

AGONDONTER

"Human beings possess identity only in the material sense. . . but mortal personality, through its own choosing, possesses the power of transferring its seat of identity from the passing material-intellect system to the higher morontia-soul system. . ."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY by Julia K. Fenderson

#1--Chicago will have another 3-day summer study sessions to which oldtimers and newcomers are both cordially invited. Friday, August 6th thru Sunday, August 8th--Main theme: "The Morontia Life". The meetings will be both informative and inspirational, but are non-credit bearing. Contact Urantia Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Pkwy., Chicago, Illinois, 60614 if you would like to attend. The tentative programs--

Friday, 8/6

Morning -- Welcome - Miss Christensen, President, Urantia Brotherhood
Orientation - Alvin Kulieke
Urantia Symphony - Alvin Kulieke
Afternoon- Personality Survival - Kenton Stephens
Evening - Open Discussion - Paper - Questions to be submitted in advance

Saturday, 8/7

Morning - Life on the Mansion Worlds - Marian Rowley
Afternoon- Constellation and Local Universe - Anna Rawson
Evening - Social occasion - Dr. Sadler and Christy, hosts

Sunday, 8/8

Morning (Closing Session) - Inspirational Talk - Alvin Kulieke

#2--STUDY GROUP MEETINGS (Regular Assemblies for Study)

SANTA MONICA -- 1st and 3rd Sunday at 1:00 P.M. Call EX 4-2623
PASADENA -- 2nd and 4th Sunday at 2:00 P.M. Call SY 3-8971 for details
LOS ANGELES -- Every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. Call WE 6-0011 for details

#3--ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, California, will be held at the Culbertson home, 317 N. Orange Drive, Los Angeles 36, on Sunday, July 11, 1965, at 1:00 p.m. This annual get-together has two big purposes:

- 1--Socialization and getting better acquainted with our far-flung fellow members.
- 2--Election of officers for the year.

A pot luck picnic will culminated the afternoon activities. Bring a friend or relative and plan for a happy afternoon. For further details please call:

Ward Culbertson -- WE 6-0011 or Helen Steen -- SY 3-8971.

AGONDONTER: An ascender from an isolated world. One "who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone." URANTIA BOOK, P-579:1

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We wish to call everyone's attention to an omission from our last edition. The article entitled "Revelation vs. Science" was a condensation of an essay by Wm. Burton King. For brevity we reduced it to one sixth of its original length by omitting supporting quotations from the Urantia Book. Mr. King advises that this article was intended as an approach to the scientist and thru oversight an explanatory note concerning his intention was omitted. Please accept our apologies for this. . . .

The F.U.S.L.A. Education Committee

WEST COAST GETS FIELD REP.

The Executive Committee of the General Council of Urantia Brotherhood has just appointed Julia K. Fenderson one of its field representatives. We can be justly proud of this recognition Julia has won for herself. It should mean a better rapport between local groups and Chicago, center of Brotherhood activities.

Also appointed was another lady Urantian, Miss Berkeley Elliott of Oklahoma City, a good friend of Julia's. These two fine ladies bring the feminine viewpoint to the office, as present Field Rep. Dr. Meredith Sprague has pointed out. He and another respected gentleman, Mr. James C. Mills are the only other Field Representatives.

ATTENTION! READERS by Doris M. George

With this issue the Agondonter's first year draws to a close for it has been decided not to publish during July and August.

We of the Agondonter staff wish to thank all those who have helped or encouraged us in one way or another. We are especially indebted to Mrs. Olive Cooley for faithfully typing each issue and to Mrs. Eicher for handling the mailing. We also thank each of you who have contributed material for printing.

We thought you might be interested in knowing that the paper has traveled to Oregon, to the three societies of Chicago, to Oklahoma City, to New Mexico, to Ensenada and as far south in Southern California as San Diego. We started with a mailing list of 50 and went to 73. Response has been good. Letters of encouragement have come in and sometimes donations over and above the cost of a subscription. These donations plus what people have paid for subscriptions have approximately covered the cost of printing.

Thanks then to all of you.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN by Helen K. Steen

The annual meeting of the First Urantia Society will be held at the home of the Culbertsons, 317 North Orange Drive, on July 11th at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be followed by a picnic in the lovely Culbertson backyard. All members, non-members and guests are invited. This is a potluck picnic and each one can bring his favorite dish, casserole, salad, dessert or what have you? Please check among yourselves so we will have a fairly well-balanced menu, and bring your own picnic basket, dishes, silver, etc. For more information refer to page one of this publication.

DR. SADLER IS 90

Dr. William S. Sadler, the beloved patriarch of Urantia Book Students throughout the world, will celebrate the fulfillment of ninety years on this planet on June 24, 1965.

