

NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES for Urantia Book readers

OCTOBER 4th FSLA ELECTION INFO CHANGE IN FSLA MEETING LOCATION SLATED FOR SEPT. 13th MEETING

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Committee, Education Committee, Hospitality Committee, Finance Committee, Book Committee, Monitor Newsletter Committee. Now you've got the list. Please review it and consider serving on one of the above positions. Or maybe you know someone you think would be a great ___?___. Ask them to run and if they accept then you can nominate them from the floor Sunday, September 13, 1992. Or if they have said yes, and you cannot attend the September meeting ask them to please attend so they can be introduced as a candidate. Then call our Nominating Committee Chairperson Marlene Chicoine (714) 761-1565 with candidate's name and phone number so they can be added to the slate for the election date Sunday, October 4, 1992.

We fellowship all year in the loving spiritual sense and elections are always hard to get through, for most of us. But the above positions are filled each year with service-oriented readers who in offering to serve you, the members, help maintain our year's meetings, communication, funding, programming and feasting. So for 11 months we can fellowship thoroughly because we have confidence in our elected body of people. It is through each of us sharing that our love energy flows and we evolve as readers of The Urantia Book. In loving fellowship,
Marlene Chicoine

ROXY VENTOLA TO TALK ON "ANGELS" FOR SEPT. 13 MEETING!

They are all around us... they are with us constantly... as we drive to work, eat dinner, watch TV, argue with a friend, pray, do errands... they are even in our minds... and will be with us through eternity - guiding, comforting, watching, praying. Has "Big Brother" finally arrived on earth? In a benevolent way, yes. Who are they? The Angels! They are Angels... a gift from the Mother Spirit to us, her material children.

There are many types of Angels, and they all function in different areas. Find out who they are and what they do at the September 13th FSLA meeting at 2:00PM. Don't miss this important topic - Your entire ascension career could get a shot in the arm from it and boost you up a few rungs on the ladder of spiritual success. Roxy will also bring the FSLA Membership Book for those who weren't able to sign at the Induction meeting. Be there or be square!

"And do you not remember that I said to you once before that, if you had your spiritual eyes anointed, you would then see the heavens opened and behold the angels of God ascending and descending? It is by the ministry of the angels that one world may be kept in touch with other worlds, for have I not repeatedly told you that I have other sheep not of this fold?"

(Pg. 1841)

"They love human beings, and only good can result from your efforts to understand and love them."

(Pg. 419)

"The measure of the advance of society is directly determined by the degree to which public opinion can control personal behavior and state regulation through nonviolent expression. The really civilized government had arrived when public opinion was clothed with the powers of personal, franchise. Popular elections may not always decide things rightly, but they represent the right way even to do a wrong thing. Evolution does not at once produce superlative perfection but rather comparative and advancing practical adjustment."

(Pg. 802)

NEW FSLA MEETING LOCATION:

Unitarian Community Church - (Forbes Hall Entrance) - 1721 Arizona, Santa Monica, CA!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Winds of Change"



Dear Fellow FSLA Members:

Hopefully, everyone is having a great summer. The best news we've had all summer or for years, for that matter, has been the induction of 29 new members! Probably a record anywhere, for any society. Within FSLA and throughout the Urantia movement this is a season for much growth and excitement. At home, this summer we've had book fairs and beach parties. Coming up is the New Age Expo book fair, two or three different Jesus birthday parties and a spaghetti dinner/dance and auction. Also coming up are the October elections.

I can't underscore enough the importance of leadership involvement in our society at this time. It would be a wonderful service

for any member, old or new, to get involved on the Governing Board in some capacity or on a committee. For each of the Committee Chairs (Education, Membership, Publications, Books, Hospitality) we need ideas, new thinking and new energy.

Our true call is to disseminate the teachings of The Urantia Book. What better way than to pool our resources as individuals in a group and provide a dynamic force for education and service. There is no reason The Urantia Book can't be read in study groups, all over the country, like the Course In Miracles and other spiritual teachings. This has to do with us and our membership in what now is a larger, dynamic group than we've had in many years. Most members I've talked to feel the need for change.

We are looking for a new meeting place as well. If anyone has suggestions of new centrally located, reasonably priced places to meet, please let one of the officers at the next meeting know. Let's continue to make this the most exciting year of outreach yet.

On the national and international levels, the Fellowship is growing and evolving. There is a committee to redesign the constitution to make it more inclusive. The FLOWERS program

(which I recently sent you) is a wonderful tool to stimulate outreach and Society-Fellowship interaction.

