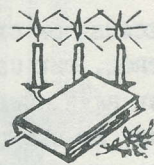


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FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Recently I had the privilege of meeting and hearing a most remarkable woman, Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. She is a well known psychiatrist and author specializing in the area of death and dying. Her investigative interests range from the process of dying to the nature of the transition from the physical to the morontial (not her terminology). Some of her findings are most interesting to the readers of The URANTIA Book because they touch on some ideas mentioned in the personality survival paper concerning the transition on the borderland of the physical and morontial realms.

Her work is being received with great interest and excitement, and with not a little skepticism, from some in the medical community. Never-the-less, her work has already done much to educate many concerning the nature of death and the certainty of existence after death. She is being very instrumental in the "renaissance" which is so necessary for the consciousness of the people of this planet. For when the

true nature of death and the process of transition is more fully understood, the way we live our lives will be permanently changed.

So it is with the entire body of society. The implications of a right understanding of death for modern society are staggering to contemplate. To have individuals and society as a whole, leave the primordial fear of death behind for an enlightened spiritual view of the terrestrial escape, will set off a chain reaction of processes which will affect such diverse areas of human endeavor as child rearing, medical treatment, treatment of criminals, and countless others.

Let us remember The URANTIA Book and associated organizations and activities are means to the spiritual rejuvenation of our planet, not ends in themselves. I therefore encourage all URANTIA Book readers to be attentive to, and involved in, activities like those of Dr. Kubler-Ross which are part of the overall spiritual quickening which is occurring on this planet. In Brotherhood, Kermit Anderson

MAY F.U.S.L.A. MEETING

The next monthly meeting of F.U.S.L.A. will be held May 6th, 1979 in the Kaizuki Room of the Veteran's Memorial Building at 4417 Overland Ave. in Culver City. There will be the usual koffee klutch from 1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. The general meeting will start at 1:30 P.M. punctually. The details of the May presentation appear on page 2.



IN APPRECIATION:

F.U.S.L.A. extends their thanks to our April 7th guests Vern Grimsley, Marvin and Francyl Gawryn and David Kantor for their companionship. The guitar music of Vern and Francyl, along with her singing, was the greatest. Everyone was deeply moved by Vern's inspiring talk; and David Kantor's multimedia presentation (with credits to all participants) was one of the best. A note of thanks also goes out to the Education Committee who hosted this excellent presentation.



INVITATION:

On May 5th and 6th, F.U.S.L.A. has been invited to spend the weekend in Berkeley. Saturdays program is open to all religious groups and Sundays program will be exclusively Urantian. The Family Of God assures a good time for all; however as many of us may not be able to attend, our Society will have it's regular monthly meeting as usual.



WORKSHOPS

The "Workshop" format the Education Committee has been presenting, has been a success if for no other reason than the fact it gives a variety of subjects for the members to choose from. In the past, there have been some excellent presentations and what the Committee has planned for our up-coming meeting May the 6th, most surely will fall in that category. There will be two workshop presentations as follows:

- (1) THE EXPERIENCE OF TRUST Dr. Mary Marks has planned a new kind of sharing experience which will help in developing our trust capacity in time and space; ref. page 316B in the URANTIA Book. We will walk in silence with our Father, learn to perceive our world and our earthly relationship, through a different light. Then, we will discuss how our URANTIA teachings will guide us.
- (2) THE 7 ABSOLUTES OF THE TRINITY Bill Sherwood will present this difficult subject in simple, easy to understand terms. This workshop will be presented as follows:
 - (1) The potential and actual Absolutes.
 - (2) The cycle of physical and Spiritual energy.
 - (3) Close with a question and answer period.

VIEWPOINT

Over the past few months, I've given considerable thought to the relationship between spiritual service and temporal duty. It is easy to get so wrapped up in day-to-day living that there is no "conscious" service to others. At other times, The URANTIA Book inspires ideals of service which seem impossible of attaining within a short time frame.

