

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY
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Dear Student of The URANTIA Book,

This is to provide you and your Study Group further information about The BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY. Our purpose is to serve in the capacity of conveying information to and among Students of the Papers. We ask that you bring this to the attention of your friends in Study Group to help spread the word.

Those involved in this endeavor perceive that a large body of readers are not aware of the many services being performed by groups and individuals from around the world. Important papers written by informed individuals, secondary works, study guides, audio tapes, books and other matters of importance literally abound and are growing in both number and quality. As greater numbers of readers internalize the teachings, they experience the "will to service"...and as a consequence, new projects are coming to light at an increasing pace. It's a manifestation of "quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs..." UB 2082.

It seemed time to provide one place for people to come learn about all the activity, and in large measure, to partake of it. A place where they may exchange thoughts with a world-wide readership in public forums or in the privacy of personal mail. It's the kind of thing we believe David Zebedee would do were he here to use the modern day tools of communication - like computers, optical scanners, facsimile transmission, audio/video media and, of course, a reliable world-wide postal service.

Aside from the aspect of electronic communication, the Library functions by means of archiving past and current data such as opinion articles, scientific papers, historical documents, newsletter services, etcetera. It takes the form of tangible articles (audio and video tapes, books, manuscripts, newsletter back issues, etcetera) which may be "checked-out" in much the same way as a neighborhood Library, but by mail. But the most significant aspect of the service is a growing downloadable text base which is accessed by personal computer. Electronic subscribers enjoy the further benefit of communication with other subscribers in the system.

Inside is a full description of the Library and its activities along with a subscription form on the back. A separate catalog of articles in the Lending Library is available upon request. Electronic inquiries are invited by mail or by accessing the Library computer at 1-319-263-6790 (1200 baud). All services are free of charge but you should know that the project is funded by its subscribers on a voluntary basis. If you have texts or other articles in your private collection, or data on computer disk, we ask you to consider sending copies to the Library for the benefit of all.

In Service,

The BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY

OFFICE LINES:

George Sammis (Days) 515-424-1511
Fax Line 515-423-7843
Telex Number . . . 263146 Mach UR

USA - SYSTEM OPERATIONS:

Tim Young (Evenings) 319-263-8018
Library Dataline . . . 319-263-6790
System Online 24 Hours Every Day

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH LIBRARY:

Ken Glasziou, Stanley River Road,
Maleny 4552, Queensland, Australia
Voice 071-942-503 Data 071-942-804

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY

The BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY serves Study Groups and Students of The URANTIA Book by means of an online text-base accessed primarily by personal computer. Longer texts, manuscripts, audio tapes and books are also available by mail.

Listed with URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood this activity operates within the copyright guidelines as a newsletter, but due to unique features inherent in its method of distribution it also serves as a means of communication and fellowship.

The base of information changes daily by subscriber input, weekly by system maintenance and quarterly by an overall review. Seldom is data purged from the text-base, it simply grows...providing an historical file of information for this and future generations. New subscribers are as interested in the original files as those which are being currently added.

PURPOSES

1. The major purpose of the Library is proliferation of information among Students of The Papers. Subscribers are encouraged to download a meaningful article or other text, print it out and make copies of it for members of their study group. Furthermore, since the membership operate computers, they are able to upload text or other information for the benefit of all. It is anticipated that in time, most newsletters and other texts prepared by wordprocessor will be uploaded or provided to us on disk as a means of enhanced distribution.

2. To serve as a "bridge" between the various outreach activities and the readership. Many of those who dedicate themselves to "Kingdom Work" do not have the energy or the resources to make their services known to the readership at large. Today, increasing numbers of people are doing so many good things - yet few Students of The Papers really realize what's available to them even now.

By participating or even listing with the Library, groups or individuals are instantaneously able to make their service visible to a larger audience. In this way, new or existing newsletters may attract larger numbers of subscribers; those who publish study aids or properly oriented books may advise the readership without the cost or need for a special printed mailing every time they have new or updated information. All publications and written documents are sought in hardcopy form for inclusion in the Lending Library.

3. To act as a repository of information for the benefit of truth seekers in this and future generations. Aside from technique of distribution, the major difference between this and printed newsletters is that an article presented here today will be just as available 1-5-10 years from now...a library.

4. To serve as a communications tool for special interest groups. The Library contains private chambers which are used for ongoing dialogue. As an example, members of a committee, or those collaborating about an upcoming event or publication are often scattered over great distances. By means of higher access levels, entire projects may be put together in privacy, invisible to Library subscribers. Since the Library is generally open 24 hours a day, the participants call in at their own convenience, leaving and retrieving the dialogue of others in the group. Evolution of the entire project is documented from start to finish.