On a philosophical level there is an undercurrent of great excitement regarding the experiential consciousness of the soul and morontia realities. Steve Dreier will be speaking on this subject at the School of Meanings and Values seminar in October. He gave us permission to reproduce a letter he wrote me discussing this amazing new way of thinking and experiencing reality. Look for this in the next issue of The Monitor. There is so much to learn and to be thankful for.

With Love,
Lyn Lear

"A surviving cult must symbolize that which is permanent in the presence of unceasing change; it must glorify that which unifies the stream of ever-changing social metamorphosis. It must recognize true meanings, exalt beautiful relations, and glorify the good values of real nobility." (Pg. 966)

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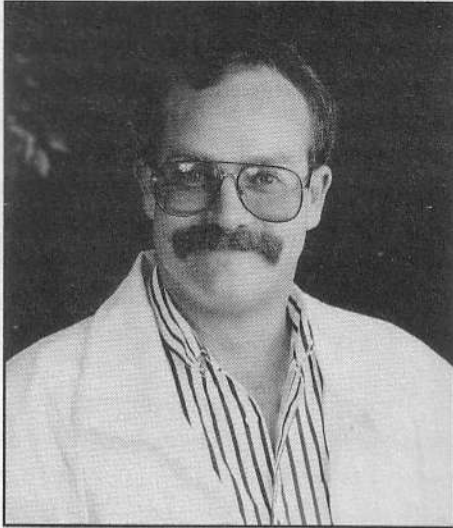
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EDITOR'S CORNER

"Is The Urantia Book Necessary?"



"The time is ripe to witness the figurative resurrection of the human Jesus from his burial tomb amidst the theological traditions and the religious dogmas of nineteen centuries."

(Pg. 2090)

In observing the Urantia Movement over the years and its professed goals of furthering an enhanced revelation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, I feel that this question opens an arena of thought that must be considered most carefully. Before we set out to proselytize our faith to the masses, the foundations of our faith must be anchored properly otherwise our course will be a recipe for misfortune.

In answering this question we must take a hard, objective look at our methods in the past, present and future to gain a true picture of our potential. Most of us have experienced several times a rejection of The URANTIA Book when our enthusiastic attempts at sharing it with strangers, friends and even family have proved ineffective in *converting* their faith to ours. We have learned that this *revolutionary* technique almost consistently fails to open the minds and hearts of our brothers and sisters to the revealed truth we offer them. Thus, it follows that the *evolutionary* technique is superior in every way in guiding new believers to the more

spiritually mature truths revealed in The URANTIA Book. But, is The URANTIA Book a prerequisite for the spiritual enlightenment of our world? Is the study of the Book itself **required** for our fellowship to be successful?

All of our current readers have a deep respect and affection for the teachings contained in The URANTIA Book. This is undeniable. It is only human to base our faith on its information when we feel that all other sources on our planet lack the clarity and scope it has to offer. But we must remember that true Jesusonian philosophy, religion and faith is **inclusive** not **exclusive**. We must keep this in mind when we formulate our Movement's strategy for effective promulgation of its teachings. Just as we have evolved from a religion *about* Jesus to a religion *of* Jesus, does it not seem likely that our Movement must be based *of* The URANTIA Book rather than *about* it?

"Every human being sooner or later acquires a certain concept of this world and a certain vision of the next. Now it is possible, through personality association, to unite these views of temporal existence and eternal prospects. Thus does the mind of one augment its spiritual values by gaining much of the insight of the other. In this way men enrich the soul by pooling their respective spiritual possessions. Likewise, in this same way, man is enabled to avoid that ever-present tendency to fall victim to distortion of vision, prejudice of viewpoint, and narrowness of judgment. Fear, envy, and conceit can be prevented only by intimate contact with other minds. I call your attention to the fact that the Master never sends you out alone to labor for the extension of the kingdom; he always sends you out two and two. And since wisdom is superknowledge, it follows that, in the union of wisdom, the social group, small or large, mutually shares all knowledge." (Pg. 1776)

In the humble opinion of your editor,

I feel that it would be wisdom indeed on our part to open our Movement to all comers, all faiths and all peoples regardless of exposure or belief in The URANTIA Book itself. We already know that it's "not for everyone," but when we find a brother or sister who is drawn to us, for whatever reason, should we *compel* them to buy and read The URANTIA Book? Do we feel in some fashion that our belief *requires* this kind of validation? Rather let us take the more courageous path of true and wholehearted Jesusonian acceptance of our fellows, heedless of their respect for or belief in The URANTIA Book and rely on our Father's spirit and our own "moral fragrance" to eventually persuade their future recognition of its significance. The manner in which we make use of the "tool" given us (The URANTIA Book) in gathering new believers to the Kingdom must be subtle, non-confrontive, inclusive and unified. Those among us who have surpassed the mere "intellectual" level of the Book's content and actually merged its teachings into their everyday lives will serve as the best possible examples to those who would become a part of our Movement, with or without the Book to support them. We must always remember that the life of Jesus portrayed in The URANTIA Book, not the Book itself, should ever be the focus of our efforts.

