



# AGONDONTER

"Your revelation of truth must be so enhanced by passing through your personal experience that new beauty and actual spiritual gains will be disclosed to all who behold your spiritual fruits and in consequence thereof are led to glorify the Father who is in heaven". The Urantia Book, P. 1917:4.

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## CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS

Beginning in April regular assemblies for study are to resume. March being the last month during which the extension course is conducted by Mr. Burton in lieu of our regular meetings.

Details regarding topics and verification of times and addresses for meetings may be obtained by calling the hostess/teacher of each group.

SANTA MONICA, 1st and 3rd Saturday at 8:00 P.M., Mrs. Georgia W. Gecht, 2034 Stewart, Santa Monica, California. EX 4-2623  
PASADENA, 2nd and 4th Sunday at 2:00 P.M., Mrs. Helen K. Steen, 78 N. Grand Ave., Pasadena, California. SY 3-8971.  
LOS ANGELES, 2nd and 4th Friday at 8:00 P.M., Mrs. Maria Culbertson, 317 No. Orange Drive, Los Angeles, California. WE 6-0011.

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## HOME STUDY GROUP

For the past year, unknown to many of us, a few members of our Pasadena study group have been meeting Tuesday mornings at 10:00 o'clock to study the Urantia Book. They felt the need for more time with the book. One Tuesday they meet at Mrs. Lenore Eicher's, at 2215 Canyon Rd., Arcadia, and the next one they meet at Mrs. Olive Cooley's, at 6736 Golden West Ave., Arcadia.

Mr. Fred Squires, who was a member of the group that received the Urantia Book, and who has studied it for many years was asked to lead the class. The studies are based on the early days of Jesus life. The class is open and visitors are welcome.

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## MOSES ON MOUNT SINAI AND SEISMOLOGY by SCOTT FORSYTHE

Confirmation of the Urantia Book comes from many and varied sources. In the past this reporter has sighted as confirmation sources the sciences of eugenics, astronomy and anthropology, and now he may do the same with the science of seismology, the study of earthquakes.

In the first paragraph on page #1054, the Urantia Book offers an interesting explanation as to why the Hebrews believed God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai. On page #187 of the book Earthquake: Discoveries in Seismology by L. Don and Florence Leet (L. Don Leet is chairman of the division of geological Sciences at Harvard University and Director of the Harvard Seismographic Station, while Florence Leet is his wife and co-worker) there appears a remarkable similar explanation of the incident described in the Bible concerning Mount Sinai.

The Urantia Book states as follows: "UP to about 2000 B.C., Mount Sinai was intermittently active as a volcano, occasional eruptions occurring as late as the time of the sojourn of the Israelites in this region. The fire and smoke, together with the thunderous detonations associated with the eruptions of this volcanic mountain, all impressed and awed the bedouins of the surrounding regions and caused them greatly to fear Yahweh. This Spirit of Mount Horeb later became the God of the Hebrew Semites, and they eventually believed him to be supreme over all other Gods."

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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.

## MOSES ON MOUNT SINAI - - - continued

Dr. Leet concludes the following: "The oldest accounts of earthquakes are found in the bible. Several are mentioned in the Old Testament. About 1606 B.C. volcanic activity accompanied by earthquakes rocked the Holy Land when God gave the law to Moses. This is recorded in the writings of Exodus 19: 18-19: 'And Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and the smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln (an oven), and the whole mountain quaked greatly. And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in Thunder'."

## DO WE SERVE GOD OR SATAN? by Wm. B. King

In paper #53 of the Urantia writings ps.601-620, we read a detailed account of the Lucifer rebellion and the present status and results of that rebellion on our planet.

May I call your attention to the latter part of p. 610-3, "...neither can he (Caligastia) draw near to their souls to tempt or corrupt them UNLESS they really desire to be cursed with his wicked presence".

This raises the question, "How does Caligastia DRAW NEAR to a person today? We find the answer to this question in the Bible, John 14:30, "...for the Prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me".

When the apostate planetary prince came to Jesus, he found no mental pattern in this Son of God, through which he (Caligastia) could work.

