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NEWSLETTER of the FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY of LOS ANGELES

## ZIGLAR SPEAKS AT FEBRUARY 1st MEETING

*Dick Ziglar, Chairman of the Education Committee, will present a dissertation embracing both the disciplines of psychology and religion as a means to a common end -- the stabilization of the family unit.*

*Psychologists have by and large ignored the spiritual domain because they often have perceived religion in the wrong light -- the proverbial crutch, so to speak.*

*The theme of this report centers around personality unification as a means to self-actualization.*

*Dick's report is comprehensive and will cover themes relating to family stability and social maturity. Also covered will be stabilization of the home environment, theory of individual differences, diversity of human nature, traits of the self-actualized individual, and character traits and attributes of Jesus.*

*After the talk there will be a question and answer period. Dick's speech promises to bring an enlightening afternoon for all who attend. Don't miss it!*

### ATTENTION - LATE ARRIVALS

*Members and friends arriving late at our Society meetings may gain entrance by parking on the outside street at the east gate; then by walking in at the next gate south.*

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### RAPID GROWTH CITED BY CHICOINE STUDY GROUP

*The Study Group hosted by the Chicoines in Orange County, reports a remarkable growth in 7 - 8 months. Having started with around 5 attenders, they now have a group of about 20 URANTIA Book students meeting on Monday of each week. Good News!*

## A COMMENTARY

A study of the URANTIA Book is indeed a noble objective towards self-realization on the part of all sincere URANTIA students. One principle aim, however, of each organized URANTIA Society should be the distribution of the book and the dissemination of its teachings by making the revelation accessible to all potential readers, especially to those presently involved in unsatisfying religious pursuits.

As an organized group we must be willing and able to produce. In a meaningful organization the collective body has its duties as do its individual members. Occasional social get-togethers, regional conclaves and conferences serve definite purposes, but the productive capacity is limited by the inherent nature of its goals -- to educate and entertain those of us who are already involved with the revelation. Such meetings, while meaningful in scope, provide a functional need -- social, intellectual, spiritual and emotional -- in the sense that they satisfy the above aspects of human nature and enhance the growth of the individual. But apart from individual and group study, should not the Society devote more time to subserve specific areas that are beyond the bounds of many URANTIA readers and devotees?

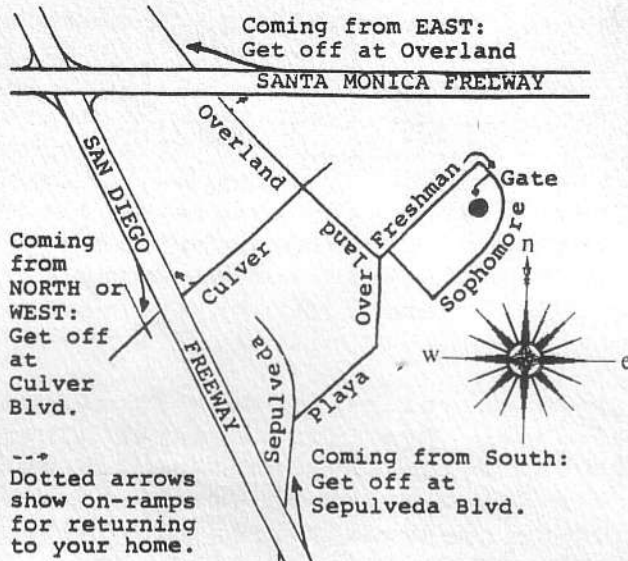
One of our primary objectives, where feasible, is to place books in readily accessible places -- libraries and major book stores. Let's all get involved with the Books Disseminating Committee.

Dick Ziglar  
Education Chairman

### ATTENTION ALL FUSLA MEMBERS

Our Book Chairman, Irving Townsend, informs me that FUSLA members are urgently needed for volunteer work in placing *The Urantia Book* in libraries and help with the accompanying follow-up activities. This important service opportunity is essential for the wise dissemination of the revelation and FUSLA's growth. Please, if you can help, contact Irving at the meeting on February 1st, or call- (213) 473-4379.

## FEBRUARY MEETING LOCATION



PLACE: W. Los Angeles College  
4800 Freshman Drive  
Culver City, Calif.

DATE & TIME: February 1st at 1:00PM

CAMPUS LOCATION: Building B-4, Room 103

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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## MORALITY - A Study

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF MORALITY

"Morality has its origin in the reason of self-consciousness; it is superanimal but wholly evolutionary." <sup>1</sup>

Contrary to popular belief, Moses did not hand down mankind's first moral laws. Over four hundred ninety thousand years before Moses was born, an ascendant citizen of Jerusem named Hap was chosen for service on Urantia by Caligastia. He was made head of the council of revealed religion for the primitive inhabitants on Urantia at that time. It was Hap who presented the first moral laws to the early races. "This code was known as 'The Father's Way' and consisted of the following seven commands:

- 1) You shall not fear nor serve any God but the Father of all.
- 2) You shall not disobey the Father's Son, the world's ruler, nor show disrespect to his superhuman associates.
- 3) You shall not speak a lie when called before the judges of the people.
- 4) You shall not kill men, women or children.
- 5) You shall not steal your neighbor's goods or cattle.
- 6) You shall not touch your friend's wife.
- 7) You shall not show disrespect to your parents or to the elders of the tribe.

