

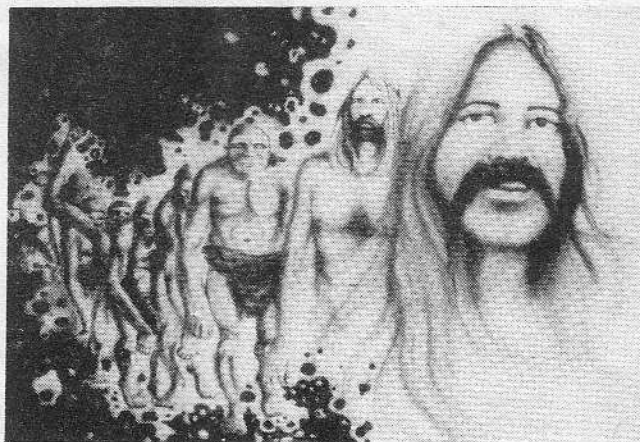


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NEWSLETTER of the FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY of LOS ANGELES



## GENETICS—INGENIOUS EVOLUTION

Sunday, May 2, Kermit Anderson will present "Nature vs. Nurture: The Role of Heredity in Planetary Evolution." As a genetic counselor, Kermit is very knowledgeable in the field of genetics. He intends to present his synthesis of contemporary clinical genetic practice and those concepts as revealed in *The URANTIA Book*. We will explore what is going on in the field of human genetics today attempting to unify these ideas with what we learn from *The URANTIA Book*. *The URANTIA Book* speaks much about heredity and its role in human development. Genetics is a controversial topic in our time, with many people searching for understanding. It is our hope that Sunday's presentation will provide some new light.

In terms of preparation, Kermit suggested studying heredity in relation to character development. Also, please reread paper 52, *Planetary Mortal Epochs*, and be familiar with the purpose of the Adamic bestowal and its repercussions.

The optional prayer time will be from 1:00 to 1:30 with the program beginning at 2:00. There will be ample time for questions and discussion, so please come with minds attuned. I look forward to an active, profound meeting.

Joanne Whitbread

## Quote of the Month

"One day while resting at lunch, about halfway to Tarentum, Ganid asked Jesus a direct question as to what he thought of India's caste system. Said Jesus: "Though human beings differ in many ways, the one from another, before God and in the spiritual world all mortals stand on an equal footing. There are only two groups of mortals in the eyes of God: those who desire to do his will and those who do not. As the universe looks upon an inhabited world, it likewise discerns two great classes: those who know God and those who do not. Those who cannot know God are reckoned among the animals of any given realm. Mankind can appropriately be divided into many classes in accordance with differing qualifications, as they may be viewed physically, mentally, socially, vocationally, or morally, but as these different classes of mortals appear before the judgment bar of God, they stand on an equal footing; God is truly no respecter of persons. Although you cannot escape the recognition of differential human abilities and endowments in matters intellectual, social, and moral, you should make no such distinctions in the spiritual brotherhood of men when assembled for worship in the presence of God."

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: THE PASSING OF THE TORCH

I cannot remember a time when so many of us have shared such similar experiences of redirection and turmoil. We are on the shores of the waters of adversity. And thanks to the many prayers for Guidance and Wisdom, we have crawled out of many cocoons of doubt and procrastination. Life on the spiritual path is definitely not a spectator's sport. Leaving our deepest faith footprints in the sand and no longer questioning the temperature of the water, we know we must take the plunge.

We begin by getting our feet wet. And we remember the Master who has washed our feet already with his compassionate Heart of Love and Forgiveness. We enter into the waters of adversity, and as we follow the Master we help one another and live the meaning of the New Commandment. We learn to believe and we believe until we are embraced by the very faith of our soul. Then we know that the Kingdom of Heaven is truly Within. We feel and we know we are divinely LOVED . . . muddy feet and all. . .

In order to drink of this Love, be refreshed by this Love, and born again in this Love, we must *listen* to this Love and *give* this Love. And in so giving we are healed by this Love and can heal with this Love. To your 'enemy' . . . to the person who 'irritates' you . . . to the person who 'turns you off' . . . to the person you find yourself in the habit of criticizing . . . a new opportunity to Love when it isn't so easy.

