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FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I recently had the pleasure of attending the two conferences on world religions and the spiritual renaissance put on in Berkeley by the Spiritual Renaissance Institute and the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society respectively, over the weekend of May 5th and 6th. I would like to share some of my observations and impressions of what transpired there.

The first conference consisted of spokespersons from the eleven major world religions, as listed in The URANTIA Book, each giving a 20 minute talk on their concept of the supreme goals of their religion. It was after listening to these sincere men and women that I realized we have much to learn from other religionists. The fifth epochal revelation does not confer a spiritual superiority of any kind on its devotees. Every truly spiritual encounter with another human being results in an experience of mutual benefit.

Sunday was devoted to an exploration of

the relationship of The URANTIA Book to the world wide spiritual renaissance and evolutionary religion. Many valuable ideas and questions were entertained. It struck me that in order for The URANTIA Book to be received by other lands, especially "non-western" lands; the Book needs to be discovered, studied, and its teachings proclaimed by men and women natives of these lands, and that this begin to happen before too much public attention is focused on our activities. The danger is that if we become too organized, to visible in our activities with the book, its reception may be compromised in the other parts of the world. The entire movement risks being seen as a white man's religion and a "Western" movement.

The remedy for this possible pitfall is the "planting" of copies of the Book in as many libraries and universities throughout the world as possible; where sincere native seekers will find it, and carry its message throughout their country and culture from within.

Kermit Anderson, President

## JUNE F. U. S. L. A. MEETING



The next monthly meeting of F.U.S.L.A. will be held June 3rd, 1979 in the Uruapan Room of the Veteran's Memorial Building at 4417 Overland Avenue 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 punctually. The details of the June presentation will be found on page 2.

## TRI-ANNUAL ELECTION NOTICE

AS MOST EVERYONE KNOWS, each three year cycle sees an assembly held in Chicago called the "Triennial Delegate Assembly". This is for the purpose of electing new Officers to the Council to fill seats being vacated by those council members whose terms of office have expired. When the date of this Assembly has been set by the URANTIA Brotherhood, each Society's Secretary is notified early enough so that his Society may, at least 60 days before the Triennial Assembly is called in Chicago, have held an election and notified the URANTIA Brotherhood Secretary-General, of the certified names of the elected Delegate and Alternate Delegate from his respective Society. Candidate's names and important election information are attached over-leaf.

JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> PRESENTATION

Three workshops are planned for this meeting:

"A TRIP TO PARADISE." This is in answer to the query, "What must I do to be saved?" This unusual presentation will be shown with what is known as an overhead projector using transparencies. Julia Fenderson is making the presentation and will also do the narrative.

"EVOLUTION OF THE ONE GOD CONCEPT." This presentation is based on Paper 97 of the URANTIA Book. It will be prepared and given by Polly with the usual excellent Friedman "touch".

Jim Channon will make the third workshop presentation. To date his title has not been announced. Jim is a remarkably informed young man and we look forward to his subject which will be announced.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:** Chairman Bob Hudspeth thanks the membership for all the food donations that have been made at our meetings. Even though we are working under undesirable restrictions at our present meeting place, it is hoped the membership will continue being just as generous in their donations of pastries, as they have in the past when we could have dinners at our meetings. The terms of our present contract at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium allows us no dinners inside; only pastries, coffee and/or punch.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Following a long illness Susan Foster McNelly passed through transition April 20, 1979. Graveside funeral services were conducted by Kermit Anderson F.U.S.L.A. President, on April 23, 1979. Susan became a member of First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles June 3, 1973. She was a student at California State University in Fullerton.

" H A I K U " by Polly Friedman

Dedicated to Dan Loweree and Sue McNelly

"LIFE"

People like fireflies  
Here and gone, a light, a life  
Stars on stage awhile.

"DEATH"

Continuation-----  
A new time for soul stretching  
School in new form.

"DAN"

A quiet strong smile  
Showed his great discovery--  
With Truth I am freed.

A NEWCOMER:

We welcome Katherine Elizabeth Nicomede who weighed in at 7 lbs 6 oz Saturday, April 21, with a lusty cry of delight at having become another participant in the Father's wonderful plan for his ascending children. Mother and child are doing fine. It is expected the father Dennis will recover.



REVERSION DIRECTOR'S SECTION

A YOUNG MINISTER was taking his wife to task for breaking her promise not to buy a new dress. "It must have been the devil's fault," she murmured. "He tempted me."

"You could have said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan,'" replied the minister.

"I did," she said. "But he whispered over my shoulder, 'It fits you beautifully in the back, too.'"

--Bill Bennett

ONE STORMY AFTERNOON, a young lady noticed an appealing, but wet and sad looking Terrier wandering around in her garden. Thinking the dog was lost, she coaxed him into her house and gave him some warm milk. His only identification was a collar medallion inscribed with a rabies-injection number and the name and telephone number of an animal hospital, but no city. She called the number, but the answering party had never heard of the animal hospital. She then called the police stations in her area, veterinarians, animal shelters, kennel clubs, and all the dog lovers she knew, drawing blanks everywhere.



She finally called the long-distance telephone operator, described her problem and asked if the number might be out of State. The telephone operator eventually called back to report that she had tracked the number to Phoenix, Arizona, and then connected the young lady with the animal hospital named on the dog's tag. She read the veterinarian the rabies-injection number; he checked his records and found that the dog had recently moved to the town she lived in---and belonged in the house next door to her's.