For me the unification of service and duty is activated by the daily decision to try to understand what motivates others. Making this decision opens avenues for communication and reduces interpersonal tensions. As I begin to understand other people's feelings, attitudes, and actions, a closeness develops which deepens into mutual respect and love. Stated a little differently, when daily activities focus on the personalities involved, an environment for service is created.

---Ray Caligiuri

Watch the June issue of the MONITOR for an important announcement regarding the election of candidates as Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

FOR THE TIME BEING, BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, THE USUAL EXCELLENT FOOD PREPARATION WE HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED AFTER OUR MEETINGS, MUST BE LIMITED TO JUST COFFEE, PUNCH, COOKIES AND DOUGHNUTS. AN EXPLANATION IS IN ORDER AND WILL BE GIVEN AT OUR MAY 6th MEETING.

REVERSION DIRECTOR'S SECTION

"And the Lord said unto Noah: 'Where is the ark which I have commanded thee to build?' And Noah said unto the Lord, 'Verily, I have had three carpenters off ill. The gopherwood supplier hath let me down-- yea, even though the gopherwood hath been on order for nigh upon 12 months. What can I do O Lord?'

"And God said unto Noah: 'I want that ark finished even after seven days and seven nights.' And Noah said: 'It will be so.' And it was not so. And the Lord said unto Noah: 'What seemeth to be the trouble this time?' And Noah said unto the Lord: 'Mine subcontractor hath gone bankrupt. The pitch which Thou commandest me to put on the outside of the ark hath not arrived. The plumber hath gone on strike. Shem, my son who helpeth me on the ark side of the business, hath formed a pop group with his brothers Ham and Japheth. Lord, I am undone.'



"And the Lord grew angry and said: 'And what about the animals, the male and female of every sort that I ordered to come unto thee to keep their seed upon the face of the earth?' And Noah said: 'They have been delivered unto the wrong address but should arriveth on Friday.' And the Lord said: 'How about the unicorns, and the fowls of the air by seven?' And Noah wrung his hands and wept, saying: 'Lord, unicorns are a discontinued line, thou canst not get them for love or money. And fowls of the air are sold only in half-dozens. Lord, Lord, Thou knowest how it is.'

"And the Lord in his wisdom said: 'Noah, my son, I knowest. Why else dost thou think I have caused a flood to descend upon the earth?'"

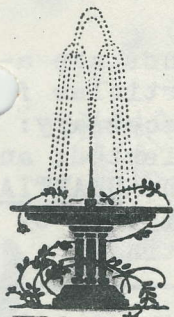
(Reprinted from
Hartford, Kansas, Herald)

Submitted by
Jackie Anderson

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

Dan Loweree was well known to many of us in our Society. In illness, one of his greatest desires was to become a member of F.U.S.L.A. Many of his friends may remember this wish was fulfilled some months ago in a membership induction ceremony in his room at U.C.L.A. hospital. Dan knew he would never recover from his illness and his outlook on his coming change from the physical to the morontia, reflected the depth of his deep understanding of the URANTIA teachings.

Dan entered upon the Great Adventure at 3:00 A. M. April 16, 1979.



THE MANSION WORLDS ?

Face to Face With Heaven and Hell

THE OLD PRIEST, who was dying, composed himself on his bed and said a prayer for the repose of his soul. He was troubled about Heaven and Hell. What were they like? God knows he had spent a lifetime preaching about both places. Now, at age 84, he wasn't sure.

Dimly, he saw two figures at the foot of his bed. He knew who they were. The tall muscular one was Moses, and the other was Peter the fisherman. When they beckoned to the priest, he got up and followed, walking through the wall of his bedroom. Silently, they led him through the galaxies of the night sky. In a far-off place, they stopped before a big house. "The kingdom of God is made of many mansions," Peter explained. "So too is Hell. Step inside. We will show you the first room of Satan's palace."

As the priest walked in, his ears were assaulted by a babble of complaints.

