



NEWSLETTER of the FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY of LOS ANGELES

"GETTING TO KNOW THE FATHER" SLATED FOR JANUARY 11th MEETING

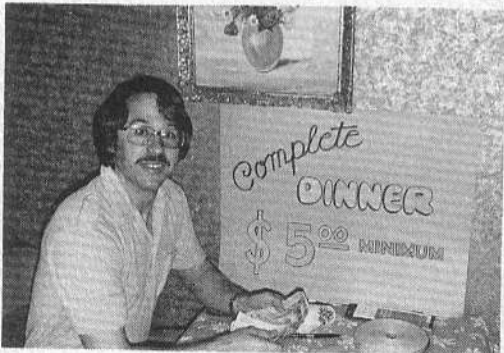
Because of the holidays, our first meeting of the new year will be held the second Sunday (January 11th) instead of the usual first Sunday of each month.

"GETTING TO KNOW THE FATHER" will be presented by Chick Montgomery. All spiritual growth is unconscious, but there are some things we can do to speed up the process. This will be a 'how to' session in getting closer to God. Come prepared to share your personal experiences and the guidelines, slogans, habits and actions that have helped you draw closer to the Father.

At the close of the talk, the assembly will be broken up into groups. Each group will have their own discussion on the topic presented.

Also at this meeting the first edition copy of The URANTIA Book will be auctioned to raise funds for FUSLA. Those unable to attend that wish to bid may send their bids by mail to: Lucile Faw, 23301 Bocana, Malibu, CA. 90265. Please mark BID on the outside part of the envelope.

THE ENTRANCE GATE PROBLEM IS SOLVED! The east gate will be open from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM only! Please try to be timely. Our parking area is Lot 2.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER BIG SUCCESS

It was a night to remember! Good food, good friends, good singing and most of all good fellowship! Also, a tidy sum was raised for our FUSLA treasury through everyone's generous contributions.

For those who were not able to attend there are some photos and report on pages 6&7.

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

At this often hectic time of year, we could all give in to frustration, tension and even anger, but why bother? If we just take time to remember the wonderful times we've shared with those whom we are trying to prepare gifts for, our love for them will make the preparation much more meaningful.

If we start each day expressing our gratitude to God for another day to learn and do His will, we will find joy and strength to lift our hearts and carry us on our way. If we take time while we're stuck in a traffic jam to thank the Father that we're not involved in the accident causing the delay and ask for His comfort and care for those who are, the wait will seem more bearable.

With God along, nothing is unbearable and all the love, joy and beauty of the Christmas season is ours anytime we accept it -- so let us celebrate!

We should remember that our celebrations of this season should reflect the spirit of His life. The spiritual ideals He exemplified are so much more important than any material gifts we give or receive. Let us then place our love for our family and friends above the tinsel and truly enjoy this wonderful season for the joyous occasion it commemorates.

God is a great and wonderful Father and we are his most fortunate children. Peace, love and joy!

-- Lucile Faw



"Somehow I had always thought of
it as being much larger!"

REFLECTIONS

(Contributed by Grace Sims)

If we will set a time to call our own
To think, to plan, to meditate alone,
We shall be rich indeed.

If we can be quiescent for a while
To rest, to read, or just to muse
and smile,
That hour will serve our need.

If we dwell alone in quietness
Our minds will lift, our souls sweet
peace will bless;
Our hearts be understood.

If we can shut ourselves away from noise
We shall regain our goal of life
our poise.
The quiet hours are good.

-Ruth M. Eddy-

Reversion Director's Corner

HOW JESUS TAUGHT!

EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOKLET © 1980 BY CHICK MONTGOMERY

HIS TEACHING WAS DYNAMIC AND ALIVE!



GUESS WHAT

TIPPY TAP TAP TAP

HE WAS ALWAYS SUPREMELY INTERESTED IN THE PERSON BEFORE HIM AT THE TIME.



HI.

HIS TEACHING WAS PERSONAL... TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF THE HEARER, WHERE AND AS HE IS.



HELP!

THIS IS KNOWN AS A ROPE.

HE USED PARABLES FROM NATURE, WITH FAMILIAR PICTORIAL IMAGERY.



