great things to the benefit of spreading the good news of THE FIFTH EPOCHAL REVELATION.

There are many important things to be accomplished. Today we see a need to somehow help weave together various elements of the movement to more quickly settle our planet in Light and Life. Our task is seen as a means to an end - that of providing information to a vast and growing number of seekers.

We realize that to accomplish these goals it will be necessary to enlist the assistance of many. To insure a useful and positive destiny, more localized branches of the Library must exist. And to do this, we see in the future more regionalized and International access numbers, staffed by individuals who wish to join us in this, THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN BBS.

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Dear George -

Thanks for the information on the network..

As we think about the remarkable vistas of progress that computer technology makes available, one question arises for me: does the URANTIA Foundation anticipate that the copyright or other interests may be compromised by this activity?

I wish you well in your work -
and study - and relaxation.

Your brother,

Jeff Wattle