But this is also a gift we must learn to give to ourselves . . . when we doubt . . . when we say "I cannot" or "I will not" . . . to the self that creates distances and feelings of separation instead of building bridges of peace and understanding . . . to the Judas who harbors hurts and grudges . . . to the self that is afraid . . . to the self that feels alone . . . let yourself *receive* Love. Let yourself *be* Loved.

The waters of adversity . . . the distance and time it takes to faith-sail in trust to the heart of the one loving Friend. Unlike Judas, who could never bring a personal problem to Jesus, give yourself the gift of trusting a friend and sharing a problem. For as we humble ourselves we experience the honesty of the soul child and another opportunity has been created for a Brother or Sister to Serve a friend and Love a friend as the Master does. And so the healing ministry of Michael continues. And we, as individuals, emerge as Faith-Sons and Daughters from the realms of quarantine and isolation that have plagued Urantia since the days of the Lucifer Rebellion.

We become as a child, fully loving and trusting in Our Father's Divine Watchcare and Guidance. We 'see' just how human we really are but we do not become downcast from this realization. For when we "listen" to the Guidance from deep within, far past the echoes and endless hallways of a worresome mind, we receive a message of Peace, Joy, Faith, and Promise. And we Feel God's Love! In time, deeper in to the waters of adversity, we will learn not to despair. We will learn with a new mind and Love with a new heart.

The waters of adversity . . . the journey through a planet of imperfections and obstacles. The journey through a mind of doubts and emotional hurricanes. We follow the Light first glimpsed by our Faith-vision and we continue until we contact the Peace-emanations which awaken our soul's consciousness of the Indwelling Presence. We are silently led into the communion of Worship. And there, in Silence and in Light, the Torch is passed and we receive our 'commission' to take this Light out into the very world which still suffers from the miscarriage of two epochal revelations. And so we are the healers, the makers of Peace and bearers of Light. We minister as we are being ministered to. Man and Woman, Angel and Adjuster, Father and Son and Spirit . . .

In Friendship & Brotherhood,

Vince Ventola

## FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM HELD

Julia Fenderson hosted the first Friday Night Forum discussion group at her home on February 19. Though the turnout was small, those present gained a much clearer insight into the problems involved in getting *The URANTIA Book* translated into other languages. Duane Faw, who sits on the Brotherhood Executive Council as head of the Judicial Committee, fielded the many questions of the group with openness and candor. It was learned that the Finnish translation has been completed, and this will go out to our brothers and sisters behind the Iron Curtain. Funding for this endeavor came from the private sector. A great deal of effort is going forth from the Brotherhood and Foundation, mainly in the form of legal and copyright negotiations, to initiate approved French and Spanish translations. A Concordex in French is also being considered for approval.

We send our prayers for guidance from our unseen friends to all those involved in these endeavors.

Bruce Fiero

## ORANGE COUNTY HOSTS SECOND FORUM

I am delighted to report that FUSLA's second Friday Night Forum was an overwhelming success! Kermit and Jackie Anderson hosted the event and opened their doors to thirty of Orange County's incredibly energetic and insightful students of *The URANTIA Book*. Kermit's topic was the highly controversial subject of Genetics. Thoughts and feelings abounded as we all learned how easy it is to *misrepresent* or *misunderstand* what *The URANTIA Book* does and does *not* state. The evening was a feast for thought, and rest assured, Orange County, we will return!

At this writing we are all preparing to attend the April Forum on The Color Races, hosted by Dorothy Elder. It promises to be another high voltage evening, and we'll report on it in the next issue.

In the meantime you can prepare to attend the May Forum at the home of Roxy Alessandro and Bruce Fiero. The topic is The Origins of Personality and the issues surrounding birth control and abortion will be discussed. The date is May 14th at 7:30 p.m. Call Roxy and Bruce for information and directions at 822-2498.

