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The Dissemination of Expanded Truth: The Message and the Challenge

A PROPOSAL FOR A TEACHERS' CONCLAVE

This past year *The School of Meanings and Values* has featured three presentations in an ongoing series called Expanded Truth. Topics have included *God, the Father, the Eternal Son, and the Father Fragment: The Thought Adjuster*. From these experiences comes a proposal.

There are old truths that need to be restated to the world in new language, and in addition, new concepts meant for this time and beyond. These ideas are for all seekers of truth, now ready to read, learn, listen, accept, or any one of the above from people all over the world. There is as yet no plan of action or philosophic approach, no expertise on effective ways to teach the expanded truth to mainstream individuals. We want to begin to explore this.

We are considering holding a Teachers' Conclave that would bring together everyone who has taught or desires to teach the expanded truth of the Fifth Epochal Revelation. The Conclave would

provide a forum for sharing experiences, successes, practicing presentations for helpful feedback, formulating new methods of teaching and inspiring one another in the challenge of teaching. All the while we remain students . . . keeping in the foreground the knowledge that students are future teachers and teachers are forever students.

We are looking for teachers from all over the world. It is important to come together to brainstorm and share, benefiting from corporate wisdom and experience. If you are a teacher, if you desire to be one who disseminates in this way, if you are not sure, but want to learn ideas for expressing your faith as you pass by... plan to join us for this unique conclave.

We are in the process of working out a weekend retreat for early 1999, and would like to hear from you. We want this to be a real practical, active

"hands-on" experience.

What do you think? But not too many words...*save those for the Conclave!*

"As you journey towards your Paradise goal, constantly acquiring added knowledge and enhanced skill, you are continuously afforded the opportunity to give out to others the wisdom and experience you have already accumulated, all the way to Havona you enact the role of a pupil teacher. You will work your way through the ascending levels of this vast experimental university by imparting to those just below you the new-found knowledge of your advancing career. In the universal regime you are not reckoned as having possessed yourself of knowledge and truth until you have demonstrated your ability and your willingness to impart this knowledge and truth to others." (page 279:6)

THE SECOND MILE: THE CHALLENGE, THE MESSAGE, THE WAY

By Dorothy J. Elder

The Challenge

What unifies us today is our awareness that the dawn of a new and enlightened spiritual era on Urantia is here, and we have enlisted as pilgrims of its progress. Just as the light of dawn disseminates across the horizon on a world of space, so must the dawn of a new spiritual era be disseminated across the horizon until it encompasses the whole of humankind.

Evolution and revelation are partners in this process. Revelation is evolutionary, and its mission is to sort and censor the successive religions of evolution. But if it is to exalt and upstep religion then these upsteppings of revelation must not be too far removed from the thought and reactions of the age in which they are presented. Thus must and does revelation always keep in touch with evolution. Always must the religion of revelation be limited by man's capacity of receptivity.⁽¹⁰⁰⁷⁾

Herein lies the paradox:

The nature and content of this sweeping Fifth Epochal Revelation seems to contradict the statement on page 1007 regarding the progression of revelational upstepping.

The key word here is **sweeping**. The question is not why did we receive the revelation, but why such an extraordinary one? It is clear to all of us why we received it. On our historically beleaguered and quarantined planet, science is rapidly advancing, evolutionary religion is stalled, and man's attempt at coordinating these two domains into a logical philosophy has failed. Revelation is needed to illuminate evolutionary religion and to aid man in constructing a new and logical philosophy whereby he can arrive at an understanding of his sure and settled place in the universe.

But why is THE URANTIA BOOK so revealing in its extent of universal truth? Why is it "out of step" in its upstepping? I believe that modern Agondonter man has been given a unique challenge, and it's not what you're thinking – live THE URANTIA BOOK teachings in our lives, disseminate the book – it's much more than that.