YEAH, EVERYBODY CAN RELATE TO A SHEEP.

DON'T GET FAMILIAR

HE ALWAYS ADDED TO A PERSON'S BELIEF SYSTEM; NEVER TOOK AWAY.... KNOWING THAT TRUTH EVENTUALLY CROWDS OUT ERROR.



TRUTH

ERROR

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IN MEMORIAM

JOHN LENNON

1940 - 1980

Only those unfamiliar with his music were spared a sense of personal loss with the passing of John Lennon. The essence of his music stressed the power of love and the brotherhood of man. Throughout his career he strived to effect positive changes in these areas all over the world.

Many of us grew up with John and the Beatles. We shared with them the difficult search for truth, love and meaning in life. Sharing our disappointments and our triumphs together, we established an evolved sense of brotherhood that we will cherish long after our mortal life.

We are truly fortunate to have known John and his friends Paul, George and Ringo. Their combined contribution to Urantia's social and spiritual evolution is a step forward towards our coming Age of Light and Life.

At a time like this perhaps we should reflect on a statement made by Benjamin Franklin:

"A man is not completely born until he is dead. Why then should we grieve that a new child is born among the immortals?"

We are sprits. That bodies should be lent us while they afford us pleasure, assist us in acquiring knowledge or in doing good to our fellow creatures is a kind of benevolent act of God.

When they become unfit for these purposes, and afford us pain instead of pleasure, instead of aid become an encumbrance and answer none of these intentions for which they were given, it is equally kind and benevolent that a way is provided by which we get rid of them.

Death is that way."

John once said, "And, in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make." Thus, in the final analysis, I like to think Heaven has acquired a superlative candidate for Celestial Musician.

Thank you John, for sharing your life and music so freely with us. God bless you.

-Doc Livingston

While it usually is the policy of the MONITOR to refrain from comment concerning social or political issues this exception was made due to the author's personal acquaintance with Mr. Lennon and the theme and content is felt to be applicable to some of our readers.

- Editor

FELLOWSHIP DINNER BIG SUCCESS!

First off, thank you to Jerry and Polly Friedmen for a wonderful time and for making your home available for our fellowship gathering. Thanks also to all those who helped supply and prepare the fine feast and tasty deserts. Last but certainly not least, thanks to all who attended and contributed generously to net the FUSLA treasury \$242.00!!

Here is a brief recap for those who missed this gala event.

It all took place on a picture perfect California summer's day (in the middle of December) nestled in the rolling hills of Malibu Canyon. Greeted by the aroma of simmering spaghetti sauce and our treasurer, Gary Reedy, (cover photo) we proceeded to the beautiful view afforded by the Friedmen's back yard. Many old friends were there to talk with and new faces too!

After getting acquainted for an hour or so, dinner was served and what a dinner it was!! Spaghetti with a delicious meat sauce, savory homemade garlic bread, a garden-fresh tossed salad and to top it all a glass of fine white wine. Just when you thought it was safe to stop, you were confronted with a wide variety of sumptuous desserts. We saw many diets go out the window without a shred of regret.

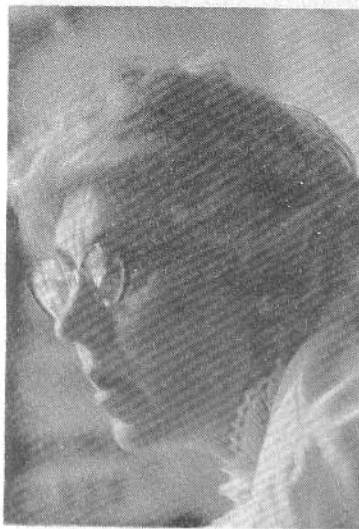
Following our supper, Hoite Caston began to auction off extra bottles of wine which was fun for all.



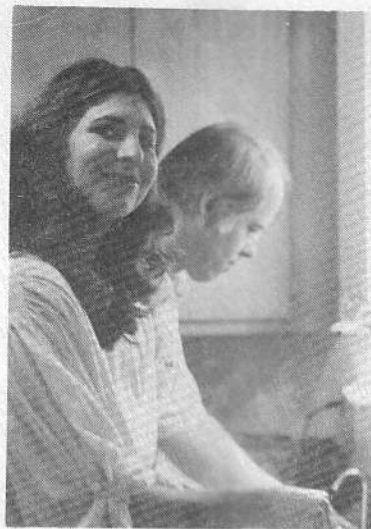
Fine fellowship takes its toll!



