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FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES

## P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Part of the nature of genuine spiritual experience is the urge to socialize the fruits of such an experience. Most of us who share a common love of the URANTIA Book find great satisfaction in sharing the beautiful concepts and teachings as well as the deep personal insights and religious experiences with each other. I consider this an essential activity. The benefits of this sharing are many. However, there exists a potential danger in this if we fail to socialize with other than URANTIA Book readers. An "in-group" or isolate could develop which would be detrimental to the higher purposes of universal brotherhood.

Many of us, myself included, came to The URANTIA Book only after a dissatisfaction with existing religious institutions. We must remember that The URANTIA Book is not intended to replace the existing religious institutions of today. It is intended to uplift and enrich them. It can only do this through us.

The approaching holidays provide a good opportunity for us to share our



spiritual sentiments and religious ideals with our families and friends who might chance to be devotees to a particular religious viewpoint. It is not necessary to share The URANTIA Book itself, only the life giving truths and your personal experiences there-with.

It is my conviction that the future acceptance of The URANTIA Book by the religious institutions of the times will depend on how effectively we have expressed in our lives and touched the lives of others, with the truths of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

As Jesus said to the apostles on the day of their ordination: "You are the light of the world. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and be led to glorify your Father who is in Heaven."

Happy Holidays

Kermit Anderson  
FUSLA President



F. U. S. L. A.'s December meeting will December 3rd, 1978. The place, Larchmont Hall, 118 N. Larchmont Blvd. in the West Hollywood-Wilshire district. Bill Sherwood, Education Committee Chairman, and Corlin Renn for two of our very devoted URANTIA Book students to present a discourse they have researched for quite some time. Some of us have had the pleasure of hearing, in part at least, this co-hosted talk on "Prayer and Exchanging Our Minds for the Mind of Christ." It was reported to us (as it might have been reported by a Reversion Director) as a topic on a continuing theme of "Living in Caboots with Our Heavenly Father." Come. Enjoy. Relax and refresh your "Self". Hear Lorrie Shapiro and Shelly House in their remarkable presentation.

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CHANGE:

Regretfully, Toni Richey resigned her Chairmanship of the Education Committee, but continues on as a dedicated supporter of F.U.S.L.A. "Heavy responsibilities in a new job assignment," said Toni, "makes it impossible at this time for me to give my very best to the Chairmanship." Come back soon Toni, we miss you!

ELECTION:

Per Section 8-4 of our Constitution, Bill Sherwood has been selected by the Governing Committee to temporarily fill the vacancy of Chairmanship in the Education Committee. At our next general meeting, Sunday, December 3rd, 1978, all active F.U.S.L.A. members are respectfully requested to remain after the general meeting, to vote for a new Chairman of the Education Committee. As Bill has been appointed and is acting as temporary Chairman, he will be nominated from the floor and the election will proceed per Sections 8-2 and 6-1 of the F.U.S.L.A. Constitution. Ballots for voting will be on hand.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

There are some of us who feel the "old work horse" we have commonly referred to as the Monthly Meeting Announcement, has, since its inception earned the right to the dignity of a name. Also a more comely costume to match that dignity would be in order. It is recognized that this medium has a great potential as a communicator between the various facets of our Society, it's members and friends. If the general opinion is one of approval, we will continue each month to make this periodical as interesting as we know how. Much depends on the help we get from the Officers and Chairmen, and especially you the members and friends. This months issue is only tentative. Perhaps you have a better name? Would you like a different format? Send in your contributions, they are most welcome. Comments and/or constructive criticism we are glad to receive.

It is truly written: "One never has a second opportunity to make a first impression."

---Old Chinese proverb

WHAT!? AGAIN??

Yes, 'tis true. We must be on the move again. As was announced at our last F.U.S.L.A. meeting, Larchmont Hall is no longer available for our purposes. The new owners of the building have elected, for their own business reasons, to convert the hall into a warehouse. Rest assured however, we will not be without a meeting place---more on this at our December 3rd meeting.

QUOTES:

"Show me a person who never makes a mistake and I'll show you a person who never does anything."

