

WEST COAST URANTIA CONFERENCE PAPERS

Nearly four months have passed since the First West Coast URANTIA Conference and the conference paper committee is happy to say that they have recieved the copies of the talks back from the URANTIA Foundation with their approval and that the papers have finally gone to the press. 75 fellow URANTIANS have already ordered a copy of the booklet containing a collection of talks.

The paper committee, which includes FUSLA members Pat and Vicki McNelly, Bob and Cheryl Boden, Michael Hill and Julia Fenderson, extend a warm thanks to all our patient friends who have waited so long for us to prepare the papers for publication.

The conference papers include talks by our beloved Christy; URANTIA Foundation President Thomas Kendall; former Foundation President William Hales; Foundation Trustee Martin Meyers; Mrs. William Hales speaks on founding a URANTIA Society; Drs. Phil Calabrese and Bob Hunt of Cal State Bakersfield speak on a college course on the URANTIA Book, Bob Boden, Jim and Pat McNelly speak on marriage and the URANTIA Book; as well as talks by Dick Ziglar, Scott Forsythe, Patricia Bedell, Vern Grimsley and his Family of God Foundation staff who all presented inspirational and uplifting talks on various topics surrounding the teachings of the URANTIA Book and the theme of the conference, "The URANTIA Book and Spiritual Development."

FUSLA is now reproducing a limited number of the one hundred and twenty page booklets containing the conference talks. All "Agondonter" readers are urged to order their copies of the papers while the supply lasts. Anyone can order their booklet now by sending \$5.00 in check or money order to: FIRST WEST COAST URANTIA CONFERENCE PAPERS, C/O Bob and Cheryl Boden, 121 E. Glenwood Ave. Fullerton, California, 92632. Checks should be made out to: FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES.

This unique collection of talks will
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FUSLA ACTIVITIES

At the annual Jesus Birthday celebration held this year at Brentwood School, FUSLA elected a new slate of officers for the '73-74 term. Scott Forsythe was elected as our new president, Bob Blackstock is the new vice president, Dorothy Elder is now the secretary and Wally Ziglar was elected the new treasurer.

Individuals elected to chair the standing committees are Cheryl Mc Cade - education, Bonnie Abbott - hospitality, Julia Fenderson - membership, Jim McNelly - newsletter and Pat McNelly - Books. At the meeting, a special gift was presented to Jeff and Pat Bedell who have served for two years as the President-Secretary team whose selfless service was an inspiration to everyone.

An informal remembrance supper was held on the lawn in front of the school after a pot luck dinner with swimming, volleyball and frisbee throwing out behind the school.

On the Saturday before, a hearty crew of energetic volunteer painters occupied the main hall at the Brentwood school to do some serious interior decoration. Supplied with paint and equipment from Wally Ziglar, owner of the school, the FUSLA workers supplied the strong arms and week minds needed to beautify the hall as a thank-you to Wally for letting us use the room for our West Coast Conference.

The operation was a success and the professional painter, Dan Leonard, hired to organize the mayhem was so impressed with the spirit of the workers that he expressed a sincere interest in the URANTIA Book and its teachings.

FUSLA regulars were surprised when at the next meeting there was a new paint job and new chairs in the meeting hall. Cheryl Mc Cade chaired the meeting as the new education chairperson and solicited from the group ideas for this year's program. Scott Forsythe, acting in his new office as president, presented a short lecture on the importance of study groups.

At the next meeting, Cheryl gave another report on the information turned into her and what she has planned for the year. She stated

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On Jerusem, the ascenders from isolated worlds such as URANTIA "are known as the agondonters, meaning evolutionary will creatures who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone." * p. 579

The "Agondonter" welcomes articles from any societies, study groups or individuals. If you wish to be on the mailing list, know someone else who does, wish an address correction, or wish to submit an article, send your letters to "The Agondonter," P.O. Box 5488, Fullerton, California 92635

TEXTBOOKS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Several individuals have inquired as to how to find materials published by URANTIA Headquarters. As of September seventh of this year, the publications available by writing to 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614 are:

- Doctrine 1 - \$5.00; Doctrine 11 - \$5.00;
- Doctrine 111 - \$5.00; Doctrine 1V - \$5.00;
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- Science 1 - \$2.50; Science 11 - \$5.00;
- History of the Bible \$3.00; Bible Study Books; Part 1 - Old Testament - \$5.00;
- Part 11 - New Testament - \$3.00; The URANTIA Book and the New Testament - \$2.50; Analytic Study - Part 1 - \$5.00;
- Analytic Study - Part 11 - \$3.00;
- Concordex with postage - \$10.32;
- "An Artist's Conception of the Master Universe." - \$1.00; Black URANTIA Book cover with handles - \$2.00; URANTIA Books - \$20.00 each. For URANTIA Society members only, lapel buttons (three blue circles) \$10.00 or pins (three blue circles) \$10.00; Society members may also order URANTIA Books in Blocks of ten for \$123.15 postage paid.

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San Francisco bay area brothers and sisters gathered together, seventy-five people in all, for a day of sharing food, love and warmth to socialize their dedication to the work of expanding our Father's family on the planet on September 16, 1973.

Held at the Mustard Seed coffee house in San Francisco, the conference was the first in what Larry Geis, one of the organizers, hopes will be many more such events.

There was music, poetry, drama and visual art along with the spoken word to enhance spiritual perception. Vern Grimslev spoke on the work of the Family of God telling how the ministry is now heard in the British Isles, India, Ceylon as well as much of the United States.

For more information about the Bay area activities and their newsletter, "The Messenger," contact Larry Geis, 611 Kansas, San Francisco, California 94107

RESOLUTION

Unanimously adopted by the Triennial Delegate Assembly on August 4, 1973 and unanimously ratified and confirmed by the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood on August 5, 1973. It was the wish of both assemblies that this resolution be widely available.

WHEREAS, It is an important and abiding purpose of the URANTIA Brotherhood wisely to disseminate the teachings of The URANTIA Book among the peoples of the world, and
WHEREAS, To that end the text of The URANTIA Book must be maintained inviolate, and
WHEREAS, It is the deep desire of the members of this Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly that the integrity of The URANTIA Book be maintained for all future generations, and
WHEREAS, The Trustees of URANTIA Foundation, the holder of the copyright in and to the URANTIA Book, are charged with the sacred duty of protecting the text inviolate,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly hereby express its full support of the Trustee of the URANTIA Foundation in every and all of their efforts to maintain their rightful and lawful control

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control over the URANTIA Book to insure that it will be protected from distortion, editing, and misuse, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every society is hereby urged to do everything possible to maintain a united front against those who would threaten-- by the violation of the copyright laws or other disloyal acts--the continued existence of The URANTIA Book, as it was given to the world, as it is now, and as it ever must be.

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be extremely useful in the future for new study groups, societies, and newly acquainted URANTIA Book readers. No where else can you find quite so informative a booklet authored by so many dedicated URANTIANS as this collection of talks presented at the First West Coast URANTIA Conference last June and July.

The lecture by Clyde Bedell was termed "political" and not representative of FUSLA by the Conference Papers committee and not included in the collection of speeches. The committee refused to publish it unless names of certain names of organizations and individuals called "enemies of God" were deleted.

Mr. Bedell refused and you may order his copyrighted talk with the criticisms and his responses, direct from him. His address is 120 Camino Alto, Santa Barbara, California 93101. It is 40 pages long and costs one dollar. Mr. Bedell promises your money back if not satisfied.

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that the overwhelming majority of responses was for a theme of "The Techniques of Imparting Spiritual Truth." The year's program calls for a variety of demonstrations, reports, study group presentations, readings and lectures.

In other activities, Julia Fenderson, Jim and Sue McNelly, along with Bob and Cheryl Boden went up north to Atascadero to visit with our friend, Gus Walstrom.