This was the law on Dalamatia for almost three hundred thousand years. And many of the stones on which this law was inscribed now lie beneath the waters off the shore of Mesopotamia and Persia. It became the custom to hold one of these commands in mind for each day of the week, using it for salutations and mealtime thanksgiving." <sup>2</sup>

Almost two thousand years before the birth of Jesus, during Machiventa Melchizedek's sojourn on Urantia, these laws were restated by Machiventa to his missionaries in Salem. Unfortunately, due to the human tendency for quick results, these over-enthusiastic missionaries "...raised the moral standard too high..."<sup>3</sup>, too fast for any lasting results. In their zeal they chose sudden revolution instead of slow but sure evolution, and their moral teachings were forgotten soon after their death. Hundreds of years later Moses heard the teachings of Melchizedek from his parents, and with some minor editing, the law was again restated on Urantia.

Six hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Hap's moral law was again edited, by Gautama Siddhartha. "The moral commandments of Gautama's preachment were five in number:

- 1) You shall not kill.
- 2) You shall not steal.
- 3) You shall not be unchaste.
- 4) You shall not lie.
- 5) You shall not drink intoxicating liquors.

There were several additional or secondary commandments whose observance was optional with believers."<sup>4</sup>

Siddhartha "...taught the best godless philosophy ever invented by mortal man; it was the ideal humanism and most effectively removed all grounds for superstition, magical rituals, and fear of ghosts or demons"<sup>5</sup> which were rampant from India to Asia during this period.

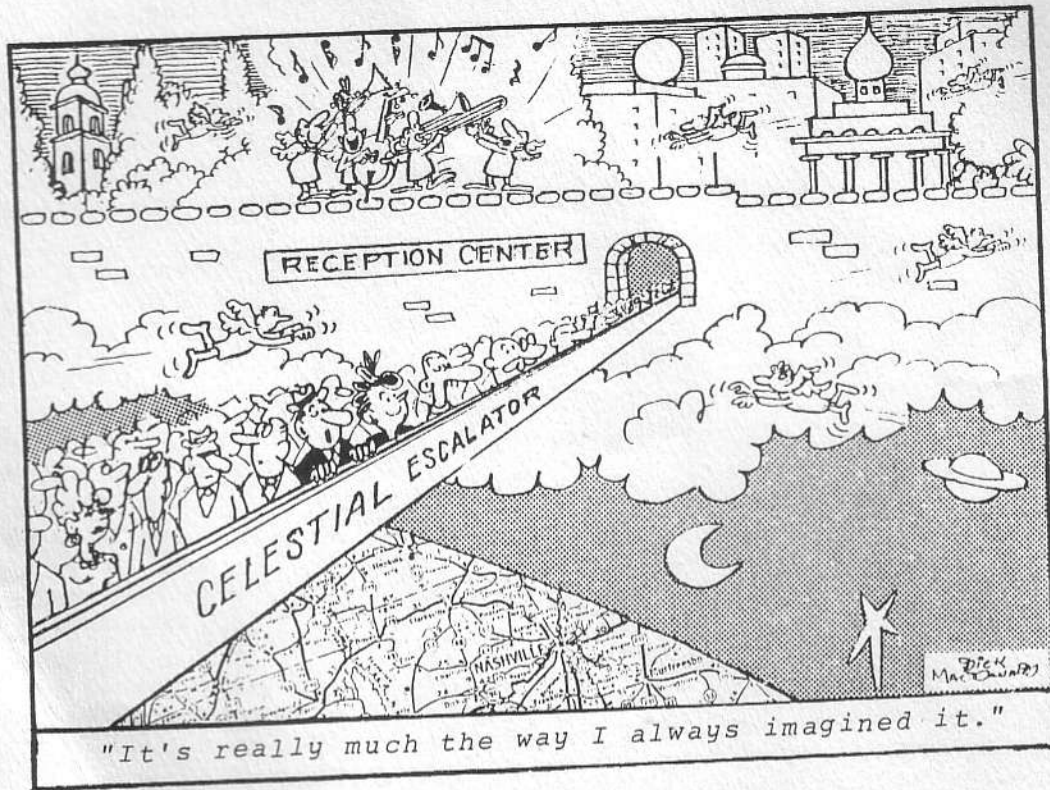
But of all the purely human and completely evolutionary religions of Urantia, none ever surpassed the moral grandeur or social ideals of the Egyptian culture. The Egyptians "...taught gentleness, moderation, and discretion."<sup>6</sup> Their motto was: "Established is the man whose standard is righteousness; who walks according to its way."<sup>7</sup> This polytheistic culture exhibited the highest social morality on an evolutionary basis on Urantia before the coming of Christ Michael.

#### FOOTNOTES

1-(68), 2-(751), 3-(1043), 4-(1036), 5-(1037), 6-7-(1045)

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# Reversion Director's Corner



## 1981 FUSLA DUES

As you know, FUSLA operates on an extremely limited budget. Therefore, it is essential that the 1981 dues of \$12.00 per person is received as soon as possible. Dues will be gladly accepted by the FUSLA Treasury Chairman, Gary Reedy. Checks may be mailed to Gary at:

1291 Old Ranch Road  
Camarillo, CA. 93010

Your prompt response will be appreciated.

## FEBRUARY STUDY GROUP ACTIVITIES

<u>AREA</u> <u>CONTACT</u>	<u>MEETING DAY &amp; TIME</u> <u>PHONE</u>	<u>(FORMAT)</u> <u>&amp; 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 The <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	Mondays @ 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.)

ATTENTION: The MONITOR is beginning a new policy of making no change in the Study Group listings without prior notification by study group leaders. Deadline for notice changes is the 10th of each month. Thank you.

-- Editor



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