



THE AGONDONTER PAPER

"Gravity is the omnipotent strand on which are strung the gleaming stars, blazing suns and whirling spheres which constitute the universal physical adornment of the eternal God, who is all things, fills all things, and in whom all things consist". P.125:5, The Urantia Boon.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

October 31st. Saturday 8:00 P. M. Regular informal assembly for study at 2032 Stewart, Santa Monica. 1st Part: Georgia Gecht teaching "Cosmography" 2nd Part: "Inspirational Subjects".

November 14th, same as above.

November 8th, Sunday 2:00 P.M. Regular informal assembly for study at 78 No. Grand Ave., Pasadena. 1st Part: Georgia Gecht teaching "The Evolution of Forces and Energies". 2nd Part: Helen Steen teaching "spirit Beings stationed throughout the Universe".

November 22nd, same as above.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

November 22nd, Sunday 5: P.M. at 78 No. Grand Ave., Pasadena, Calif. Special meeting of the Governing Committee of First Urantia Society of Los Angeles. Attendance required by all officers and committee chairmen.

THE MESOTRON

by SCOTT FORSYTHE

In the Los Angeles Times of August 13, 1964, there appeared an article by the Times Science Editor, Irving S. Bengelsdorf, Ph.D., which dealt with research on the Mesotron or as science calls it, the meson. The article explained that in the 1930's science developed the theory of the mesotron or meson to explain why the nucleus of the atom stayed together and later when research equipment improved the existence of the mesotron was proven.

..Science says that the mesotron serves as the glue which keeps the atomic nucleus cemented together. Science explains that the mesotron keeps the protons and neutrons stuck together in the nucleus by rapidly and continually exchanging the electrical charges of these particles between themselves.

..On Page 479:2 and 3 of the Urantia Book there is a discussion of the mesotron. The book states: "The charged protons and the uncharged neutrons of the nucleus of the atom are held together by the reciprocating function of the mesotron. The mesotron causes the electrical charge of the nuclear particles to be incessantly tossed back and forth between protons and neutrons, Without this arrangement the electric charge carried by the protons would be disruptive of the atomic nucleus."

NEW CHART READY

Vice-President Georgia Gecht has prepared another chart for use by Urantia Book students. It is entitled: "Evolution of Non-spirited forces-energies-powers" and comprises two sheets. It will be distributed at regular assemblies for study soon.

AGONDONTER: An ascender from isolated world. One "who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone". Page 579:1, The Urantia Book.

A MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY AND A RESURRECTION

In the past two weeks, two events have touched the hearts of our Urantia family.

THE ANNIVERSARY

On October 12th, Mr. and Mrs Curtis Steen celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. In honor of this event, Julia Fenderson, our faithful secretary, at the October 11th meeting, presented each one in the Urantia Society Group with a printed copy of Bill Sadler's message to the First Urantia Society of Oklahoma on November 1958. These she bought complete with a folder from his society in Chicago. About 18 or 20 people were present and we very much appreciated this gesture. Also our secretary brought a cake, candy mints and flowers. The cake was decorated all in blue and white and contained the words "46th Anniversary, Helen and Curtis". The decoration was symbolic with little doves and the concentric circles of the Urantia Society.

THE RESURRECTION

It was with mixed feelings that we learned a few days later that Curtis Steen, our host for the meetings of the Urantia work in this area for nearly 20 years, had suddenly left us to begin that adventurous journey through the spiritual worlds to that final and glorious destination in his Father's House in Paradise.

On Saturday October 17th we attended the memorial service in honor of his resurrection. Julia Fenderson read a beautiful Urantia service that Bill Sadler had written for use in Chicago. Fred Squires read the Beatitudes as written in the Urantia Book. The Pastoral Symphony from the Messiah was played during a quiet meditation. Then he gave a brief resume of Mr. Steen's life followed by the reading of I Corinthians 13 on charity which was Mr. Steen's favorite Bible passage. The service was concluded with an affirmation of our faith in a spiritual resurrection three days after death as it was with Jesus. It was a real blessing to attend for the first time a service among people who clearly evidenced their belief in the resurrection.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

About "The Urantia Paper":

"The Urantia Paper is well written and informative, but more important it is permeated with the spirit of the teachings of the Urantia Book. The tone of it is most inspiring." Carolyn Kendall, Wheeling, Ill.

"Thanks for sending us a copy of The Urantia Paper. Our group enjoyed it very much and we would be pleased to receive future copies". Helen Butler, Oklahoma.

"Your letter and "Urantia Paper" received today for which please accept my thanks. I would be glad to follow your activities in the L.A. area. I regret that my remoteness puts so great a gap between us.".....My foremost concern and interest is to get on the right path and follow it. To dedicate the balance of my earth existence to the great work is my aim and goal and find that this may possibly be real purpose for the ground work already nearly completed. My place he was given the name of 'Point Dawn' when the first work was started twelve years ago to convert this piece of wilderness into a retreat. If this be the purpose for which I was guided it appears it will in the coming year be the retreat for other Christ seekers where they may be grouped in small numbers for resident study on the basis of seminars and discussion circles in the ideal environment and atmosphere of the most natural and beautiful mountain forest surroundings.....Towards this end I have built several cabins and other facilities for retreatant students to spend from a few weeks to several months as need or opportunity permit. All would be on a strictly non-profit basis of course". Paolo Grosso, Oroville, Calif.