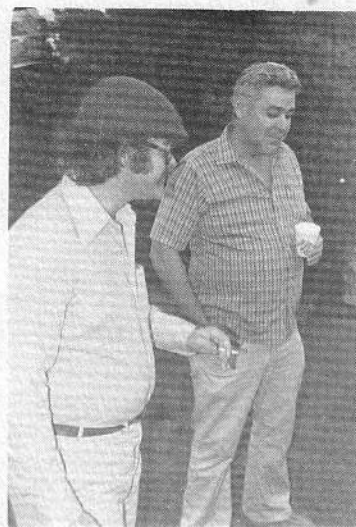
Mama Mia, that's a spicy meatball!



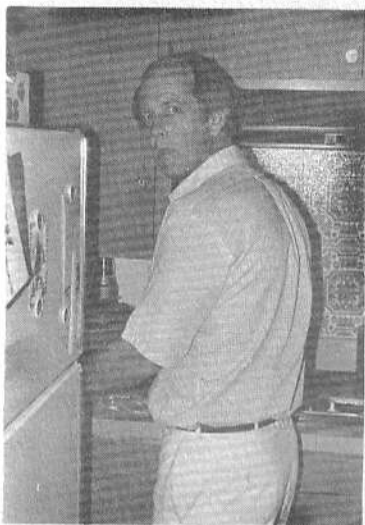
***I can't believe they ate
the whole thing!***



***I know a secret and
I won't tell***



***Guess who ate the
most spaghetti?***



Caught in the cookie jar



***What am I bid for this
fine vintage wine!***



***I could have sworn I
had enough coffee!***

Soon after the auction ended, we all gathered in a big circle in the living room to hear Hoite read from The URANTIA Book. Each of the Apostles views of Jesus was examined and everyone felt closer to the true meaning of Christmas in the quiet moment after.

Thanks again to all those who participated and made this an event to remember throughout the new year.

In the next six issues of the MONITOR, a series of papers will be presented from a report titled: "Morality - A Study" by Doc Livingston and Liz Kruger. This is included in the MONITOR to lay the foundation for their presentation on this subject at the July meeting.

- Editor

MORALITY - A Study

MORALITY - (2096)

"...the realization of the existence of right and wrong."

"...equal to the recognition of duty..."

"...the essential pre-existent soil of personal God-consciousness, the personal realization of the Adjuster's inner presence...such morality is not the source of religious experience and the resultant spiritual insight."

MORAL CONSCIOUSNESS - (1115)

"...a name applied to the human recognition and awareness of those emerging ethical moral values which duty demands that man shall abide by in the day-by-day control and guidance of conduct."

MORAL NATURE - (2096)

"...superanimal but subspiritual."

MORAL ACTS - (193)

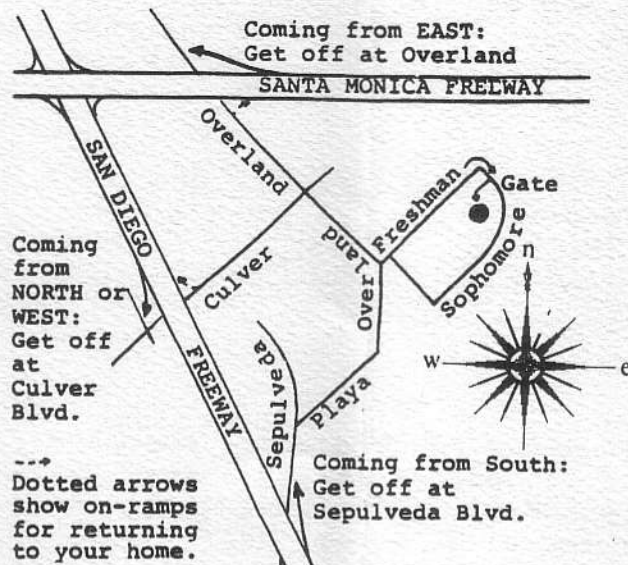
"...human performances characterized by the highest intelligence, directed by selective discrimination in the choice of superior ends as well as in the selection of moral means to attain these ends." "Such conduct is virtuous."