NON-AFFILIATE - NON-PARTISAN NON-POLITICAL

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY is a non-profit enterprise, dedicated to furthering insight and awareness among readers and students of The URANTIA Book.

This activity is not connected with the URANTIA Foundation, publisher of The URANTIA Book or URANTIA Brotherhood or its constituent Societies. We do support these organizations and encourage our membership to support them as well for without their efforts little reason for this outreach would exist.

The Library takes no position of its own. Its mission is simply to convey information. In doing so it enhances the awareness of services which currently exist but is a substitute for none of them. The official position is to be supportive of all movement activities without partiality.

THIS MOMENT IN TIME

Texts include meaningful articles from a variety of newsletters, published flyers, specific author contributions, news from the various outreach activities, commentary provided by the membership in the form of dialogue posted to the Message Areas and Electronic Mail, a private message system for one-on-one personal contact.

When callers first log-on they are generally delighted to see positive, URANTIA Book oriented information streaming across their screens! Most often they capture everything that comes over for later review. The first call usually leads to many more. Acquaintances are made and data is exchanged, study questions are posted and answered by the membership. In addition to the expected enlightenment, it's good FUN!

HOW IT WORKS

Using any device with a modem, just dial the access number, enter your two-stage password and step into another world. Whatever information you want is either captured or downloaded, then saved to your own disk to be printed-out as needed. By uploading (sending) files to the host computer, your insights will be shared with people around the world. Every serious student has some insight, comment or other information which is important to the whole - all seekers.

At present there are 20 Message Areas providing a vehicle for dialogue. Each of these boards or "rooms" is dedicated to specific subjects or categories. Aside from expected items of interest, one room serves as a Research Lab. For the purpose of subjective study, callers request a search of specific words, or strings of words which are located by an off-line computer. Both the request and results of the search (in terms of page and line number) are posted in this area. This remarkable service is made possible with the use of the new computerized "Reference-Aid".

Regardless of subject, the system separates files in two major categories: 1) MESSAGE AREAS, posted to by the membership and system operators. 2) FILE AREAS, which contain the important text files. There are many other pathways including Fixed Bulletins, Innerface - the on-line newsletter, Opinion Survey Questions, Article and Text Reviews and others. Everything visible on screen may be captured for off-line review.

SOME INTERESTING CONCEPTS

Following, are the kinds of things which are either begun and in stages of evolution or will eventuate as hoped for by the membership and contributors.

- 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 with a similar task may learn from their hard work, beginning where the original researcher left off.
- The Message Sections of the Library - designed primarily for Fellowship can expand to include room for a wealth of subjects and for private use by those who need a simple vehicle to facilitate group communication.
- A section could be provided for the purpose of placing orders for Books, Secondary Works, Newsletter Subscriptions and other useful tools - which could be collected by the various producers by means of Electronic Mail.

- A list of Study Groups and individuals from around the world is expected to evolve for inclusion in the on-line Study Group Directory so that anyone traveling may find like-minded fellowship when away from home.
- Comprehensive references by various subjects are compiled and made available for specific subject study.
- The list of potential services is as endless as the creativity of the entire body of membership as a whole.

INTERNATIONAL SCOPE

First, the texts are International in scope - we are one family of seekers. Information and writers from Europe, Finland, Canada, Australia and the Pacific Basin are already included in available texts.

Now that the Library is established and growing, it's time to provide Branch Libraries. At this time, a Branch is functioning in Australia and another is under development in Canada. Several possibilities are presently being considered for Europe. When the network is complete, it will effectively serve as a communication link with members from around the world. It is planned that all files, bulletins, electronic-mail, uploads and the rest will be made available at each location on a regular and simultaneous basis so that readers in France may easily communicate with others in Canada or Australia... wherever there is a Branch.

THE LENDING LIBRARY

In much the same sense as a neighborhood library, a growing number of manuscripts, books and audio tapes are available to the membership by mail, on a loan basis. This selection includes important texts which await data entry as well as historical texts such as year length binders of newsletter back-issues. The reference material contained in the Lending Library is even now quite substantial.

Use of the Lending Library is encouraged whether or not the member is linked by computer. The first objective is service to a growing readership with ready access to all kinds and forms of information.

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

August 21st, 1988 witnessed introduction of "INNERFACE" a Library publication designed to keep subscribers abreast of Library news. Selected files, Lending Library offerings and news from and about those who contribute works to the Library will be featured several times a year.

Initially, mailings will go forward to Study Group leaders, Library members, text contributors and groups with an outreach mission. Hopefully the information will be shared with Study Group members and others.

THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO COMMUNICATE

Any computer or word processor with an RS-232 or modem port should be able to log-on to the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY with the following parameters: 300 or 1200 baud, 8 bit word, 1 stop bit, no parity, no echo, full duplex (ANSI-BBS). Subscriber input and other files are transmitted in conventional ASCII. The dataline numbers are listed below along with other communication coordinates.