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--WHEN IN CHICAGO VISIT ORVONTON--

. . . Urantia Society--September thru June . . .
 108 W. Oak Street, Chicago; Tel: SU 7-5792
 Meetings Fridays at 8:00 p.m.
 Papers studies consecutively - one per evening currently
 (June) papers 78-81 (Part III)

Urantia fellows in the Chicago area will be attending a gala celebration in honor of the Doctor on Saturday, June 26, 1965. The officers of our society, all our members and friends in our three study groups, join those on the Agondonter staff in sending you, Doctor, our best wishes on this noteworthy occasion.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE

Paul Barby, who left Southern California home over a year ago has just written reporting on his progress with the study group back there.

Paul now leads a class which meets regularly once a month. He calls it "Sonall"; a group of 12 to 15 members (we would call that "substantial"). He says his people are still asking for more books and that there are now "quite a few" who have heard about the book in his area.

We pray for your good work, Paul. And keep letting us know how you're doing! There is probably no one thing of greater feeling to Urantia Book followers than hearing the experiences and progress of their fellow believers around the world.

FOUR FINANCIAL QUERIES

- #1 Have you made a contribution to the Urantia Brotherhood and/or the Urantia Foundation?

Mail your checks, pledges or inquiries to:
 Urantia Brotherhood
 533 Diversey Pkwy.
 Chicago, Illinois 60614

- #2 And are your local dues paid up-to-date?
- #3 Have you made a contribution yet to help publish AGONDONTER?
 (Cost: approx. \$2.00 per copy for a year)
- #4 Have you bought your Universe Map Set (by the Culbertsons)?
 (Price: \$1.00). The purchase of one of these sets means a contribution to the work of the Society, as well as being a helpful study aid. Please assist us and buy a set, won't you?

For #2, #3, and #4: --

Mail your checks or inquiries to:
 F. W. Culbertson
 Treasurer - F.U.S.L.A.
 317 No. Orange Dr.
 Los Angeles, Calif. 90036

OR

See Mr. Culbertson at
 The General Assembly Meeting
 July 11th, 1965 at his home

BOOK REVIEWS -- Selected by Polly Parke

In the May 1st issue of "United Church Herald", John L. Casteel comments on books concerning science and theology written for the "layman". Following are summaries of books seemingly containing much new thought:

"A...popularly written, but scientifically informed title is that of Walter Sullivan's 'We Are Not Alone', the story of the rise of space science. Here the mounting evidence for the assumption that the Universe may have many other spheres on which intelligent life has, does or will exist, is summarized convincingly. A final chapter reviews the theological issues arising from this assumption. If intelligent - and presumably moral - beings exist elsewhere in the universe, in what sense is Jesus Christ to be held the Savior of all Creation?"

"Werner and Lotte Pelz have written a small provocative book,

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'God is No More'. God is no more, say the authors, because he has been made an idea, confined to creedal systems. Our hope comes in hearing the words of Jesus again, sensing their authentic power by poetic conviction and intuition. This approach is not as naive as it may sound."

I think it is significant that these books, which could be quite controversial in theological circles are written up in church publications. I have not read them so cannot comment myself, but others may find the reviews as fascinating as I did and wish to order the books as I intend to

URANTIA BOOK STATEMENTS ON BELIEF AND FAITH suggested by Julia K. Fenderson

- * "Genuine spiritual faith (True moral consciousness) is revealed in that it... maintains a mysterious poise and composure of personality in the face of maltreatment and the rankest injustice... steadfastly adheres to a sublime belief in universe unity and divine guidance regardless of the perplexing presence of evil and sin ... Goes right on worshipping God in spite of anything and everything. Dares to declare, "Even though he slay me, yet will I serve him." P-1108
- * "Belief has attained the level of faith when it motivates life and shapes the mode of living. The acceptance of a teaching as true is not faith; that is mere belief. Neither is certainty nor conviction faith. A state of mind attains to faith levels only when it actually dominates the mode of living. Faith is a living attribute of genuine personal religious experience. One believes truth, admires beauty, and reverences goodness, but does not worship them; such an attitude of saving faith is centered on God alone, who is all of these personified and infinitely more." P-1114
- * "Convictions about God may be arrived at through wise reasoning, but the individual becomes God-knowing only by faith, through personal experience." P-1124
- * "Faith never shuns the problem-solving duty of mortal living..... Faith vitalizes religion and constrains the religionist heroically to live the golden rule." P-1115

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Of God, the most inescapable of all presences, the most real of all facts, the most living of all truths, the most loving of all friends, and the most divine of all values, we have the right to be the most certain of all universe experiences. 1127:3,4

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