At the time of the rebellion, Lucifer and his followers developed a pattern of thinking and reasoning that was actually contrary to the pattern of the Kingdom of Heaven, and since that day those rebels (including Caligastia) have been unable to work through the pattern of the Kingdom of Heaven. For the same reason they could not work through the mind of Christ because he had a divine mental pattern of reasoning and thinking.

Again we read in paper #53, page 610-5, "But even so, no fallen spirit ever did have the power to invade the minds or harass the souls of the children of God. Neither Satan nor Caligastia could ever touch or approach the faith sons of God; faith is an effective armour against sin and iniquity. It is true: "He who is born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one touches him not." (1 John 3:7-9)

All those who have developed a faith pattern of thinking and reasoning are Sons of God. They are the "Born of God" who keep themselves because they have developed their thinking and reasoning according to the laws of the faith pattern of the Kingdom of Heaven.

No child is biologically born with this faith pattern...it must be developed by the individual, that is exactly what Jesus meant when he said, "Except ye repent, ye shall perish". (Luke 13:3,5).

Each individual born on a rebellious planet must overcome the measure of the Lucifer pattern he or she has within himself or herself. Until such a time that each person develops the thinking and reasoning pattern according to the laws of faith in the Deity of God the Father, they are more or less subjected to the influence of the powers of evil.

Remember, Jesus told us how to free ourselves from the influence of the Lucifer rebellion. "Except ye repent, ye shall perish".

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Ones: I have received several "Agondonters" and appreciate your remembering me. I had always wanted to come to one of your meetings but health has prevented. I had been so thrilled at the illustrated descriptions given by Mrs. Gecht at Harmony Grove where I attended her lecture. I purchased a URANTIA BOOK thereafter and have been loaning it around to those interested. I am sure there must be many more in the area who would be interested. I have not been able to attend the group formed by friends of mine and perhaps it might be better attended if it were listed in your letter so that others in this area who study Unantia might get acquainted with them.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wold are at home, 10052 Duffrin, on the 2nd. monday of each month to welcome those interested in the study of Urantia. Those in the Riverside Arlington area may phone 689-4119 for directions to their country home. There is no teacher for this group except the book, and all those meeting have been seekers interested in learning and applying greater truths and making them available to others. My best wishes and blessings will remain with you always.

Appreciatively,

Wilma Shad.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE URGES JEW TO RECONSIDER CURIST - from the L.A. Times  
religious section of December 6, 1964 by Dan L. Thorpp.

Jews should take another look at Jesus, which they would find "one of Israel's noblest teachers". Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has reiterated in one chapter, "Jesus-Man of My People", in a newly-published book, CAN FAITH SURVIVE.

On Nov. 17, 1963, he referred to this thesis before the biennial assembly of the UANC, and aroused "a violent reaction."

"I was particularly distressed by the reaction of Rabbis" he said - reared in our Liberal Jewish tradition. "The intelligent laity seems more open to such a suggestion." His contention, he holds, "is not really new", and he lists the towering rabbinical figures of the past who have shared it. He maintained that it is Pauline Christianity, the religion "about Jesus, not the religion of Jesus," that Jews find historically unacceptable. This religion "offends against Jews and truth. Jesus was "a Pharisee of the Pharisees". He feasted with them and worshipped at their side. He preached in their synagogues and learned their law and to these very Pharisees He gave the solemn assurance "I am come not to destroy but to fulfill the law."

Jesus had quarrels with the Pharisees, he added, but "so had Amos and Isaiah, and Jeremiah battled and challenged their co-religionists.... "So profound a spiritual being as Jesus, to whom religion was expressed in the intimate relationship of man to God, could not but have grown impatient with much of the minutiae of the law." "Surely" he added "there was nothing unjewish or treasonable in His denunciation of the pompous Temple piety, or in His driving of the money changers from its midst".

He did not hate His people, the Rabbi asserted. Dr. Eisendrath argued that "if Christians would recapture the message of Jesus himself they will have to cast aside those doctrines and dogmas and creeds which have concealed the lowly son of Israel".