Vince Ventola

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

—The 1982 Midwest Conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 4-6. For information contact: Irene Sprunger, 4109 Plaza Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46806 (219) 745-4363.

—The 1982 Southwest Regional Conference, sponsored by the Tulsa Study Group of the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma, will be held July 30, 31 and August 1, in Canadian, Oklahoma. For information contact: C.L. & Eva Van Sant, 142 SE Rockwood, Bartlesville, OK 74003, (918) 333-7675.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,

Thank you for sending me *The Monitor*. It was an excellent issue. I especially appreciated your President's Message. It was well balanced, in my opinion, and spiritually to the point, which is essential.

I also read that on February 19 there will be a Friday Night Forum meeting, in which the French translation will be discussed. As I have a special interest in this subject, I should appreciate it very much if you could supply me with a survey of that discussion. On the other hand, if you should feel a need for information from me, I'll gladly give it to you.

Cordially,  
Henry Begemann,  
The Netherlands

Dear Roxy and Bruce,

Just wanted to send my thanks to you and all the other fine folks at FUSLA who worked so hard to make *The Monitor* all that it is. I believe it is, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the most beautiful and substantive newsletter I have even seen. I loved the old Ag of the decade past, and watched it grow with great pleasure. It saddened me deeply to see it come to an end. Somehow, though I have seen other newsletters from time to time, none have ever had the special flavor for me that the Ag contained. The Circles, from Texas, has at times approached it, but the Ag has never been equalled.

Now I have come to realize that the Agondonter never really died. It simply enshrouded itself in a cocoon, much as does the moth, and has now emerged as a new and far more beautiful creature. *The Monitor* is serious without being somber. The graphics are tremendous. I do want all of you associated with *The Monitor* to know that I think you are doing an unbelievable job.

Much love,  
Dick Prince, San Diego

Dear Roxy and Bruce,

My name is Erik Hassenbein and I'm a Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune North Carolina. I work for the base newspaper as a photo-journalist. I've been reading *The URANTIA Book* for a little over a year now and learn more every day.

I'm interested in hearing from as many groups as possible and I thought your group would be quite interesting, (being 3000 miles away) to hear from. The closest study group to me is almost 300 miles round trip. It's worth it, however, just to talk to other readers. There is no one else in my area.

I'd really like to hear about the study groups out there and how many people are regular comers to the group. How do you contact your study groups? Are you getting new people into the groups regularly? Being out in California, are the people out there pretty liberal in their ideas or is fundamental religion dominant?

Thank you for your time and I'd really like to hear from you in the future.

Cordially,  
Erik Hassenbein, North Carolina

(Editor's Note: We hope study group leaders will send Erik a note in answer to this plea for communication. Call us for his address. Please take a few minutes to do this small service for a lonely brother.)

## STONE AGE DISCOVERY CONFIRMS EARLY MAN'S RELIGIOUS LEANINGS

by Polly Friedman

In November 1981 a team of anthropologists found a religious sanctuary at El Juyo Cave in northern Spain dating from the stone age circa 14,000 B.C. The importance of this find was noted in the front page of the *Los Angeles Times* and in an article in *Science* 81 because it gives proven evidence of man's effort to depict a figure of God which is a supernatural statue carved in stone with a face half animal and half man. Leslie G. Freeman, professor of anthropology at the University of Chicago comments:

"Here we've got religious behavior way before cities or even agricultural villages. These remote ancestors were much more complex socially than we have previously thought."

The site of the cave could not have been altered within the last 13,000 years because it was hermetically sealed by a rock fall, and water turned the rocks to cement. The sanctuary was left completely intact.

Up to now scientists have thought of these early people as being only cave dwellers who were primarily hunters with little or no civilization. *The URANTIA Book* explains that by the year 15,000 B.C. the Adamites had dispersed throughout Europe—in fact the early Adamic migrations ended about this time. There were now more descendents of Adam in Europe and Asia than in Mesopotamia. The European blue races were infiltrated with this stock. Southern Europe (of which Spain is a part) was occupied by a blend of Andonite and Sangik people (orange, green and indigo) with a sprinkling of Adamite.