I have faith in the instructions Jesus gave His apostles for dealing with the populace while spreading His gospel, "be you wise as serpents, as harmless as doves." (Pgs. 1580, 1584, 1800, 1930). I can only hope that our Movement will heed this advice of Jesus and enable our faith to effectively share His matchless personality and His loving revelation of the Father to us.

I pray we are worthy of His supreme challenge to truly become bearers of His "light to the world."

Doc Livingston
8/18/92

FSLA ELECTION INFORMATION

PURPOSE: *The purposes of FSLA are the study and dissemination of the teachings of The Urantia Book; the inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man in order to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness and well-being of man as an individual and as a member of society through the medium of fraternal association, ever obedient to the laws of this country and to the regulations of Fifth Epochal Fellowship (FEF).*

ELECTION: The officers shall be elected by the Assembly of the Society at its Regular Annual Meeting and shall hold office for a term of one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The election of Officers shall be by secret ballot from candidates nominated for each office by a nominating committee appointed by the Governing Committee, or from the floor and a candidate receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be declared elected to the office for which he or she was nominated.

PRESIDENT: The President shall be the principal executive officer, shall preside at all meetings of the Assembly of the Society and of the Governing Committee, and shall have such other powers as may from time to time be conferred or imposed by the By-Laws of this Society or by the Assembly of the Society, or by the Governing Committee.

VICE-PRESIDENT: In the event of the inability of the President to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President in his or her place or stead, and shall perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as may from time to time be imposed by the Governing Committee and the President.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep and preserve the records of the

meetings and proceedings of the Assembly of the Society and of the Governing Committee, shall keep and preserve the official record of the members of this Society, shall have the power to certify to the correctness of any copies of records in his or her custody and possession, and shall perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as may from time to time be imposed by the By-Laws. In the event of the inability of both the President and Vice-President to act, the Secretary shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President. If no Assistant Treasurer is elected then the Secretary shall serve as the Assistant Treasurer.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be the principal officer and shall have general supervision and control over the monies and properties of this Society, shall collect and receive all monies and properties due this Society, shall render reports to the President and Governing Committee at such times as either shall require, shall have the custody and control of, and shall preserve financial and property records of this Society, and shall render a full and complete final report on the financial affairs of this Society and the conduct of his or her office at the Regular Annual Meeting of the Assembly of the Society. If no Assistant Secretary is elected then the Treasurer shall serve as the Assistant Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES: The Standing Committees of this Society are as follows:

(a) **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** This Committee shall pass upon the qualifications and eligibility of all candidates for membership in this Society. It shall have the final determination of the acceptance or of the rejection of all such candidates for membership in this Society, subject to the authority of the Governing Committee. It shall participate in the initiation of all members in accordance with this Constitution.

(b) **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** This Committee shall be concerned with the educational and informal activities under the guidance of the Governing Committee.

(c) **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:** This Committee shall be concerned with the social and fraternal activities of the Society. [Serving coffee and snacks at monthly meetings.]

(d) **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** This Committee shall assist the Treasurer in the handling of the financial affairs of the Society. The Treasurer shall, by virtue of holding that office, be the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

(e) **BOOK COMMITTEE:** This Committee shall be concerned with the donation and distribution of Urantia Books to appropriate public and private institutions and individuals and shall perform such other functions as the Governing Committee may from time to time determine, provided those functions are consistent with the primary responsibility of the Committee.

(f) **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE - NEWSLETTER (MONITOR):** This Committee shall be responsible for the publication of a newsletter, subject to review and supervision by the Governing Committee or its designates.

DUES: Members shall pay dues in such amounts and frequencies as may be proposed from time to time by the Governing Committee and approved by a majority vote of the Assembly of the Society. Dues may be waived in whole or in part by the Governing Committee upon receipt and favorable consideration of a member's written request for waiver of dues based on financial hardship. [Dues are \$24 and due on or before September 13, 1992.]