Let's go back for a moment to the Bestowal Commission. Remember what Immanuel said to Michael in the final words of the bestowal charge:

"Your great mission is to reveal God to man, and "...exhibit in your one short life in the flesh, as it has never before been seen in all Nebadon,

the transcendent possibilities attainable by God-knowing humans during the short career of mortal existence; and make a new and illuminating interpretation of man and the vicissitudes of his planetary life to all superhuman intelligences of all Nebadon, and for all time."⁽¹³²⁸⁾

On the morning of April 7, AD 30, two thousand years ago, as he stood before Pilate, Jesus did just that.

He raised us all up in the eyes of his universe. He demonstrated that man on a backward planet could champion all his vicissitudes. He validated for eternity the Father's ascension plan. He exhibited once and for all, that faith-children of the realms are undaunted. His life exemplified that all of humanity's transcendent possibilities are attainable when man goes in partnership with God. Two thousand years later, THE URANTIA BOOK is our wake-up call to that partnership. And, it is Jesus' illumination of man's maximum human potential that beckons us to our task.

We are now in partnership with God in a unique and unprecedented plan for the spiritual and social reconstruction of the planet. It's the biggest deal ever made, and we need a universe perspective to understand our partnership role.

Look at the missions of the divine sons on an average planet. The great social achievement of the Planetary Prince Age is the emergence of family life. Next, the culminating development of the following era, the Adamic Age, is universal interest in true philosophy, and the crowning achievement of this age is Social Brotherhood. Then, with brotherhood flourishing, the Magisterial Avonal Sons arrive to begin their work of spiritual uplift. Anywhere from 25 to 50 thousand years they work to bring the planet to its highest ethical standard and to a fullness of a great spiritual awakening. And when the planet is ripe for spiritualization, a Bestowal Son arrives to demonstrate "the new and living way."^(Paper 52)

The established plan is always social brotherhood first; and then comes the spiritualization of humanity. On our world the plan fell into disarray and modern man is now floundering in his predicament of intellectual progress hindered by spiritual stagnation. So in our case, we are going to have to do it the other way around. On Urantia it is the upstepping of the spiritualization of humanity which will lead us to the next required evolutionary goal which is universal social brotherhood.

That's the purpose of our task.

These words of Jesus, issued to his apostles, must be our charge:

“Your mission to the world is founded on the fact that I lived a God-revealing life among you; the truth that you and all other men are the sons of God; and it shall consist in the life which you live among men, the actual and living experience of loving men and serving them, even as I have loved and served you.”
(2043)

“Go preach this salvation of sonship with God; remember that salvation is a free gift and those who have willingly received this gift will immediately

show forth the fruits of the spirit in their loving service to their fellows.⁽²⁰⁵⁴⁾

With the foregoing in place, the way is truly simple:

Know the Message: Teach the new spiritual brotherhood of Jesus:

- ◆ Divine Sonship
- ◆ Spiritual Liberty
- ◆ Eternal Salvation

Know the Goal: Planetary Social Brotherhood

- ◆ Do it with spiritual fragrance, as we pass by; show forth the fruits of the spirit
- ◆ Do it with inspired leadership

Armed with the message and nourished by the fruits of the spirit for the way ahead, let us take up the challenge and go forward as true soldiers of the circles towards the goal of a spiritually inspired, socially transformed human society where man loves his brother and calls a loving God his Father.

THE BILL SADLER 1958-59 LECTURE SERIES TAPES

The School of Meanings and Values, through Abbey Tape Duplicators in Chatsworth, CA, has just completed the re-mastering of 28 single 1958-59 lecture series tapes by Bill Sadler. These tapes are now in the public domain having been circulated since the early seventies, and are not copyrightable. The sound is not perfect, but one who listens will be interested in the remarkable content. Bud Kagan describes the history of the Bill Sadler tapes:

Bill Sadler was the son of Dr. William and Lena Sadler from Chicago, Illinois and an early individual involved in the Urantia movement. Bill not only had a most comprehensive understanding of the Papers, but also had the ability to teach the concepts to others. As a founding Trustee of the Foundation and an officer of the original Urantia Brotherhood, Bill was appointed the first Field Representative. Bill traveled about the country teaching, the “big blue book” as he called it, to many interested groups. In August, 1958 Bill gave a week long seminar in Pasadena, California. The lectures were tape recorded on reel-to-reel equipment (the audio cassette had not yet been introduced). In 1959 a similar seminar was conducted in the Malibu Hills and also recorded. Approximately thirty sets of reel-to-reel copies of these lectures were made for interested participants.