The first great Andite migration took place about 15,000 B.C. spreading throughout Europe, and it is possible that this major influence also had reached Spain by 14,000 B.D. As the Andites poured out of Mesopotamia, they strengthened the surrounding peoples bringing humor, adventure, agriculture, animal domestication and manufacture to the areas they settled. Their presence also improved the religious beliefs and practices of the time!

It is not at all surprising that anthropologists have found evidence of civilization and worship and of ritual (other than those relating to burying of the dead) which goes back this far. Certainly we can look forward to more amazing discoveries as other complex societies are unearthed which prove the existence of tribes more advanced for their time than historians can now imagine.

\* For further information see Paper 78, p. 868-877, *The URANTIA Book*.

### **A SIMPLE PRAYER**

Lord: Teach me the wisdom of your gentleness,  
to be ruled by heavens decree,  
to raise a hand to no man,  
Yet struggle to make him free.  
Le me stand firm as I turn the other cheek  
Trusting in the rules that win  
Teaching a spiritual principle  
With no room for anger or chagrin.  
Let me always praise Thy Holy Name  
And bless your every gift  
Teach me to say the kindly word  
The poor in spirit to uplift.  
Though chaos may snarl my every path  
Heavenward I'll gaze and wonder  
How you took time to give me life  
And forgive my every blunder.

*Roger J. Abdo*

### **SERVICE ORIENTED MEMBERS PLACE BOOKS**

Our warm thanks and appreciation to Dick Ziglar who contacted nine libraries and succeeded in placing new copies of *The URANTIA Book* furnished by the Brotherhood in Chicago. Jonathon Johnson has informed us that he has placed 2 books in the past few weeks. This is one of the most important services anyone may participate in. The more books we get out where people can see them, the sooner our planet will become a nicer place to be.

All you have to do to place a book is contact your nearest library or book store and ask them if they have the book available. If not, and they are interested, you can then contact our Book Committee headed by Polly Friedman (213/880-5943) and Janelle Balnicke (213/799-3592) and they will gladly assist you in making the books available.

# PORTRAITS



A wife, a mother, a widow; an educator, a counselor, an authoress. These roles have all been successfully fulfilled as a part of the experiences of a beautiful personality whom many of us know as just "Julia."

When asked how best may she really be described, we might turn to page 999:8 of *The URANTIA Book* where we find this passage: "Do not be so slothful as to ask God to solve your difficulties, but never hesitate to ask him for wisdom and spiritual strength to guide and sustain you while you yourself resolutely and courageously attack the problems at hand." This in itself is a

cameo of Julia's inner life.

During her 43 years of devoted service to the URANTIA movement she always rose above the oftentimes dark clouds of personal problems to the upper strata of spiritual sunlight and reflected this warmth to everyone, without exception, in her sphere of personal and social endeavor.

Julia's real mission in life began long before the *URANTIA Papers* ever appeared in book form. She was introduced to this great epochal revelation by Dr. Sadler, and her intense interest matured quickly into a devotion which has enhanced her life ever since.

Julia's resumé or personal accomplishments can only be done justice in printing space much larger than the PORTRAITS page in the MONITOR. Her working tools in the field of education, which has been her lifelong specialty, are numerous degrees, honors, awards and memberships in the many Educational Faculties; and in passing it should also be noted she was voted President Emeritus of the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles—a distinct honor bestowed upon her for long and dedicated service.

As a successful authoress she has to her credit many national publications. "The Other Side of the Screen," "Big Navajo Medicine," "The Reading Box," are only a few that are typical of her interests and writing style. More are in process for 1982.

One of Julia's greatest personal joys are two sons, both professionals; one a medical doctor, the other a publisher. Both are raising families of fine children to her delight.

In the course of her interview the question was asked if there was anything in particular she wished to share with our MONITOR readers. She related and affirmed the following:

"One time at a public gathering I was suddenly asked by the very eminent speaker and leader: 'Julia, what is your personal religious belief?'

"I was taken aback but thought very carefully and here follows my reply:"



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### I BELIEVE

"I believe that we are sons and daughters of a loving Father who cares for us. I believe that all men and women are my brothers and sisters and that I am to love and serve them.