MICHAEL Words and Music
by Bob and Cheryl Boden

White sails with blue circles receding
Wave goodbye from our place on the shore

Time flies on the wing of the moment
Carrying Michael to experience more

We have love, we have life and each other
We have time to give to our friends

But our greatest gift is the service we render
To our brothers so lost and alone

Michael stands for a moment reflected
In a crystal field near a mansion of gold

Love's the promise of our Heavenly Father
Life's the proof of our continuing joy

Little brother, tho the space stands between us
And time seems a widening gulf

We know better as our love will sustain us
Till you greet us to our Heavenly Home

FUSLA ACCEPTS NEW MEMBERS

The "Agondonter" is happy to announce the names of new members who have recently joined our society. On June 8, 1973, Victoria McNelly, Susan McNelly, Chick Montgomery, Michael Palmer, Jerry Ricci, and transferring from the Orvonton Society in the Chicago area, Bill and Carol Brehio. On August 26, 1973, FUSLA welcomed Beverly Wold, Troy Ziglar and Michael Hill.

Michael Palmer has since transferred his membership to the mansion worlds. Congratulations to all new members and welcome to UPANTIA Brotherhood.

BOOKS SOLD

As of August 1, 1973, The UPANTIA Foundation reports 33,481 URANTIA Books sold.

Julia also flew up to Wenatchee, Washington to visit with the URANTIA Society up there. Julia attended the Northwest Conference and had the honor of announcing that Lewis Clark of East Wenatchee had been appointed the Northwest Field Representative. Congratulations Lew!

AND THE FATHER'S HOUSE SHALL STAND FOREVER

by MO SIEGEL

In every city in America, the rate of building has increased to such a phenomenal pace that many of today's buildings are using less than adequate materials. The new \$8,000,000.00 high rise apartment houses will not last longer than five to ten years and will consume precious resources that may jeopardize future housing projects. Yet in this surge of flash building, there are those craftsmen who are dedicated to quality of life. Their buildings will last for many years and their subtle beauty will brighten all by-passers.

As in building, so as in the URANTIA movement. There are those who wish to build over night, not clearly seeing that the precious foundation we are gorging must last for many years. Over rapid growth is suicidal to a movement so young and so important. What we do should be viewed in long range perspectives - carefully checking each bold action to insure its reaction will be the same idealistic and heavenly seeking pattern 500 years later.

The URANTIA Revelation has the power of super charging our batteries. Newly introduced URANTIANS have the tendency to want to proclaim its existence to everyone - everywhere. Such enthusiasm is commendable as long as we are the masters and the enthusiasm is the tool. But experience has shown the proclamation of the URANTIA Book to the masses of people is not the correct method of URANTIA expression. Most people today don't desire religion as advanced or truth filled as the URANTIA papers.

The first revelation fell because of overrapid growth. The inhabitants of Dalmatia were misguided by those unworthy leaders who instructed cutting corners and not abiding by the Father's will. The Garden of Eden fell eventually because of the lack of faith that the slow and gradual process would eventually transform the world. Two out of four past revelations were disrupted because people did not completely seek the Father's will and abide by it. This fifth revelation can and will work if it is marked by loyalty, love, and the humility to accept Divine guidance. So let us be patient and follow the URANTIA Book's teachings and

FIRST ANNUAL NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

A Letter by JULIA FENDERSON, West Coast Field Representative.

It is a pleasure to report on the very successful First Annual Northwest Conference organized and conducted under the auspices of the First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee, Washington, and directed by its President, Lewis A. Clark.

The conference was held on Sunday, October 7, 1973, at the Cascade Natural Gas Building, 613 N. Mission Blvd., Wenatchee, Washington.

However, the majority of us, by invitation, began to gather at the Clark home on Saturday, October 6. I flew into Seattle Saturday morning and was delighted to have Vern surprise me in the waiting room for the Air West planes. He had been in Seattle for a few days on business for his Family of God radio program. So, in the pouring rain, we flew from Seattle on the small Air West to Wenatchee via Yakima. There at Wenatchee a delegation met us, led by Alice and Lew Clark, two young men from Seattle, and Dan Loweree from Portland, Oregon, who has often visited in my home. All of these people were house guests of the Clarks.

