

## THE URANTIA BROTHERHOOD - AN INTERPRETATION

The URANTIA Brotherhood is a unique fellowship. Although it is a philosophic-religious organization, it is not a sectarian group nor is it a new religion. The Brotherhood is composed of people of all faiths who believe the URANTIA Book has a message for all of the religions of the world. It is essentially a leavening organization.

In order to escape the pitfalls of institutionalized religious movements, the URANTIA Brotherhood attempts to keep its organizational aspects simple and free. There has been a concerted attempt to disassociate the Brotherhood from most of the formal functions of institutional religion such as conducting worship services and administering rites and sacraments. The activities of the Brotherhood are basically those of education and fellowship.

Members of the Brotherhood generally work in their own local religious organizations seeking to augment the loving fellowship and prophetic vision of these groups thus striving for the growth and advancement of such religious institutions.

In the event that members of a local Society of the Brotherhood should find it impossible to worship in the religious organizations of their community, it would be hoped that any church, synagogue, or other religious group formed to take care of these formal religious functions would be completely separate from the Brotherhood Society. In this way the URANTIA Brotherhood will always remain separate from institutionalized religion maintaining an ecumenical, non-sectarian atmosphere in which people of all faiths will feel free to fellowship.

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