Many people were seated at a large table. In the center there was a big pot of the priest's favorite dish, beef stew. Although everyone in Hell had a spoon and could reach the pot, the people were starving. The spoon handles that were attached to their hands were twice as long as their arms. They could catch the stew, but they couldn't bring it to their lips. The cries of the starving were so loud that the priest begged to be taken away.

Peter and Moses took him to another mansion in a faraway place. Moses invited the priest to step inside the outer room of Paradise. There the priest saw a similar large table surrounded by many people. In the center was a huge pot of beef stew. The spoon handles were too long for human arms, but there were no cries of complaint. No one was starving. All the people were feeding each other.

—Jim Bishop, King Features

EMERITUS

It is a pleasure to announce our beloved Julia Fenderson is to be nominated to receive the status of Emeritus at the regular annual meeting of our Society. She has given 34 years of dedicated and spiritually motivated service to the URANTIA Brotherhood, and became a charter member of First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles, October 1st, 1956. Aside from being a devout student of the URANTIA Book, Julia has been very active in her field duties, traveling extensively in behalf of the Brotherhood; and as Chairman of the Membership Committee, has the distinction of having safely piloted many many candidates into Society membership. In receiving the Emeritus award, by F.U.S.L.A. Constitution mandate, Julia will be titled President Emeritus, this being the highest of the Offices she has held in F.U.S.L.A. We thank you Julia for your years of dedication and the spiritual inspiration you have been to us all. Congratulations and may God bless you. (ref. FUSLA Constitution page 11, Article II Sec. 2-1 of the By-Laws)

CORRECTION!!! At the top of page 2 of the April issue of the MONITOR under "NEW MEMBERS", the name Mr. Gerald D'Arcy should be Mrs. Wynette Testa. Also at the last minute, Mr. Jack Kleinkopf and Mr. Joe Ayala were unable to attend the Rememberance Supper for induction. However they were inducted into Society membership at the F.U.S.L.A. regular monthly meeting. We welcome all of these Ascenders.

SPECIAL NOTE

Because of scheduling for printing of the April issue of the MONITOR, it was not possible to give full coverage to the March 16 Rememberance Supper and induction of eight new members (Ref. CORRECTION in this issue) For this reason it should be noted the occasion was concluded with a 15 minute drama portraying Mary's passion as she witnessed the crucifixion of her son Jesus. The script was written for this emotional drama by writer Charles Tanner and presented by actress Eleni Dayle-Iverson who was one of the inductees. A fitting conclusion to a memorable occasion--and well done.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Our Society has a rather large monthly mailing list which we make every effort to maintain. It has been noted recently, that more and more F.U.S.L.A. mailings to members and their friends, are being returned marked, "No Forwarding Address". If each recipient of our Society mailings when moving, would let the Secretary know by postcard, it would make our updating task very easy and save the Society a whole bunch of pennys. Thanks everybody for your help.

NEW POLICY:

A new policy has just been adopted by F.U.S.L.A. whereby any member of our Society, upon written request, may receive a copy of any minutes of the Governing Committee meetings, following the receipt of such a request. These written requests will be honored for one calendar year. The Committee is currently updating some obsolete policies and making new ones where it is felt they are needed. Such requests should be directed to the attention of the F.U.S.L.A. Secretary.

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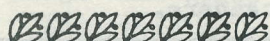
"Time is Nature's way of preventing everything from happening at once."

"Sympathy is two hearts tugging at one load."

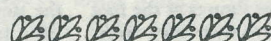
Members of F.U.S.L.A. and friends are again invited to submit short articles for the MONITOR. Two things are necessary: The article must be URANTIA oriented; and the use of any "quotes" from the URANTIA Book must have already been approved by the URANTIA Brotherhood in writing.

PLEASE NOTE:

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 the F.U.S.L.A. Secretary, or Julia Fenderson, Membership Committee Chairman. The Society will update this list each month, and 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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