---anonymous

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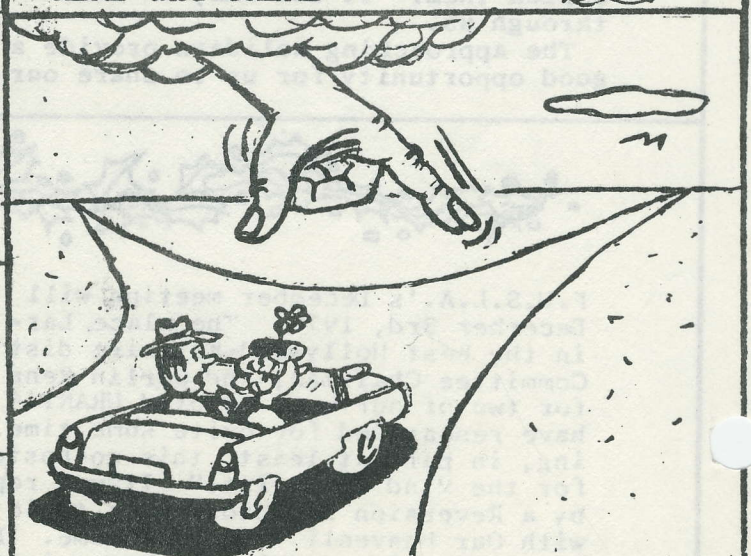
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REVERSION DIRECTOR'S CORNER

QUESTION: What is a STOIC?

ANSWER: A STOIC is a huge BOID that delivers babies in Brooklyn.

HERE and THERE



"There's no doubt about it, that has to be the right way!"

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chairman Julia Fenderson happily reported ten new prospects for membership in F.U.S.L.A. this time. The first preliminary class will be held December 8th at 7:30. The place is Julia's home at 9980 Farragut Drive, Culver City, CA 90230. This first class the Chairman states, while a part of the series of orientation classes to follow, is considered preliminary for it really acquaints one with the URANTIA movement and helps each one to decide if they really want to become a member. Julia also announced this meeting is open to anyone who may wish to attend. So those of you who may not have completed an application form for membership may do so at the meeting or after the meeting as you choose. Any questions should be directed to the Chairman who may be contacted at (213) 858-3215.

IT'S NEARLY THAT TIME!

Members of F.U.S.L.A. may remember that in our last issue of the Monthly Meeting Announcement an article appeared in which Andy Remon our Treasurer reminded us pursuant to a letter mailed to each member in August of this year, that January 1st ushers in a new policy for dues payment. In the past many members have paid their dues on their anniversary date. Now, in order to eliminate a lot of bookkeeping and an extended effort to get all of the dues in, all membership dues for the full year (\$12.00) will be due and payable January 1st, 1979. Checks may be paid to the Treasurer at our regular December meeting or mailed to him at 6762 Lurline Ave Canoga Park, CA 91306. All checks should be made payable to "F.U.S.L.A. FUNDS", and indicated whether for dues, donation, Agondonter, URANTIA Book, donation or other.

VIEWPOINT

Many of us from time to time, have without a doubt, a particular point of view, a concept, idea--or something we might like to share with members and friends of F.U.S.L.A. But, for some reason it never gets done. This space will be reserved each month to give any individual, member or not, an opportunity to express an opinion. These opinions should be URANTIA oriented in purpose and intended to be constructive in forwarding the good of the Society. Submissions should be sent to the F.U.S.L.A. Secretary who will turn them over to a group of three Society members who are completely disassociated with the Monthly Meeting Announcement. Their selections from the material submitted will be used in our monthly publication. All material submitted, must not exceed 150 words per item.

PLANTS, PLANTS, PLANTS!

The indoor plant display at our last meeting was so impressive and brought so many comments, that Bill Sherwood is again asking the members and friends to bring a "loaner" for the afternoon. It is so little trouble for the individual but when they are all combined what an array! Isn't this true of most undertakings? Each one's little bit when all added together becomes a great whole.

A TIP O' THE HAT:

A warm thank-you goes out to Vince Vintola for sharing with us his presentation "The Gift of Worship." Hearing his discourse had a particular meaning to each one for it carried a deeply significant spiritual message.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

Chairman Bob Hudspeth notes that with the December 3rd meeting, the festive air of Holiday togetherness will already be in the air. He requests that everyone bring something to add to the Holiday table of food. Festive decorations are welcome too.

BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS:

The records of Ellen Montgomery, Chairman of the BOOK committee, show that to date under the Book donation program, three donations have been made: The Van Nuys Public Library; the Lancaster Public Library and the Library in Valencia. Each of these public institutions has received a copy of The URANTIA Book to become a part of their lending archive. It would be nice to see this number grow in our local area.

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URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUP NEWS

MARINA DEL REY:

Jim Wanlass reports their Study Group is enjoying a healthy growth. Having started just a few months ago, they have reached a remarkable average attendance of about 15 readers per meeting. Their group, as do all of the URANTIA Book Study Groups, welcome new attendees who are interested in the URANTIA teachings.