Twenty-eight 90-minute audio cassettes are available for those who wish to enjoy these lectures of Bill Sadler’s dynamic explanation of very difficult concepts in the Urantia teachings. In my experience, Bill Sadler was the greatest teacher that has appeared on the scene for the Urantia dissemination. I have listened to these tapes many times since I recorded them and still glean much understanding each time I listen. They should be shared with all serious readers of THE URANTIA BOOK. It would be impossible to describe the content of this material, except to say that they cover every part of THE URANTIA BOOK and explain most every subject.

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The School receives no profit from the sale of these tapes, as we have hesitated to “go commercial”. We have proceeded with this project because we believe these tapes are most valuable for understanding and teaching the concepts of the revelation, and are historically unprecedented. However, we appreciate anything you might want to donate for this project which we want to continue to offer.

The challenge, from on high, is that this tremendous task has been given to Agondonters.

Can we, the early receivers of the Urantia Revelation, collectively in the next century and progressively during the next millennium, harness our potential and successfully broadcast the new teachings for the advancement of all evolutionary religions and for the spiritual and cultural enlightenment of all mankind? Will we be the men and women who will presage the eventual flowering of a new and universal philosophy on earth? That is not to say we are to become philosophers. Our role is to be the teachers of expanded truth. "Religion needs new teachers who will dare to depend solely on Jesus and his incomparable teachings."

The quickest way to realize the brotherhood of man on Urantia is to effect the spiritual transformation of present-day humanity.⁽⁵⁹⁷⁾

"Urantia is now quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs of social readjustments, moral quickening and spiritual enlightenment. And if Christianity continues to neglect its mission, then the spiritual renaissance will await the coming of these new teachers of Jesus' religion. And these souls will quickly supply the leadership and inspiration for the social, moral, economic and political reorganization of the world."⁽²⁰⁸²⁾ We're also told that this new and oncoming social order will not settle down for a millennium, and that these progressing changes in the upstepping of social relations can result in lasting brotherhood only by the ministry of religion.⁽¹⁰⁸⁶⁾

In the drama which is about to unfold, the cast of characters does not include superhuman personalities. Thousands of lead parts have been handed out, freely given to any outstretched hand. And, with confidence from unseen directors, we have been given blank scripts. Dissemination plans were not part of the revelation. It's up to us to chart a wise course.

Let us start out with the understanding that in the modern era we must be the evangels of new and advanced spiritual truth which will pave the way to the universal acceptance of the golden rule. Regarding the future, we can't revive primitive Christianity, but we can baptize the world with a new revelation of Jesus' life and illuminate mankind with the spiritual truths of his gospel.

We are told that it is not the first mile of compulsion, duty or convention that will transform man and his world, but rather the second mile of free service and liberty-loving devotion that betokens the Jesusonian reaching forth to grasp his brother in love

and guide him toward the higher and divine goal of mortal existence.

The Message

In delivering his Epochal Sermon, Jesus concluded by stating: "I declare to you that I have come to proclaim spiritual liberty, teach eternal truth and foster living faith." On that day he inaugurated the final, spiritual phase of his gospel: *Divine Sonship, Spiritual Liberty, Eternal Salvation*.

Teachers of expanded truth, *with leadership and inspiration*, are called to carry forward the restatement of this triune message of Jesus with new meaning and power.

In preparation, we would do well to review Immanuel's Bestowal charge to Michael:^(1328.5)

"Function largely as a teacher; first, give attention to the liberation and inspiration of man's spiritual nature; next, illuminate the human intellect; heal the souls of men, emancipate their minds from age old fears; set rebellion segregated man spiritually free."