MORAL ZONE - (2096)

"...intervenes between the animal and human types of mind as morontia functions between the material and spiritual spheres of personality attainment."

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JANUARY MEETING LOCATION



Place: W. Los Angeles College
4800 Freshman Drive
Culver City, CA. 90230

Date & Time: January 11, 1981 @ 1:00 PM

Campus Location: Building B-4, Room 103

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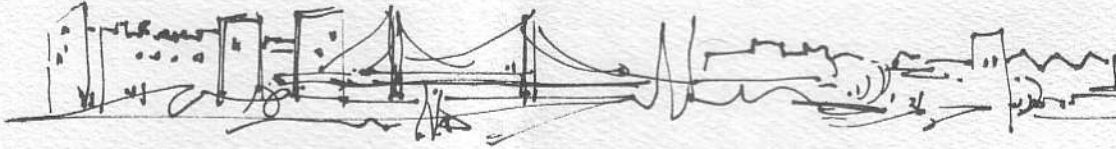
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"The most unhappy man in the world is he that is not patient in adversity, for men are not killed with the adversity they have to bear, but with the impatience which they suffer."

-- Charles Bailly, 1571



More than three hundred years ago these words that we have quoted of Charles Bailly's were cut by him into the walls of his cell, in London Tower, where he was confined as a political offender, awaiting death. Here is mental science, pure and simple, in a grander memorial inscription than is carved upon the walls of any church or temple of our day. Little did the prisoner think, as he patiently scratched these lines upon the stones of his dungeon, that three centuries afterward a new world would awaken to their truth and make it the cornerstone of metaphysics!

We have been so long accustomed to thinking of ourselves as the helpless victims of heredity and circumstance that when we begin to realize we are only the victims of our own impatience and ignorant will, we enter indeed upon a new psychology.

How different a landscape looks when approached from a new point of view! So changed that in returning over a road which we passed for the first time but an hour before, we scarcely recognize it as one we have travelled. Every field and tree, every curve and angle, presents itself in an entirely new relation to the whole.

So in our view of any truth: when we have changed its setting we get a different perspective.

-- Anonymous

JANUARY STUDY GROUP ACTIVITIES

<u>AREA</u> <u>CONTACT</u>	<u>MEETING DAY & TIME</u> <u>PHONE</u>	<u>(FORMAT)</u> <u>& TOPIC</u>
<u>Ventura County</u> Gary Reedy	1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 PM (805) 484-2991	(Read and Discussion) Thought Adjusters
<u>Malibu</u> Duane & Lucile Faw	2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:30 PM 456-9708	(Read and Discussion) Beginning Readers Group Jesus' Teachings in <u>The</u> <u>URANTIA Book and Bible</u>
<u>Santa Monica</u> Joanne Whitbread	Mondays @ 8:00 PM 450-4475	(Read and Discussion) The Jesus Papers
<u>Santa Monica</u> Vince Ventola	Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM 396-9180	(Prayer and Discussion) Meditation, Prayer, Worship
<u>West Los Angeles</u> Dick Ziglar	Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM 474-8195	(Read and Discussion)
<u>South Bay</u> John & Jane Roper	Thursdays @ 8:30 PM 545-1450	(Open Forum, Discussion)
<u>Orange County</u> Pierre Chicoine	Mondays @ 7:00 PM (714) 761-1565	(Open Forum, Discussion)
<u>Van Nuys</u> Dick MacDonald	2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 8:00 PM 343-3364	(Open Forum, Discussion) Results of the Lucifer Rebellion
<u>North Hollywood</u> Chick & Ellen Montgomery	Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM 763-6650	(Read and Discussion) The Jesus Papers
<u>Glendale</u> Jim Wanlass & Donna Byrum-Klavir	Tuesdays @ 8:00 PM 254-9056	(Read and Discussion) Papers 78-80 3rd Tuesday Open Forum

(The study group leaders gave FUSLA their permission to publish this list as a service to interested URANTIA Book readers. PLEASE -- Always call study group leaders before attending meetings.)



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