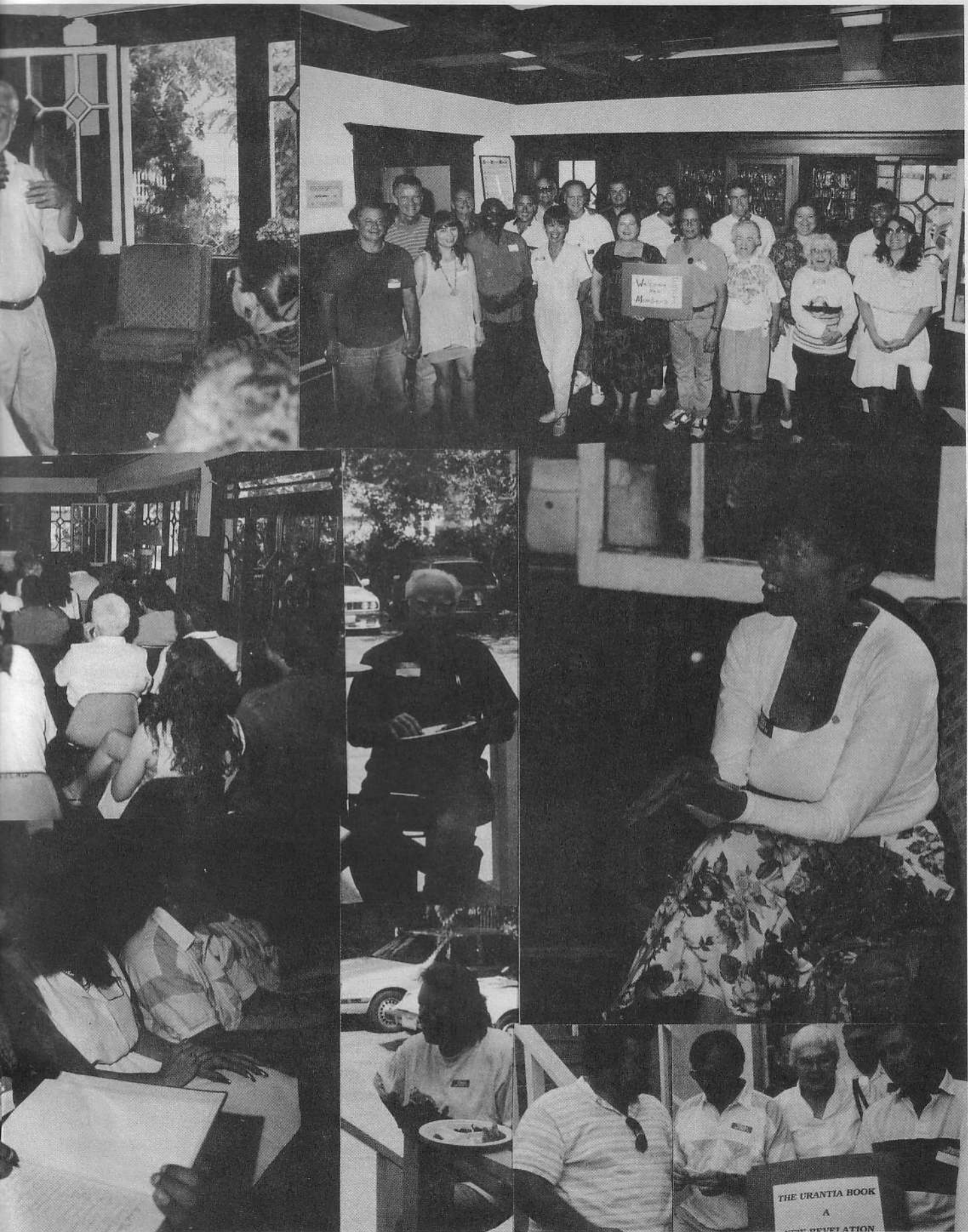
Quoted from the FSLA Constitution.



Membership Chairperson, Roxy Ventola gave an absorbing and enlightening orientation at her home. All who shared this unique briefing on FSLA and the Urantia Movement were aware of a sense of historic progress and elevated spirit energy at the meeting. The origins of the Book and a complete chronicle of the significant events from the Forum to FSLA's current status was covered in depth. Congratulations to Roxy for a brilliant presentation.