WOODLAND HILLS:

Sandra Clarke and Ray Caligiuri are trying something unusual in their group: The approach to solving personal problems as revealed in the URANTIA Book. Their next meeting is Wednesday, December 13th, at 8:00 P.M. However this time, subject matter will be discussed pertaining to "Money vs Spiritual application in business." and, "Faith relative to marriage and business." These round-table discussions are most informative.

VAN NUYS:

Polly Friedman is giving a slide show at the Van Nuys URANTIA Book Study Group meeting, Thursday, December 7th. The subject of her presentation is "New Symbols for a New Age." We have an idea that Polly can be talked into presenting this show to other interested Study Groups too.

GLENDALE:

Bill Sherwood and Corlin Renn reminds everyone that their Study Group starts each Monday evening at 6:30 with a pot-luck dinner; this is followed by a study session beginning at 8:00 P.M. Everybody coming to the meeting, please bring some goodies!

ALL STUDY GROUPS:

All Group Leaders having any information they want to pass along to their Society members and friends, may do so by writing a short article for this section of our periodical. All items should reach the F.U.S.L.A. Secretary before the tenth of the month in order to appear in the next months issue. You are invited to participate.

URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUPS IN THE LOS ANGELES 100 MILE RADIUS

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Note:

The day and time of meeting for the URANTIA Book Study Groups are subject to change and/or cancellation; so when referring people to these groups please have them contact the Group Leaders prior to attending. Every effort is made to up-date this list every month, but groups do change sometimes between notices.

STUDY GROUPS

KERMIT & JACKIE ANDERSON  
15872 Wicklow Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
(714) 894-5417  
THUR 8:00 P.M.

CHARLES & DOROTHY HICKS  
11347 Berwick St  
Los Angeles, CA 90049  
(213) 472-8722  
CALL FOR INFO

JIM WANLASS  
4 Privateer St. #2  
Marina Del Rey, CA 90291  
(213) 399-0195  
TUES. 8:00 P.M.

TAMMY ERIKSMOEN  
3601 Blue Key  
Corona Del Mar, CA 92625  
(714) 640-4710  
ALT. THUR 8:00 P.M.

GARY & PRISCILLA REEDY  
1291 Old Ranch Road  
Camarillo, CA 93010  
(805) 484-2991  
WED 7:30 P.M.

JEAN McNELLY  
1308 W. Jacaranda Place  
Fullerton, CA 92633  
(714) 526-1323  
WED 8:00 P.M.

BEVERLY WOLD  
42751 E. Florida #64  
Hemet, CA 92343  
(714) 927-1015  
WED 8:00 P.M.

WYNETTE TESTA  
20821 Amie St #205  
Torrance, CA 90503  
(213) 370-2675  
TUES 8:00 P.M.

BILL SHERWOOD & CORLIN RENN  
517 Wing St  
Glendale, CA 91205  
(213) 247-5640  
MON 6:30-P/Luck-8:00 P.M.

PERRY & JEFF OSTER  
6010 Riverside Ave  
Riverside, CA 92506  
(714) 686-6905  
2nd SUN ea Mo 7:00 P.M.

EUNICE C. GREATON  
333 Old Mill Rd. #176  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 964-6533  
MON 8:00 P.M.

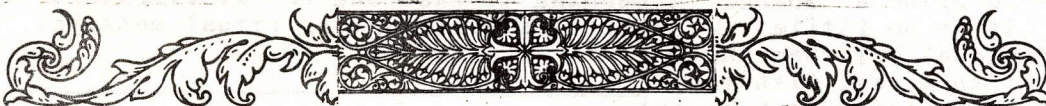
CHICK & ELLEN MONTGOMERY  
10320 Samoa Ave  
Tujunga, CA 91042  
(213) 353-2973  
WED 8:00 P.M.

MACDONALD RESIDENCE  
16950 Hartland St  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
(213) 343-3364  
ALT. THURS 8:00 P.M.

LARRY WHELAN  
146 Fraser Lane  
Ventura, CA 93001  
(805) 643-8728  
MON 7:30 P.M.

RAY CALIGIURI & SANDRA CLARKE  
21366 Rios St  
Woodland Hills, CA 91364  
(213) 887-7887  
Dec. 13, 8:00 P.M.

WHY DON'T YOU START A STUDY GROUP? CONTACT JULIA FENDERSON FOR ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO GET IT STARTED.



NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

If you have a new study group or if there is a change in an existing group, or you desire information on study groups, please contact Dick MacDonald, Secretary, or Julia Fenderson, Membership Committee Chairman. The Society will update this list each month, and new copies will be available at the

monthly meeting also. F.U.S.L.A. supports the establishment and development of URANTIA Book Study Groups, but is not responsible for their activities. These groups are voluntary and informal associations of URANTIA Book readers and they are not formally a part of any URANTIA organization.

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