GOVERNING COMMITTEE MEETS

The Governing committee of FUSLA met October 11th., in regular quarterly session. The following Fusla members were named to serve on committees until the next annual assembly; Membership: Fred Squires, Mrs. Rosette Davison, Bruce Davison, Mrs. Elva Larrabee, and Miss Barbara Charlwood. Education: Mrs. Olive Cooley, Scott Forsythe, Miss Doris George, Bert King, Mrs. Barbara King and Benedict Schiavo. Also a new order of Urantia Books was authorized. These books will be sold for the benefit of our society. They will be kept at 78 No. Grand Ave., and are available whenever you wish to purchase one for yourself or to sell to some one else. The paper's new name was selected at this meeting as well. AGONDONTER.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE TRIENNIAL DELEGATE
ASSEMBLY OF THE URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

FROM CHICAGO:

GREETINGS TO YOU - the Delegates, Alternates, Councilors, and all Urantians - who are privileged to attend this first meeting of the TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY. This is a historical occasion. What we do and say here will long be a matter of record in the archives of the Urantia Brotherhood, and I doubt not that future generations will look back with longing to this year 1964 and wish they could have been with us, just as we sometimes look back to the times of Jesus on earth and wish we could have walked with Him through Galilee, could have sat under the trees with Him, listening first-hand to His supernal teachings. Our coming together here today will be an experience we will long cherish, and I hope we will meet the challenges which it presents with courage, devotion, and above all, with unity of purpose.

It has been an honor to have had the privilege of serving as President of the Urantia Brotherhood for the past one and one-half years. And I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the other officers and administrators who have served with me during this period. I must here make special mention of the splendid work performed by the Program Committee for this Assembly - Alvin Kullöke, Marian Rowley and Edith Cook - as well as the services of our fine secretary, Mrs. Anna Rawson. They have given unstintingly of their time in the preparation of the many details incident to this Assembly.

I am thrilled by the opportunity to preside on this auspicious occasion. The Delegates and Alternates present in this room today are also thrilled, I am sure, to have been selected to represent their various Societies at the first meeting of the Assembly. Upon you rests a solemn responsibility.

It is our burden to bring life on this planet up to a new level, which we can and will do when we sincerely become imbued with the idea that we are ambassadors of a heavenly kingdom just as surely as were the twelve apostles who followed Jesus. Those twelve men were so inspired by Jesus' life and teachings that they went forth and turned the whole world upside down. I pray we will do likewise.

During my short tenure as President of the Urantia Brotherhood I have expounded on two thesis: first, that we become living prophets of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and second, that we remember to subordinate the Urantia Book to the service of God.

Perhaps we should take a moment now to listen once again to Jesus' admonition to his apostles during one of his profound discussions on religion: "I admonish you to give up the practice of quoting the prophets of old, and instead aspire to become living prophets and spiritual heroes of the coming kingdom."

What is a prophet? Webster says a prophet is:

1. The proclaimer of a revelation
2. One who speaks for another, especially for God
3. An inspired revealer, interpreter, or spokesman
4. One whose office it is to deliver a message.

President's address cont'd

What a message we have to deliver: We have in our hands a veritable El Dorado of riches. Only a handful of men and women on Urantia are so fortunate, so privileged, as we are.

I am not too much interested in the number of Urantia Books you dispense, but I am tremendously interested in the souls you will lead into the kingdom by your own proclamation of the dynamic truths about God and his universe which Jesus has revealed to you; in how you are feeding the hungry souls that you meet "as you pass by".

To emphasize my point I want to paraphrase a statement made by our first President in his report to the Brotherhood at the end of his three-year tenure: We must be careful not to confuse primary and secondary loyalties. Our primary spiritual loyalty is to the Universal Father, and to Him alone. When we encounter some spiritually hungry brother our first objective is to bring him closer to his heavenly father. This we may attempt to do with or without the book. All things are secondary and subordinate to the acquisition of this one prize; the realization of sonship with God. The book itself is not an end; it is a most important means to an end. If the Urantia Book becomes mandatory in our ministry, then we have truly subordinated to it our first and primary objective and purpose, as Urantians, which is: the service of God.

But you cannot reveal God to those who do not seek for him. Man must become hungry for truth as a result of the experience of living or he must desire to know God as the result of contact with the lives of those who are acquainted with the divine Father before another human being can act as the means of leading such a fellow mortal to the Father in heaven. If we know God, our real business on earth is so to live as to permit the Father to reveal himself in our lives and thus will all God-seeking persons see the Father and ask for our help in finding out more about the God who in this manner finds expression in our lives. (1466.3)

When someone asks us, as the apostles asked Jesus, what is your religion? What do you believe? we will joyfully respond:

I believe that God is my Father.

I believe that I am His son.

I believe that all men are my brothers and that I am to serve them.

I believe that this world is but a vestibule, a shake-down cruise, a testing, for my eternal adventure.

I believe in the progressive advancement of my soul within the divine Kingdom

I believe that Jesus came to show us the way to the Father, for He said: "I am the way, the truth and the life".

I believe that I am an ambassador in my Father's kingdom.

I believe that some day I will attain Paradise and stand face to face with my Father in heaven.

I believe that my eternal life will take me into worlds not yet born where I shall have the sublime privilege of teaching about the Father the truths which his Beloved Son has revealed to me during his lifetime on this world.

I believe that I must so live my life that all men will be attracted to me and be inspired to ask me concerning the Father. Jesus said: "It is not so much by the words you speak as by the lives you live, that men will know that you have been with me".

I believe that the Spirit within me will show me the way, for my religion assures me that "at every crossroad in the forward struggle, the Spirit of Truth will always say: "This is the way!"

My dear friends, please bear in mind that good humor and the smile of happiness are among the most powerful and influential of the human assets of religious propagation.....Let us, therefore, be happy and valiant soldiers of the circles.

E. L. Christensen,
President
Urantia Brotherhood.