These particular words of counsel should be taken to heart by the teachers of advancing spiritual truth. We are to so conduct ourselves that the effect we have will be to *illuminate, liberate, and inspire* all those we come in contact with.

The Way

"...with leadership and inspiration..."⁽²⁰⁸²⁾

We know that when religious groups form, that act of formalizing often destroys the very values for the promotion of which the group was organized. This can be significantly minimized if the religionist remains socially fragrant. A group of socially fragrant religionists working together can illuminate their objectives so long as their leadership is motivated by unselfish and loving social service.

Teachers/leaders need to consider the words of advice on page 1089: "*Transition Difficulties*." It points out that, *for man*, the difficulty is in forsaking the religions of fear without immediately grasping the revelatory religion of love. *For the world*, the difficulty lies in the confusion which presently exists as Urantia struggles with its many contending philosophies of religion.

The prerequisite for going forward is to start out with wise leadership, consisting of inspired and socially fragrant religionists, who understand that the way forward requires character in the face of difficulty.

A STUDY OF PERSONALITY

by Stephen Zandt

God is personality (page 28)

Personality is not simply an attribute of God; it rather stands for the totality of the coordinated infinite nature and the unified divine will which is exhibited in eternity and universality of perfect expression. Personality, in the supreme sense, is the revelation of God to the universe of universes. (page 29)

Never lose sight of the antipodal viewpoints of personality as it is conceived by God and man. Man views and comprehends personality, looking from the finite to the infinite; God looks from the infinite to the finite. Man possesses the lowest type of personality; God, the highest, even supreme, ultimate, and absolute. Therefore did the better concepts of the divine personality have patiently to await the appearance of improved ideas of human personality, especially the enhanced revelation of both human and divine personality in the Urantian bestowal life of Michael, the Creator Son. (page 30)

Personality inherently reaches out to unify all constituent realities. The infinite personality of the First Source and Center, the Universal Father, unifies all seven constituent Absolutes of Infinity; and the personality of mortal man, being an exclusive and direct bestowal of the Universal Father, likewise possesses the potential of unifying the constituent factors of the mortal creatures. (page 640)

Such unifying creativity of all creature personality is a birthmark of its high and exclusive source and is further evidential of its unbroken contact with this same source through the personality circuit, by means of which the personality of the creature maintains direct and sustaining contact with the Father of all personality on Paradise. (page 640)

1. What does it mean to be “made in the image of God”?
2. How different / similar are the ideas of personality found in THE URANTIA BOOK and that expressed in our media and in the arts and sciences?
3. Webster defines personality as : “the complex of characteristics that distinguishes an individual... the totality of an individual’s behavioral and emotional characteristics.”
What is the single factor in personality that makes it unique? (THE URANTIA BOOK refuses to specifically define personality.) (Hint: page 9)
4. In Paper 112, Paragraph 4 in Part 5: *Survival of the Human Self*, what is the meaning of the phrase “transferring its seat of identity”?
5. What is the one supreme thing which a mortal personality may choose to do for God?
6. As an assessment measurement of self-awareness, how do you evaluate yourself in terms of the following criteria?
 - Self-consciousness is in essence a communal consciousness: God and man, Father and son, Creator and creature. In human self-consciousness four universe reality realizations are latent and inherent:
 - ◆ The quest for knowledge, the logic of science.
 - ◆ The quest for moral values, the sense of duty.
 - ◆ The quest for spiritual values, the religious experience.
 - ◆ The quest for personality values, the ability to recognize the reality of God as a personality and the concurrent realization of our fraternal relationship with fellow personalities. (page 196)
7. Who is it that performs service, ministry, bestowal of blessings, communion and fellowship, and gives freely of love?



At the heart of silence is prayer,
At the heart of prayer is faith,
At the heart of faith is life,
At the heart of life is service.

by **Mother Teresa**

THE EXPANDED TRUTH SERIES III

OUR PARTNER: THE THOUGHT ADJUSTER

by Polly Friedman

Purpose: To learn and discuss the specific role relationship with the fragment of God within us, concentrating on the personal goal and what it means to the individual personality.