On Sunday afternoon, August 2, 1992 at 2 p.m. FSLA welcomed the newest addition to the family -- 29 new members! Robert Aponte, Ernest Barbosa, Betty Bright, Albert Brink, Robert Burns, Beatrice Chamberlain, Howard Christensen, Gerald Dalton, Douglas Daniels, Stephen Ferrini, Ed Healy, Mae Hi, Patricia Kurtz, Robert Lawson, Joan Levine, Joe Levine, Margaret Livingston, Dali Moyzes, Milan Moyzes, Lisa Nelson, Lobo Nelson, Richard Omura, Gordon Pipes, V. Mike Rayl, Cheryl Smiley, John Spillane, Janice Spirito, Suzanne Stokes-Mennine and Frank Wall. The new members stood together up front, en



masse, for the induction ceremony which was beautifully written and presented by Roxy Ventola. There was such an air of fellowship, love, spiritual acceptance, and unity, it was apparent to everyone in attendance. How beautiful, progressive and inspiring it was to be a part of this momentous occasion, What an exciting sharing for each of us. With so many new members, the FSLA fellowship will surely be experiencing new energy in the coming year. A special thank you to our great photographers Janelle Balnicke and Milan Moyzes for the terrific photos we're sharing.

Cheryl Smiley



FSLA guest Minister Ann Garner gave a brief and uplifting message to the audience on "Looking Forward To The Future With Great Joy," as the Father's plan is in action and above all else we must live with this knowledge and never lose hope. Ann has been traveling all over the country and visiting many study groups. She plants the Urantian seeds in some of the most challenging soil (like preachers, pastors and priests from Catholic to Christian fundamentalists). She is an inspiration to all who have met her as well as Urantia Book readers. We wish to thank you, Ann, come back again soon.

FUNDRAISER CANCELED! FSLA NEEDS YOUR HELP, NOW!

Because of circumstances beyond our control, it has been decided to cancel the sizable expense of the FSLA fundraiser in favor of some direct donations by the membership to our treasury.

Like our nation's economy, our FSLA treasury is in serious straits. Funds are needed now for our Publication's Committee if you wish to continue receiving the Monitor and if we intend to implement any outreach, gatherings or conferences in the months to come, you must rise to the occasion. The time has come for all brothers and sisters to come to the aid of their Society! Perhaps it is time to point out a contemporary detail: the need for dynamic leadership in FSLA. Your vote in our upcoming election should be cast for every office with this in mind. FSLA needs 'second-milers' now more than ever.

We must capitalize on our Southern Californian population potential. We live in one of the most densely populated areas in the country and I'm sure we haven't achieved awareness let alone readership in even 1% of the millions searching for what we have to offer. The primary function of FSLA is to enhance awareness of the teachings of The Urantia Book to those who have never heard of it and fellowship with those who have.

It is your vote and your donations that will empower FSLA to transcend the traditional with the contemporary with a more robust, intimate fellowship of members. To grow together across intellectual, religious, cultural and generational barriers and develop that inclusive fraternity of true believers who will take the time, go the extra mile, to become bearers of Michael's Light to a beleaguered world. To call ourselves worthy of the name Urantians, we have no other choice.

Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I like your technique of raising questions and answering them with a quotation from The Urantia Book. You are correct that spectacular events impact upon our social organizations that are built around The Urantia Book teachings.

In the August-September issue of The Monitor, you selected four events and followed them with quotations. The fourth event was the phenomenon of the teachers you referred to as "Hamites." One can gather from your quotation from page 1000 that you have concluded that what is viewed by some as divine inspiration may be the uprising of one's own deep mind. In this you are entirely correct, but there are other relevant quotations from The Urantia Book which may be equally appropriate. Among these quotations is the one pertaining to the strange preacher and the advice of Gamaliel to the Sadducees.

On page 1764 appears the story of the strange preacher who was casting out devils in the name of Jesus and John commanded him to stop. Jesus rebuked John by saying, "Forbid him not... in matters of this sort it would be better for you to reckon that he who is not against us is for us."

In Gamaliel's advice to the Sadducees (Pg. 2067) he said, "Refrain from these men and let them alone, for if this counsel or this work is of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God you will not be able to overthrow them, lest haply you be found even to be fighting against God."

In the long run these quotations may be the more appropriate ones for the "Hamites" than the ones you published.

Ed Healy

CHANNELING AND THE URANTIA MOVEMENT

Psychic or paranormal psychological phenomena variously referred to as extrasensory perception, channeling, spiritualism, mediumship, and activities of the marginal consciousness have been rather common throughout human history. Many years ago I made a study of these paranormal communications and found they varied in quality as widely as the capabilities of the human mind. Some of the psychic communications studied present verifiable factual knowledge for which scientists find no reasonable empirical explanation. The great bulk of this material, however, is demonstrably inaccurate and unreliable.