Logging-on does not require sophisticated equipment. If you want to use the service but can't find a friend with a computer it's amazing what can be put together for less than \$500.

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The Library Staff is here to serve you...to help you get started. The key word is communication, not computers. Telecommunication will be made understandable and easy for you. Tune in. Don't let the required tools keep you from a new world of knowledge, information, direct communication.

OUR MANY THANKS

WE ARE THANKFUL to the many people and organizations supportive of this effort. First, for the wholehearted cooperation and enthusiasm on the part of newsletter publishers, authors, outreach groups and others who include their texts for the benefit for all.

We are grateful for the financial assistance given to this great purpose. The Library is nourished and sustained only by voluntary contributions.

And a special word of thanks goes to DAVID ZEBEDEE, for without his early creativity in the field of communication, the concept for this service might not have been realized.

Our greatest reward is to see people using the service. We are delighted to see it working as planned, providing the growing membership with information they never dreamed of.

OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATION ARE OPEN!

If interested in becoming a new subscriber, please contact the office by letter or phone for either Electronic Communication or Lending Library services. New texts for inclusion in the Library (including data on disk) are also received at the office address.

To log-on directly to the database, simply dial the database number by computer. New users are required to answer an on-line questionnaire prior to gaining full access to the files.

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USA - OFFICE INFORMATION:

The BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY
 Box 1355
 Mason City, Iowa USA 50401
 George Sammis Voice Line: 515-424-1511 (8AM-5PM)
 International FAX Line: 515-423-7843 (24 Hours)
 International Telex: 263146 Mach UR (24 Hours)

USA - SYSTEM INFORMATION:

The BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY (BBS)
 Main Computer Data Line: 319-263-6790 (24 Hours)
 Tim Young Voice Line: 319-263-8018 (7-10 PM)

AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM INFORMATION:

The BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY, Australian Branch
 c/o Dr. K.T. Glasziou
 Stanley River Road
 Maleny, Queensland, Australia 4552
 Computer Data Line: 071-942-084 (Evenings)
 Ken Glasziou Voice Line: 071-942-503

CANADIAN SYSTEM INFORMATION:

It is anticipated that a bi-lingual branch of The Brotherhood of Man Library will be established near Quebec City in Canada, hopefully in the later months of 1989.
 The BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY, Canadian Branch
 c/o Eric Gagnon
 2921 Providence
 Sainte-Foy, QC, Canada G1W 2C1
 Eric Gagnon Voice Line: 418-652-0259

INTERNATIONAL INQUIRIES:

The Brotherhood of Man Library is accessed directly in Australia by contacting Dr. K.T. Glasziou. Plans are materializing for another branch to be established in Canada by Eric Gagnon. By regular contact between offices, Subscribers on both continents are encouraged to contact one another by Electronic Mail.

*** BOML SUBSCRIPTION FORM ***

YES, I would like to subscribe to the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY!

I understand that there are no set dues but that the Library is funded by voluntary contribution; that at anticipated levels of membership, operating costs amount to approximately \$25.00 per subscriber per year; that it is customary to return borrowed items in two weeks with a reimbursement equal to at least the amount of postage required to send them; that there is never more than a moral obligation and that I'd like to try the service before becoming involved.

Further, in terms of support, I will do my best to contribute texts or other information (in the form of photocopies from my files, posting to the system, uploading or providing data on disk) which would possibly be of benefit to others, who, like myself, are seeking further enlightenment from The URANTIA Book.

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ELECTRONIC LIBRARY _____ LENDING LIBRARY _____ BOTH _____

Year Started Reading Book: _____

Your Name: _____
Your Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Country/Language: _____
Telephone Number(s): Home: _____ Work: _____ Other: _____

Study Group Affiliation: _____
Group Contact Name: _____
Group Contact Address: _____
Group City/State/Zip: _____
Group Contact Phone(s): _____

Publish Group in Online Study Group Guide? _____ Yes _____ No
Share my Name With Other UB Outreach Groups? _____ Yes _____ No

OPTIONAL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Occupation/Spcl Skills: _____
Family Members Names: _____

ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Log-On Security: Birthdate _____ Chosen System Password _____
Type of Computer: _____ Modem/Baud _____
Favored Terminal Software: _____

LENDING LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTIONS:

We are very sorry to find the need to ask for the following, but due to items which have turned up missing, we would like to have the Name, Address and Phone number(s) of a reader or friend we may contact in the event you cannot be reached to return borrowed items:

Reference Name: _____
Reference Address: _____
Reference City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____

Please mail to: BROTHERHOOD OF MAN LIBRARY, Country of Service

Signature: _____