I believe that unselfish love and service are the greatest things in this world.

I believe in the progressive evolution of my soul Godward.

I believe in the wonder of it all—that truth, beauty, and goodness equal love.

I believe that Jesus came to show us the way—the Father's will.

I believe that I must continually choose that way, the Father's will, in every act of my life.

I believe that if I have faith, I will have eternal life.

I believe that someday I will attain Paradise and stand face to face with my Father in heaven.

I believe that all this long training and growth will enable me to someday serve, in joy, on worlds not yet born."

The foregoing might be thought of as the finishing touch on a beautiful portrait, but from what we have learned about Julia, we suspect it to be just the beginning.

—Dick MacDonald

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## FUSLA SERVITALS

—Vince Ventola (213) 396-9180, really needs volunteers to find a new meeting place for FUSLA meetings. Our present location is very inconvenient for Orange County readers to get to, and their attendance has fallen off. This service would be greatly appreciated by FUSLA, and would only entail a few hours of your time. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see our Orange County brothers and sisters at FUSLA meetings again! Won't some of you *please* do this service for the brotherhood of believers? Call Vince to coordinate time.

—Bryan Soderberg (213) 838-3215, needs people to help program the computer. The list of readers grows and changes, and the computer must be updated constantly. FUSLA will be the first Society to have accomplished the task of putting our entire known readership—worldwide—on computer, so all volunteers on this project will really be a part of the cutting edge of the future! Call Bryan to schedule time.

—A "606" Crossword Puzzle, approved by the URANTIA Foundation, is available to readers at *no charge*. This puzzle is based on *The URANTIA Book*, and also comes with answers. It has artwork and poetry surrounding it, and was created by Stephen Sawyer as a gift and learning tool for fellow Agondonterers. Write or call him at: Stephen Sawyer, R.R. 3 Box 297-A, Versailles, KY 40383; (606) 873-7000 to obtain a copy. Study group leaders might be especially interested.

—The Domestic Extension Committee of the URANTIA Brotherhood has 225 *URANTIA Books* for placement in libraries. If you wish to help with this worthy project, all you have to do is fill out the following:

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- ( ) I am not able to help with the project at this time.

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(Please Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

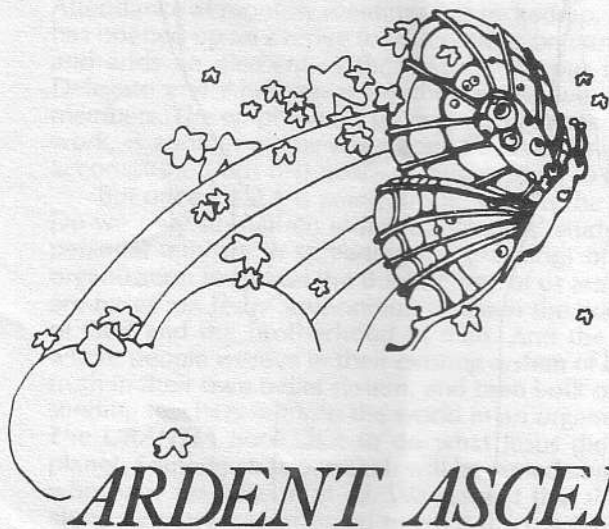
If you are able to help, please give us your current telephone number in case we need to call you. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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2322 N.W. 19th  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73107

All that is involved is making a visit to your local library and telling them you are an unpaid volunteer. Offer them *The URANTIA Book* at a 40% discount, a library rate of \$20.40 each. Most libraries will be happy to purchase it. If not, offer it to them for free. If you volunteer, two *URANTIA Books* will be sent to you for placement; if you have not placed them within 30 days, send them back. Call Tom at (405) 525-0918 for more information.

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—The Hospitality Chairman, Lori Long (213) 255-1375, has been officially appointed as the contact person for FUSLA for all out of town visitors. Any reader planning to visit Los Angeles should call Lori in advance, if possible, and arrangements for get-togethers, housing, etc. will be made.