Accept Life's Challenges (pages 1191-1192)

The Mystery Monitors are not thought helpers, they are thought adjusters. They labor with the material mind for the purpose of constructing, by adjustment and spiritualization, a new mind for the new worlds and the new name of your future career. Their mission chiefly concerns the future life, not this life. They are called the heavenly helpers, not the earthly helpers. They are not interested in making the mortal career easy; rather are they concerned in making your life reasonably difficult and rugged, so that decisions will be stimulated and multiplied. The presence of a great Thought Adjuster does not bestow ease of living and freedom from strenuous thinking, but such a divine gift should confer a sublime peace of mind and a superb tranquillity of spirit.

Your transient and ever-changing emotions of joy and sorrow are in the main purely human and material reactions to your internal psychic climate and to your external material environment. Do not, therefore, look to the Adjuster for selfish consolation and mortal comfort. It is the business of the Adjuster to prepare you for the eternal adventure, to assure your survival. It is not the mission of the Mystery Monitor to smooth your ruffled feelings or to minister to your injured pride; it is the preparation of your soul for the long ascending career that engages the attention and occupies the time of the Adjuster.

Love, Fear Not (page 1192)

The Thought Adjusters would like to change your feelings of fear to convictions of love and confidence; but they cannot mechanically and arbitrarily do such things; that is your task. In executing those decisions which deliver you from the fetters of fear, you literally

supply the psychic fulcrum on which the Adjuster may subsequently apply a spiritual lever of uplifting and advancing illumination

Eliminate Inhibitors (Page 1204)

Although the divine indwellers are chiefly concerned with your spiritual preparation for the next stage of the never-ending existence, they are also deeply interested in your temporal welfare and your real achievements on earth. They are delighted to contribute to your health, happiness, and true prosperity. They are not indifferent to your success in all matters of planetary advancement which are not inimical to your future life of eternal progress.

Adjusters are interested in, and concerned with your daily doings and the manifold details of your life just to the extent that these are influential in the determination of your significant temporal choices and vital spiritual decisions and, hence, are factors in the solution of your problem of soul survival and eternal progress. The Adjuster, while passive regarding temporal welfare, is divinely active concerning all the affairs of your eternal future.

"... All physical poisons greatly retard the efforts of the Adjuster to exalt the material mind, while the mental poisons of fear, anger, envy, jealousy, suspicion, and intolerance likewise tremendously interfere with the spiritual progress of the evolving soul."

Augment Adjuster Harmony (page 1206)

- Choose to respond to divine leading
 - Loving God and desiring to be like him, genuine recognition of the divine father and loving worship of the heavenly parent
 - Loving man and sincerely desiring to serve him
 - Joyful acceptance of cosmic citizenship
- ❖ "The great goal of human existence: to attune to the divinity of the Indwelling Adjuster."
- ❖ The great achievement of mortal life: the attainment of a true and understanding consecration to the eternal aims of the divine spirit who waits and works within your mind."

A Parable Shortcuts

There was a group of nature lovers that enjoyed hiking up a beautiful canyon. It was quite a lengthy hike and especially arduous during the hot summer months. But the canyon was beautiful beyond description and the view from the top was celestial.

The group had been hiking this canyon for more than 40 years. During one hike, several of the newer members spied what looked to be a shortcut that could save several hours of hiking to the top. They exhorted the group to try it, but the leaders advised that making the new shortcut path could severely erode the beautiful canyon walls. But the new members tried the shortcut anyway.

After two or three years it became evident that the new trail was being used by most hikers and the trail rangers were powerless to close it off. Each year the rains came and eroded the canyon walls around the shortcut trail. The beautiful canyon became scarred and altered over the years.