Saturday evening many members of their Society came in for a social with music. The two men from Seattle and Vern Grimsley had brought their guitars so they played Saturday evening and at the more formal meeting on Sunday.

The Sunday meeting opened with a marvelous potluck dinner at noon at the Cascade House prepared by those northwest women who are superb cooks. As this is the heart of the apple country, beautiful apple displays were every place not only for "looking" but for eating and Vern and I were each presented with a delicious box of apple candies, the "Aplets and Cotlets."

The featured speaker of the day, Vern Bennom Grimsley, gave a marvelous, evangelic presentation on "Our Work with This URANTIA Book." As always he was a true inspiration to everyone and it was a real privilege to hear him. I had led out right after lunch with a very modest talk on "Guidance in Today's World for URANTIA Book Students." I also answered some questions and reported on the number of books sold and the number of societies in existence stressing the fact

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grow slowly and wisely. It is not that the numbers of people in the movement but the number of sincere, transformed, Father-revealing, spiritual living people that count.

So what shall we do? These are some ideas for digestion: Let's build our base very strongly, establishing thousands of small study groups across the world without making a big scene about what we are reading. These groups would become effective tools for spreading the URANTIA Book on a person to person basis. Each group could limit its own size and use its own methods for meetings. To insure proper presentation, group leaders could be chosen and periodic instruction given to them by either the Foundation or by URANTIA Societies.

Small groups would (and now do) foster; balancing energy of over zealous readers, develop new ideas, study the book carefully, and build strong and stable relationships between people. Yet these small groups do not mature fast, they take time and patience - two great teachings of Morontia Mota.

For those enthusiastic bubbling fountains of spiritual understanding, the world is a perfect stage for broadcast. People everywhere need to hear the teachings of Jesus and would delight in tactful proclamation that God is our Heavenly Father and that we are all his children. Since we must take our message to the masses, let's give them what they need and not our preconceived thoughts of their needs. Jesus was so great with others because he cared for them. He loved people because he was so willing to understand them. His love reflected our Father's love; a tireless - dynamic - spiritual - intellectual love.

The URANTIA Book proclaims service as the fruit of a God knowing soul. It says that serving one's brethren is the sure release from the burden of self and the natural pattern of a love dominated soul. The search for spiritually needy people is not off in some distant state or country. Our own block, town or city is filled with needing souls. When our homes are filled with goodness, then the world shall reflect such stability. When we are masters of our selves, the URANTIA movement shall stand strong.

Christy Christenson has said time and time again that if we must have a URANTIA Book under our arms to spread the gospel of Jesus, we are probably missing the great

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that our real immediate goal is to organize study groups with very small groups usually in homes.

Some fifty or so attended this meeting, and everyone was enthusiastic and asked very thoughtful questions. They seemed genuinely interested and dedicated people with age groups about evenly distributed. Lew Clark and Alice remain the very faithful and competent leaders who are doing such excellent work.

Lew asked me to present the news, at the beginning of the meeting, that he is the new Field Representative of the Northwest, and I was indeed delighted to have this honor. I managed to collect quite a few of his past honors and outstanding activities before I actually got up to present this surprise news to the assembly. It was indeed received with great joy by the group.

To conclude the day at the Cascade Natural Gas Building, the guitar players took turns playing and singing and after more delicious apple pie and coffee, the travelers from various parts of the state took leave and the rest of our group went to the Clarks for another evening meeting and more good food for the body as well as the soul.

It was a great time and I was privileged to be able to attend.

FAMILY OF GOD FOUNDATION

The Family of God foundation, led by Vern Grimsley, now broadcasts the message of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man all over the world. For him to continue, he needs the support of all URANTIANS. Send what you can to: Family of God Foundation, Box 347, Berkeley, California 93301.

underlying message It is our everyday actions, the simple little things we do as we pass by, that reflect the amount of truth, beauty and goodness we possess. And the true light we shine is never of ourselves but only a reflection of our Heavenly Father.

People need today to find God the Father and to break the bonds of fear with the eternal strength of living faith. If we can just give our Father's friendship with the joy of true service, the Father's family shall blossom--right here-- right now-- and with lasting results.