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## ARDENT ASCENT

### MEMBERSHIP CLASSES BEGIN

The Membership Committee has received nine applications for membership in FUSLA. The Governing Committee has approved beginning the orientation classes. Duane Faw has announced that the first class will center on the history and philosophy of URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood. As soon as all prospective class members have agreed upon a meeting date this first session will be arranged. The second meeting will explore the organization of the URANTIA Movement at all levels and the third will include a rap session on What the URANTIA Book means to Me and My Life for all class members.

Lucile Faw 456-9708 or 456-6401 (wk.) will answer questions and schedule classes.



"But long before reaching Havana, these ascendant children of time have learned to feast upon uncertainty, to fatten upon disappointment, to enthuse over apparent defeat, to invigorate in the presence of difficulties, to exhibit indomitable courage in the face of immensity, and to exercise unconquerable faith when confronted with the challenge of the inexplicable. Long since, the battle cry of these pilgrims became: 'In liaison with God, nothing - absolutely nothing - is impossible.'"

## EDITORIAL

We are at the six-month mark of our year of service as Publications Chairmen, and it seems like the time has flown by. The midway point, for us, is a good place to take a deep breath and review our progress in FUSLA. But before we review our growth to date, we must really restate our goals. Let us first stress, however, that the objectives we set down in this column are strictly our own opinions, and not those of FUSLA or the Governing Committee. The questions we raise here are really the vision of the future as dreamed by Roxy and Bruce; some of our dreams are reality now, and some may become real long after we leave URANTIA. But we'd like to share them with you anyway—and please feel free to disagree or add your thoughts to ours in *your column*, "Letters to the Editors."

The first thing we want to accomplish is to make FUSLA a living, energetic, and vital organization once again. We wanted our members and readers in Los Angeles to participate more in FUSLA, to feel that this really is *your* Society. And we think this is happening. Starting with a *Monitor* which communicates as much vital information to readers as possible, and in turn, invites feedback, we see readers taking an interest again in FUSLA. Attendance at monthly meetings has picked up, and the addition of "Friday Night Forums" has opened up an avenue for discussions on controversial topics from *The URANTIA Book*, and adds an element of the "world" to our study. Membership input to our Triennial Delegate and Alternate is another innovative step in expanded participation for FUSLA members. The emphasis on service, through encouraging readers to volunteer for committee work, is another element we applaud. We think that by the end of this year we will have accomplished our first goal—getting readers to become active in FUSLA.

But once FUSLA is going strong, what is the next frontier? Do we only serve ourselves? Do we only strengthen individual readers' study of *The URANTIA Book* and rely on their personal ministry in spreading the teachings of *The URANTIA Book*? Do we work as an organization to spread the Book? None of us are really sure. But our thoughts on the future are based on Jesus' admonition to teach the good news of the kingdom—the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. And the way Jesus taught was by beginning with where people were at in their existing system of beliefs; he reinforced the spiritual kernel of truth in their own belief system, and then built on it. We think that someday FUSLA will be sending teachers out into the world in an organized fashion, not only to turn people on to *The URANTIA Book*, but to do what Jesus did—raise the spiritual consciousness of the planet. Someday our outreach will be aimed at people who never think about God, people who have no religion at all. We suspect that there are millions of people in this country alone who are embarrassed to even discuss God. And to reach these people, FUSLA will have to set up a system designed to teach our own readers where the world is at spiritually. We will have to train readers to find the truth contained in *The URANTIA Book* in other places and other sources that are more palatable to a society which is by and large estranged from spirituality. Sources like the arts, films, television, the sciences, etc.—and we will build on these partial truths to uplift the values of the average people we come into contact with "as we pass by." We might never mention God at all, but we *will be preparing* the way for him, and for *The URANTIA Book* as well. The way that Family of God (FOG) up in Berkeley is a bridge to the organized religions, FUSLA can be a bridge to our brothers and sisters who have abandoned religion. And these bridges will someday make people more receptive to *The URANTIA Book*—for someday the Fifth Epochal Revelation will be known to our entire planet. FUSLA can be a pivotal factor for *The URANTIA Book* to be welcomed with joy by the world, rather than rejected out of hand and attacked by people who may be frightened by it because they are unfamiliar with the concepts it contains. We can pave the way *now*. And in this way, FUSLA, as an organization, will play a role in our planet's slow, but sure, march toward "light and life," by planting spiritual seeds here in the "heart of the beast" that is Los Angeles. Someday, our "soldiers of the circles" will march into cocktail parties and business meetings and political rallies, etc.—armed not with quotes from the Bible or *The URANTIA Book*, but with casual conversation on the latest movies or music or books—and we will highlight the highest spiritual truths found in our pop culture. And then the Spirit of Truth will ring loud and clear for thousands of people in Los Angeles, for people who never thought much about God before, and they will want to know more! Will we be ready to tell them more? This is *our* dream for the future of FUSLA. Do any of you also share in this vision?