After about seven years there came many weeks of torrential rains. When the sun finally appeared the already eroded canyon walls had collapsed in a landslide which filled the canyon floor, permanently closing it off to everyone.

submitted by Ed Owen

SECOND MILERS

Mike Rayl, our newest Advisory consultant and Gary Reedy, Treasurer are responsible for our new Internet website (www.school-meanings-values.org) Mike did all the technical work to get us up and running.

K. Brendi Poppel, a member of our Teaching Staff, recently presented a discussion and review of THE URANTIA BOOK at the Santa Barbara *Borders Book Store*. Included in her talk were the important concepts of the book and its integration of science, religion and philosophy. She also told her own dramatic story of how she came to read and how it transformed her life. Brendi has been a student of THE URANTIA BOOK for over 25 years and has given public introductions in LA sponsored by our School, and has led seminars and introduced THE URANTIA BOOK on Santa Barbara Cable TV.

We are pleased to announce that Dorothy Elder of Los Angeles has become the newest member of our Teaching Staff. Dorothy was an original founder / director of the School and has always believed in the purpose and mission statement which she herself contributed to. Her unusual understanding of the Urantia teachings, her expertise as a presenter, and her commitment to service are outstanding.

The SMV staff extends a special *thank you* to Valerie Becker and Darlene Sheatz for their computer and secretarial help over the past years. Valerie has been providing desktop publishing on the Conjoint Reader and formatting articles and study aids for our website. This collaboration, accomplished in spite of 1000 miles of distance, is due to the amazing technologies at our fingertips, and Valerie's sincere expression of love and service.

Darlene assumed the responsibilities of secretary after Valerie's departure from California. She served us faithfully in spite of her hectic life as a single parent and working two jobs. Service beyond the call of duty!

The School, along with First Society of Los Angeles (FSLA) jointly sponsored a Urantia Book Booth at the annual UCLA Book Fair on April 25-26. Stella Religa, an SMV Advisor, and Norman Ingram arranged for and headed up the booth activities.

Watch for Announcements

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"That which the world needs most to know is
men are the sons of God,
and through faith,
they can actually realize, and daily experience,
this ennobling truth."
(THE URANTIA BOOK, page 2052)

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to this Spring Issue*

MISSION TO AFRICA

by Roger Goffeney

Some of you may have read in recent publications of the wonderful work Norman Ingram has been doing on behalf of THE URANTIA BOOK. His personal dedication and commitment are without peer in the distribution of the great URANTIA BOOK around the world. His personal desire is to see the dissemination of this incredible material to as many eager students around the world as time and availability permit. I was fortunate to have had a divine appointment with Norman in Costa Rica while I was serving a ministry there. During that meeting Norman mentioned that he would be attempting to distribute many URANTIA BOOKS through Africa within the next year or so.

Since I have a certain amount of freedom of movement at present, I have decided to assist Norman in this great endeavor. We plan to go by vehicle, starting in Morocco, and covering some 35 capitals. Our itinerary will go something like this: After leaving Europe we will head to Tangiers, then Casablanca, Rabat and Marrakech, Morocco. Then through the difficult Sahara desert in the old Spanish Sahara and Mauritania to Dakar, Senegal; then the west African capitals of Banjul, Gambia; Bissau, Guinea Bissau; Conakry, Guinea; Freetown, Sierra Leone; Monrovia, Liberia; Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Accra, Ghana; Lome, Togo; Porto Novo, Benin; Lagos, Nigeria; and Yaounde, Cameroon. Then we head south to Libreville, Gabon; Brazzaville, Congo; Kinshasa, Zaire; Luanda, Angola; Windhoek, Namibia, and finally Cape Town, South Africa. We then start working our way east along the south coast to Durban, South Africa; Mbabane, Swaziland; Maputo, Mozambique; then to the interior for the major cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria, South Africa. Continuing on north will take us to Harare, Zimbabwe (Rhodesia); Lusaka, Zambia; Lilongwe, Malawi; Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania; and finally Nairobi, Kenya. A western diversion is contemplated from Nairobi into Kampala, Uganda; Kigali, Rwanda; and Bujumbura, Burundi, but we will have to see what the political situation is by the time we arrive in Nairobi. Lastly, a boat trip to Khartoum, Sudan, then on to Cairo, Egypt; Tripoli, Libya; Tunis, Tunisia then Algiers, Algeria and finally back to our starting point of Tangiers, Morocco. Those are the major