Since the publication of *The URANTIA Book*, there have been many claim by book readers of "special" channeling information or guidance. Some even claim *The URANTIA Book* came through a channeling process although the authors of the book deny the spiritual authenticity of channeling-mediumistic psychic phenomena (Pgs. 865,1646). Dr. William S. Sadler, leader of the group receiving the *Urantia Papers*, after listing every conceivable form of psychic phenomena (marginal consciousness), unequivocally declared: "The technique of the reception of *The URANTIA Book* in English in no way parallels or impinges upon any of the phenomena of the marginal consciousness."

Basic Error In Evaluation

The basic error in evaluating knowledge - especially psychic communication and revelation - is to look for verification in its source, author, claim, or 'authority'. There is a natural human desire for superior, unearned knowledge; we yearn for surety, a 'hot line' to higher guidance. This is the source of fundamentalistic, literalist, dogmatic thinking.

Claim or authority, however, is never a criterion of truth. The only road to truth is through earned, evolutionary, experience. We should always evaluate information by its content, not its claim or supposed source.

In our earned experience we have the highest resources to guide and verify our judgement: the Spirit of God (Thought Adjusters), the Spirit of Truth, and the Holy Spirit. Judgements must also be tested by personal experience, the experience of others, and time.

When measured by the earned, experiential standards over time, the value of channeled communication does not rate very high. We should not, however, allow fear or prejudice to prevent us from honestly and critically examining the content of information received through channeling. We should be open to carefully evaluating all types of knowledge.

A Specific Case

I recently examined recordings of 'Teachings of Ham' channeled to the Salt Lake Study Group. I found their general quality good. They are of the quality which I would expect from a creative, intelligent student of *The URANTIA Book*. While, in my judgement, they are not in the same league with *The URANTIA Book*, they are basically constructive and insightful.

There are a number of limitations to the above generalizations. I find no empirical-experiential evidence for the claim that the Lucifer rebellion has been adjudicated and that the system circuits are being opened. I question the claim of giving people their 'spiritual' names. The authors of *The URANTIA Book* tell us that we are given a new name only after fusion with our Thought Adjuster (Pg. 538). I further question the wisdom of this practice. Why is Rebecca more spiritual than Jan or Joshua more spiritual than Thern? This is the kind of technique used for controlling people through 'special' or secret knowledge. Many cults use such practices.

Ham discourages a member of the study group from taking an eight week summer course because he will miss these channeling sessions. Even the higher ranking authors of *The URANTIA Book* do not use this style of manipulative control. Why

would the Vicegerent Planetary Prince single out the Salt Lake Study Group for special attention as they were told? And through this special attention Ham tells them "you are... under... my direction." Group leadership and direction is a common practice, but I see in this kind of atmosphere the danger of acquiescing to uncritical manipulation.

Ham tells the group the spiritual center of the planet is Manitoba, Canada. This differs from the Chicago contact information designating it as the Grizzly Giant in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias in Yosemite National Park. When Ham is asked about Norson, he identifies him as a teacher which is markedly different than the Chicago contact information telling that Norson is the new 'take charge' planetary supervisor.

One wonders why people feel a need for channeling guidance which, historically, does not have a very good track record, when they have direct personal contact with much higher sources of truth: their Thought Adjuster, the Spirit of Truth, and the Holy Spirit? It seems to me that the study of *The URANTIA Book* would be superior to preoccupation with this quality of channeling information. I further see a danger in the possibility of giving the channeler undue respect as an authority figure which might bypass higher spiritual guidance. When this happens, cults are formed with a susceptibility to manipulative control.

The Bottom Line

The content of Ham's teachings is basically constructive and is no doubt helpful to some people. There are also those who have not summoned the courage and confidence to initiate outreach work who will do so when encouraged by channeling messages. At best such channeling activity can be a supplement to *URANTIA Book* study, guidance, and individual initiative; at worst it could be a substitute for it. We should always critically evaluate the quality of any kind of guidance.

Meredith J. Sprunger

BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT

"... I declare to you, except a man be born of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit...It becomes, then the duty of those who know the realities of the spirit to reveal these things to those who discern only the manifestations of the material world. But will you believe us if we tell you of the heavenly truths?" (Pg. 1602)

In this discussion with Nicodemus, Jesus reveals new information about the kingdom of God and our individual relationship to the spirit. Jesus says we must be born of the spirit first before we can enter into the kingdom. So what does this spirit birth entail? Is it simply faith in your sonship with God or can it be something distinct and glorious in and of itself? A "milestone" as it were in the life of each progressing mortal. It is my belief that this is the case.