--Related by d.m.

CURRENT TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

has been called August 19th, 1979 in Chicago, Illinois. This means F.U.S.L.A. must hold their election without fail June 3rd; otherwise a special meeting would have to be called as the Secretary must have a certified copy of our elected delegate's names on the desk of the Secretary-General in Chicago, not later than June 19th, 1979. June 3rd will be a combination meeting in which the election of delegates will be done by active F.U.S.L.A. members; and the Education Committee will also present their usual format of workshops. Each F.U.S.L.A. member is encouraged to attend this very important election-meeting and cast your vote. To determine your eligibility to vote, please read carefully Article I, Sec. 1-2 (a) and (b) in the By-Laws of your booklet copy of F.U.S.L.A. Constitution.

The names of the candidates for these two Posts are as follows:

DELEGATE: Julia K. Fenderson

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Charles Montgomery.

Other candidates may be nominated from the floor by any F.U.S.L.A. member.

F.U.S.L.A. MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE.

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Andy Remon, Treasurer  
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WELCOME TO OUR GROWING FAMILY !!

Mary Lou Hales called Julia Saturday, May 12th, and asked that congratulations be sent to Mrs. George Sprague who has been working overtime for some months now putting together the mechanics involved in forming a new Society.

The charter has been issued by the URANTIA Brotherhood and new Society number 11, in Farmington, Connecticut, is indeed a fact. In the absence of the Secretary, Julia kindly sent a telegram of congratula- tions to Mrs. Sprague in behalf of F.U.S.L.A. Our very best wishes to "Number 11".

A NEW CHAIRMAN:

Bill Sherwood, Chairman of the ad hoc Committee to find a new and more desirable meeting place for F.U.S.L.A., re- signed his chairmanship because of new and pressing responsibilities in Education Comm- ittee activities. As everyone knows, Bill's responsibilities as Chairman of this years Education Committee have been very demanding.

In his stead, Lucille Faw has kindly assumed the Chair of the "Search and Find" Committee.

For some time now it has been felt that the restrictions placed upon us in our present meeting place, are a little less than realistic. Therefore a concerted effort has been made to find a new and permanent meeting place which will afford the accomodations F.U.S.L.A. seeks. Numerous places have been inspected but to date nothing has been found that seems to satisfy all the requirements of our Society.

We welcome Lucille to her new position and know that she and her Committee will con- tinue this search and hopefully find something suitable, in the very near future. Meanwhile anyone knowing of any "leads" on a centrally located place, please contact Lucille--she will appreciate it.

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One's attitude is their altitude.

It is not the lofty sails but the unseen wind that moves the ship.

V I E W P O I N T

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A recent review of the records, by the Treasurer, shows that an unbelievable number of F.U.S.L.A. members still at this late date, have not paid their membership dues for 1979. The Society dues plan, like most organizations, is the financial backbone supporting it's primary activities. 1979 ushered in a new policy for the payment of dues. It was intended to make it easier for members to remember to pay their dues and for the Treasurer to keep the Society dues record, accurately, and with a minimum of effort and detail on his part. For the benefit of any member who may not be aware of the two previous postings of the new dues policy, it is again stated as follows:

"Under our new policy, dues for the full year become due and payable January 1st of each year. This year (1979) if you have received a notice by mail, it is to acquaint you with your present dues status. Because some members paid dues in 1978 that overlapped into some particular month of 1979, they do not owe dues for this full year.

If there is any question in your mind about your dues status, the Treasurer will be glad to advise you. All checks should be made out to "FUSLA FUKDS" and indicated if for dues, donations, AGONDONTER, URANTIA Book, or other. They may be mailed to Andy Remon, Treasurer, 6762 Lurline Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91306, or they may be given to him at the June 3rd F.U.S.L.A. meeting. For the record please note that the payment of dues and the giving of donations are considered two different things."

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**NEW STUDY GROUP:**

We are happy to announce the christening of a new URANTIA Book Study Group just launched by Dianne Bishop and a group of enthusiastic Readers who will be meeting every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in her home at 1401 Manhattan Avenue in Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. Those who may wish to call Dianne for more detailed information may reach her by phoning (213) 379-3898. May this new group prosper and grow, and spend many rewarding hours together. This is the fourteenth Study Group now operating in the Los Angeles area.



**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.



**URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUPS**



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

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

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

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

JIM WANLASS  
3264 1/2 Motor Ave  
Palms, CA 90034  
(213) 836-4343  
TUES 8:00 P.M.

TAMMY ERIKSMOEN  
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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.

DENNIS NICOMEDE  
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Fullerton, CA 92633  
(714) 879-9267  
WED 8:00 P.M.

BEVERLY WOLD  
42751 Florida #64  
Hemet, CA 92343  
(714) 927-1015  
THUR 7:30 P.M.

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

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

EUNICE G GREATON  
1827 Olive Ave  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 962-5100  
THUR 8:00 P.M.

MACDONALD RESIDENCE  
16950 Hartland St  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
(213) 343-3364  
ALT THUR 8.00 P.M.

DIANNE BISHOP  
1401 Manhattan Ave  
Hermosa Bch, CA 90254  
(213) 379-3898  
THUR 8:00 P.M.

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