cities within each country. Others will be attempted depending on their accessibility and importance in the distribution process. This is an incredible venture that only the hardest and most dedicated people would attempt to undertake. Norman and I seem to fill that requirement. I have traveled in eastern Africa and know some of the ways and expectations to be encountered in the so-called "third world" nations.

In order to accomplish this formidable task we need to raise around \$30,000 to cover the basic necessities of a vehicle, gasoline, food, lodging, and air fare for the freight costs to send the books overseas. President Clinton laid the groundwork of economic and political assistance, now we need your support to add that special dimension of Urantia teachings so that the great information contained within those teachings can expand the understanding of people kept largely in ignorance from the universal truths we have come to accept.

If you would like to personally be part of any portion of this trip, feel free to contact Norman or any of those involved in this campaign. We will be in frequent contact by e-mail throughout the trip and will keep many informed of our progress and anticipated arrival dates at given cities on the tour.

Our intended departure date will be around September 15, 1998 in order to avoid the extreme desert heat of summer, and land in the wet zones of west Africa during their summer season which corresponds to our winter season. This trip may take as long as nine months or more, so whatever assistance you can render on behalf of this great adventure will be greatly appreciated.

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MISSION TO ASIA

by Don Roark

On November 15, 1997, Norman Ingram and I left Los Angeles International Airport for a 30-day mission to Asia. Our purpose was to distribute the revelation to national libraries and major universities in large Asian cities, as part of the World Outreach for Urantia Nations.

Hong Kong served as the hub and first stop on this journey to 10 countries including Indonesia, Korea, China, Japan, The Philippines, Malaysia and Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Taiwan.

In each city we placed books first in their national library, then in the primary universities, and often in additional libraries and universities as well. We were often treated with much surprise and amazement and were welcomed most graciously by everyone at these institutions.

Angels were with us always. When we were lost, people were very helpful, and many went far out of their way to assure that we got to where we were going. Needless to say, some of the most rewarding times were "accidental" encounters with folks along the way, who very often ended up with a big blue book!

We stayed in simple accommodations, usually hostels, ate simply and used cheap transportation. Often, local readers provided some or all of our needs in a given city, including genuine fellowship.

Our mission distributed 141 URANTIA Books to 10 countries in 30 days.

We are grateful to those supporters "back home" whose contributions provided us the means with which to plant these seeds of hope for all of the people in these diverse countries. We thank you for your support!

If you are ever in Venice Beach, stop by our Urantia table and say hello - Norman and I are there every Saturday at the end of Rose Avenue.

Checkout the *World Outreach for Urantia Nations* website at
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FUNDRAISING PROJECT FOR NORMAN INGRAM'S MISSIONS

In the last few months Saskia Raevouri, a long-time reader from California, has been collecting personal accounts for a book she is assembling entitled, *How I Found The Urantia Book*. So far she has gathered 217 stories. When the book is ready in June, all the proceeds will go towards Norman Ingram's Mission to Africa. Norman has a six-month itinerary planned where he intends to visit as many countries on that continent as possible, and place THE URANTIA BOOK in libraries, universities and prisons along the way.

Since February, Saskia has devoted all her spare time to this project and will be offering the book for a \$20+postage (total about \$23) donation to Norman's mission. After subtracting her costs, which will be kept at a minimum while still producing a nice-looking book, every penny will go towards the mission. She is planning an initial printing of 1000 copies, the *Mission to Africa*, edition and is now taking orders.

If you would like to submit *your* Urantia Book story for the next book, please send it to Saskia at her Glendale address or preferably e-mail it. The profits from this book and the ones that follow will always be used for missionary outreach of bringing THE URANTIA BOOK to all the countries of the world.

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