In my life I have witnessed this "baptism of the spirit" many times in myself and in those around me and after deep reflection, I wholeheartedly believe in its reality, its ability to change lives and cause renewed dedication to the Father's will. Despite occasions when I have seen those that would attempt to use it for their own purposes of vanity or control, I know that it is real.

"...you should judge them by their fruits. If we proclaim to you the truths of the spirit, the spirit will witness in your heart that our message is genuine." (Pg. 1602)

Further insight into this phenomenon can be gained by a careful analysis of the steps of this spirit birth described by Jesus to Nicodemus. "And Nicodemus said: "But how can I begin to lay hold upon this spirit which is to remake me in preparation for entering into the kingdom?" Jesus answered: "Already does the spirit of the Father in heaven indwell you. If you would be led by this spirit from above, very soon would you

begin to see with the eyes of the spirit, and then by the wholehearted choice of spirit guidance would you be born of the spirit since your only purpose in living would be to do the will of your Father who is in heaven. And so finding yourself born of the spirit and happily in the kingdom of God, you would begin to bear in your daily life the abundant fruits of the spirit." (Pg. 1602)

Here we have it then. There are three steps that can be identified from the above passage that are signposts of this spiritual birth. First Jesus says, "If you would be led...". This implies that your initial desire to be led will begin to open

our eyes to this world of the spirit, but this is only the beginning. Jesus explains that this leads to step two: "...then by the wholehearted choice of spirit guidance would you be born of the spirit." The result of these two steps leads directly and unerringly to step three, the results: "...you would begin to bear in your daily life the abundant fruits of the spirit." It is this second step, the wholehearted choice of spirit guidance that I believe I have witnessed. I believe that it is an experience that every progressor will attain, must attain, on their road Godward.

Bob Lawson - 8/13/92

EVOLVING OUR GOVERNMENT

It is an election year for our nation as well as FSIA and I would like to ask all URANTIA Book readers to help advance planetary evolution by voting. As much fun as it is to contemplate the spiritual and cosmological truths of the book, there are also political suggestions presented in the papers. Paper 72, "Government on a Neighboring Planet," is a very important paper and an unusual one. Special permission was granted...

"...with the intent of advancing civilization and augmenting governmental evolution on Urantia." (Pg. 820)

Many of the ideas in this paper are not far distant visions that await the further spiritual evolution of our species - they are ideas that can be implemented now. For example: Our country suffers from a huge national debt. A large amount of our tax dollars goes to buy air - interest on the national debt. It has already been proposed to make it illegal for our country to go into debt, just like the Urantia book suggests on page 815. Vote for people who hold ideals that match those set forth in The URANTIA Book and vote out those people who do not.

Study this paper carefully. Trust it. Even if some of the ideas conflict with your long held biases, party doctrines or media influences: vote the way that aligns our planet most closely with the ideals suggested in this paper. Try and understand the benefits to our society that would result from the implementation of these ideals. Perhaps your study group might seriously discuss Paper 72 prior to the national election. Paper 72 covers topics that are discussed daily on the television news, from capital punishment to sex education and from taxation to national defense.

"These people are also beginning to foster a new form of social disgust - disgust for both idleness and unearned wealth." (Pg. 814)

This sentence brings to my mind the current feeling many Americans have for their current government. I feel certain that any study group taking on Paper 72 will result in a lively and profitable discussion. If any Urantia Book paper has the capability to challenge frozen thinking, this is one of them!