With love and hope,  
Roxy and Bruce



by Lorrie Shapiro

One of the longest standing study groups in the Los Angeles area is held every other Thursday night at Dick MacDonald's house in the San Fernando valley. This group has been meeting consistently at this location for the last five years, and is actually an offshoot of a group that began 15 years ago!

Dick's group studies the book topically. They have currently finished a study on the Evolution of Religion encompassing 7 or 8 of the papers in The URANTIA Book. Their next topic of study will be papers 194, 195, and 196 - Bestowal of the Spirit of Truth, After Pentecost, and The Faith of Jesus. There is no one study group leader in Dick's group; rather, volunteers rotate by making a presentation on a paper and then moderating the discussion. The next moderator will be Ray Caliguiri.

A solid core of 9 people are at the heart of this biweekly forum. But, in my personal experience with this group, the number attending can run as high as 20. Each meeting begins with a short group meditation, a centering technique that Dick says, "reminds us that when two or more are gathered together in Jesus' name, the Master is actually present," and keeps the lively discussions spiritually focused.

Readers from as far away as Lancaster, Ventura and Camarillo make the trek for the opportunity to study and discuss the teachings in this particular atmosphere. Undoubtedly, one of the reasons for this kind of dedication is the extremely stimulating and intellectual level of group give and take. I have personally found this group to be studying the Revelation in earnest and with clear thinking, as well as an ever-present spiritual attitude.

As Dick MacDonald sees it, "By some grace or another, we seem to maintain a high level of intellectual and spiritual balance." That truly says it all.

If you're interested in attending, call Dick for directions - (213) 343-3364. Remember . . . every other Thursday night at 8.

# CURRENT STUDY GROUP ACTIVITIES

AREA CONTACT	MEETING DAY, TIME & PHONE
Camarillo Gary Reedy	1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 PM (805) 484-2991
Malibu Duane & Lucile Faw	2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:30 PM (213) 456-9708
Anaheim Pierre Chicoine	Mondays @ 7:00 PM (714) 761-1565
Orange County Harley Eakins	Mondays @ 10:00 PM (714) 636-3371 / 636-1190
Anaheim Marlene Chicoine	Mondays @ 10:00 AM (714) 761-1565
North Hollywood C. & E. Montgomery Temporarily: Silverlake Dianna Rolfe	Mondays @ 8:00 PM (213) 763-6650  (213) 667-0618 / 384-6115
Orange City Jerry Lyle	Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM (714) 637-3065 / 633-2293
Santa Monica Vince Ventola	Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (213) 396-9180
Huntington Beach K. & J. Anderson	Fridays @ 8:00 PM (714) 894-5417
Van Nuys Dick MacDonald	Alternate Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (213) 343-3364
Hemet, CA Beverly J. Wold	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM (714) 927-1015
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**POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL  
PLEASE EXPEDITE**

**FUSLA MEETING LOCATION**

**PLACE:**

Central Federal Savings  
4464 Van Nuys Blvd.  
Sherman Oaks, California

**DATE:** May 2, 1982

**TIME:** 1:00-1:30 P.M.

Optional Group Worship  
2:00 P.M. Program

**ENTER:**

South side of building.