And for the Jew he went on "the inescapable verdict of Jesus' Jewishness is like-wise fraught with limitless possibilities." "Jewish life can be richly enhanced by his restoration to a proper place among our Jewish teachers and sages... We can ill afford to relinquish so sublime a character either for ourselves or for the inspiration of our children..." "Nor do I mean a perfunctory gesture of passive recognition, but an active utilization of his outstanding personality as an impetus to a more profound understanding of our Jewish faith.. "What conceivable objection could there be -- other than long-smouldering prejudice, however justified it may have been -- to including the majestic sentences of the Sermon on the Mount among other post-biblical readings in our synagogues? "Are not some of the down-to-earth, homely parables of Jesus of inestimable value as moral instruction for our children and our youth? "Why... must we put ethical and spiritual blinkers on our religious-school children by depriving them of the exalted teaching contained in the tale of the Good Samaritan?... I would teach such moving stories and utterances diligently unto our children along with those of Moses".

Here was a Jew, one of the noblest, most loyal and faithful Jews who ever lived, a Jew who combined in his majestic personality all that was best and most enchanting in Israel -- the eternal people whose child he was".

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THE URANTIA BOOK SPEAKS OF THE JEWS

P. 1340:2:9 "They could hardly regard with favor the teachings of one who did not hesitate to clash with the dogmas which they regarded as having been ordained by Father Abraham himself. Moses had given them their law and they would not compromise".

P. 1913:2 "The Master realized that the rejection of the spiritual concept of the Messiah, the determination to cling persistently and blindly to the material mission of the expected deliverer, would presently bring the Jews in direct conflict with the powerful Roman armies, and that such a contest could only result in the final and complete overthrow of the Jewish Nation."

P. 1906: 1 and 2 (Jesus' last discourse) "My Father has long dealt in mercy with His people. Generation after generation have we sent our prophets to teach and warn them, and generation after generation have they killed these heaven-sent teachers. And now do you willful high priests and stubborn rulers go right on doing this same thing. As Herod brought about the death of John, you likewise now make ready to destroy the Son of Man.

"As long as there is a chance that the Jews will turn to my Father and seek salvation, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will keep his hands in mercy outstretched toward you; but when you have once filled up your cup of impenitence, and when once you have finally rejected my Father's mercy, this nation will be left to its own counsels, and it shall speedily come to an inglorious end. This people was called to become the light of the world, to show forth the spiritual glory of a God-knowing race, but you have so far departed from the fulfillment of your divine privileges that your leaders are about to commit

the supreme folly of all the ages in that they are on the verge of finally rejecting the gift of God to all men and for all ages -- the revelation of the love of the Father in heaven for all his creatures on earth."

P. 1882:3 (Jesus on Palm Sunday on the brow of Olivet) "O, Jerusalem, if you had only known, even you, at least in this your day, the things which belong to your peace, and which you could so freely have had! But now are these glories about to be hid from your eyes. You are about to reject the Son of Peace and turn your backs upon the gospel of salvation. The days will soon come upon you wherein your enemies will cast a trench around about you and lay siege to you on every side; they shall utterly destroy you, insomuch that not one stone shall be left upon another. And all this shall befall you because you knew not the time of your divine visitation. You are about to reject the Gift of God, and all men will reject you".

P. 1909:2:1 ("Status of Individual Jews")

"The fact that the spiritual leaders and the religious teachers of the Jewish Nation onetime rejected the teachings of Jesus and conspired to bring about his cruel death, does not in any manner affect the status of any individual jew in his standing before God. And it should not cause those who profess to be followers of the Christ to be prejudiced against the jew as a fellow mortal. The jews, as a nation, as a sociopolitical group, paid in full the terrible price of rejecting the Prince of Peace. Long since they ceased to be the spiritual torchbearers of divine truth to the races of mankind, but this constitutes no valid reason why the individual descendants of these long-ago jews should be made to suffer the persecutions which have been visited upon them by intolerant, unworthy and bigoted professed followers of Jesus of Nazareth, who was, himself a jew by natural birth.

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