Stephen Beam

Southern California Study Group Listing

AREA	MEETING INFO	CONTACT	PHONE
ANAHEIM	Mondays @ 8:00PM	Pierre & Marlene Chicoine	(714) 761-1565
ARCADIA	Mondays @ 7:30PM	Hal & Lucille Kettell	(818) 447-1403
BURBANK	1st & 3rd Wed. @ 6:30PM	Jean Painter	(818) 841-3282
CALABASAS	Sunday (1 per mo.) 11AM	Polly Friedman	(818) 880-5943
HEMET	Mondays @ 9:30AM	Beverly Wold	(714) 927-1015
HUNTINGTON BEACH	Thursdays @ 7:30PM	Kermit & Jackie Anderson	(714) 894-5417
IRVINE	Tuesdays @ 8:00PM	Robert & Cindy Burns	(714) 724-1050
LOMPOC	Wednesdays @ 7:00PM	George Fledge	(805) 736-0320
MALIBU	Tuesdays @ 7:30PM	Duane & Lucile Faw	(310) 456-9708
PALM DESERT	Mondays @ 7:00PM	Ed Owen	(619) 346-5384
SAN DIEGO	Tuesdays @ 7:30PM	Dick & Cheryl Prince	(619) 270-6558
SAN DIEGO	Tuesdays @ 7:30PM	Phil & Nancy Calabrese	(619) 483-0135
SANTA BARBARA	Thursdays @ 8:00PM	Richard Niles	(805) 963-4174
SANTA BARBARA (Social)	1st Friday @ 7:30PM	Robert & Kari Lawrence	(805) 563-1011
SANTA MONICA	Wednesdays @ 8:00PM	John Mahaffey	(310) 829-2592
TORRANCE	2nd & 4th Thurs. @ 7PM	Dianne Bishop	(310) 542-1673
UPLAND	Alt. Tuesdays @ 7:30PM	Jacqueline Whitman	(714) 981-3020
VAN NUYS	2nd & 4th Wed. @ 8PM	Dick MacDonald	(818) 343-3364
WHITTIER	1st & 3rd Fri. @ 7:30PM	Stella Religa	(310) 698-2122

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

WORSHIP & THE INNER LIFE talk presented by Chick Montgomery awed the group. It was a great presentation and everyone wanted more but we ran over our 4 p.m. schedule and had to end. Chick will have to give us another session later.

REGARDING THE OPEN LETTER from the Grand Canyon Society on Kristen Maaherra (Letters To The Editor, August/September 1992): After discussion a Governing Board decision was made to refer the matter to the entire FSLA membership to determine whether to support Kristen as individuals or as a Society, as we are a group pledged to the dissemination of The Urania Book and the enhancement of our spirit-born self through fellowship.

Individuals who who would like to contribute to the most critical legal matter on our planet involving religious freedom, Please send your check or money orders to:

Kristen Maaherra - 3055 Corona Trail #303 - Boulder, CO 80301

DALI MOYZES OUTREACH PROGRAM still needs your \$upport. This international effort has already borne fruit for thousands in country's all over the world. Help it to keep on keeping on!

Send check or money order to Dali Moyzes - 6943 Hazeltine - Van Nuys, CA 91405

Dear Monitor Readers:

Your donations towards the Monitor support our ability to fellowship together and finance this monthly communication. In case you were wondering, the new format Monitor's average cost, inc. postage is approx. \$400.00 each. For all those who have not contributed; SEND \$\$, HELP! To those who have, you deserve a big "thank you" from all Monitor readers everywhere.

Editor

L.A. WHOLE LIFE EXPO RETURNS!

It's time for another exciting and spiritually stimulating weekend at the Whole Life Expo! The Jesusonian Foundation, the Fellowship and Los Angeles area Urantia Book readers are sponsoring The Urantia Book booth (A-418) this year and if last year's Expo was any indication, this year should be even better.

The Expo will take place at the LAX Hilton Convention Center (same as last year) on September 11-14 at 5711 West Century Boulevard. If you would like to volunteer to work the booth, there is a mandatory training session (plus, open discussion on other points of interest pertaining to outreach) to attend or if you've attended the booth training session in the past and would like to work the booth again this year, please call Robert McGaughey at (213) 487-8384 or write at 535 South Gramercy Place #604, Los Angeles, CA 90020 for further information.

It's going to be a fun weekend for all and an excellent opportunity for service. Hope to see you all there!

"In winning souls for the Master, it is not the first mile of compulsion, duty, or convention that will transform man and his world, but rather the second mile of free service and liberty-loving devotion that betokens the Jesusonian reaching forth to grasp his brother in love and sweep him on under spiritual guidance toward the higher and divine goal of mortal existence." (Pg. 2084)

Editor's Note: Even if you don't wish to actually work the booth at the Expo, try and make it. There are too many 'primed' people who attend not to make the effort. I like to float around and strike up a conversation with someone, peak their curiosity and then direct them to the booth. It's fun, easy and a way to make a difference at the convention. Let's all try to attend and work together to spread the news!

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FSLA MEETING

Sept. 13th, 1992 @ 2:00PM
Topic: "Angels" by Roxy Ventola
& nomination of FSLA Officers.

MAP TO SEPT. FSLA MEETING

