

GALA HOLIDAY ISSUE! FSLA ELECTION RESULTS - NOV 8 MEETING MO SIEGAL TO SPEAK ON NOV. 21!



FSLA elections brought forth another great governing board for 1993. The entire membership, which is growing every month now, all agree that a new highly motivated spiritual energy is present.

Congratulations to all the elected board members. Thank you for offering your service to our membership. The response of people signing up to help on committees has been overwhelming and the service they render through the year will aid FSLA to grow and create an atmosphere we all love to share in. Our fellowship and sharing together the teachings of The Urantia Book is a precious time for each of us to show support to one another. Its going to be a great year. Don't miss a meeting! Our new board and committee chairs are:

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(Wait! There must be some mistake! How did he get back in?)

Here on Urantia with the teachings of The Urantia Book we can see the light through all the darkness. Others need to know about the hope and promise to mortals that faith in the Father's direction is all it takes to find joy. It's not where you are but where you're going that matters, 'isn't life great!'

Our next FSLA meeting (Nov. 8th) is a discussion meeting moderated by our new FSLA Secretary, Cheryl Smiley on the topic of "Thanks - Thanksgiving - Service - Fellowship" so bring your book. This meeting will prepare you for the holidays. Participate and be aglow with the giving spirit of the Father.

We are having a potluck turkey dinner after the meeting. The eats are always great at our potlucks! The day will just be one you will not want to miss. See you there.

ONLY NOTICE!
JANUARY 1993
FSLA MEETING

SUNDAY - 1/10/1993
2pm - 6pm
Forbes Hall

Topic

"YOUR PERSONAL VALUES - HOW DO YOU LOOK AT YOURS?" by our new Treasurer, Robert Burns.

Start your New Year with new and healthy ideals to work with. See you there!

FSLA MEETING LOCATION FOR NOV 8th & JAN 10th
Unitarian Community Church - (Forbes Hall Entrance) - 1721 Arizona, Santa Monica, CA!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Angels, Mo and New Volunteers"



Dear Fellow Urantians:

I was so very sorry to miss the last meeting on September 13th. From all reports Roxy gave a beautiful talk on angels and many

of the new members showed up and brought much excitement and enthusiasm. Our angels must be working overtime these days as we are so blessed. Speaking of new members, I have a call in to Mo Siegal of the Boulder Colorado Society to come out here in November to give his famous 'Introduction to The Urantia Book' talk.

Mo and several other Boulder Urantians have developed many teaching aids, charts, posters, brochures, etc., specifically to introduce the Book to new readers. Mo is also a very dynamic teacher and speaker. The Boulder strategy has been quite effective as this area has become one of the hot beds of Urantia activity. They have used phone ads and all

sorts of activities we should learn about to get potential readers to meetings. Hopefully, I can set this up November 21st or after the first of the year. Then we can invite new readers and all the people we know who would be interested in learning about The Urantia Book. I bet we could get quite a large crowd. Los Angeles is ripe for a movement towards the Urantia teachings. We just have to put it out there.

It is wonderful news that so many people signed up for offices and committees. This next year will continue the growth in love and spirit we've experienced this year. See you in November.

With Love,
Lyn Lear

MO SIEGAL TO PRESENT AN INTRODUCTION TO THE URANTIA BOOK

If all goes as planned, the sun shines and the grass grows, Mo Siegal will offer an insightful look into methods and techniques for introducing The Urantia Book to new readers. With many years of experience, Mo will share his presentation of the Urantian philosophy to novices. Also Mo's wife, Jennifer Siegal will speak on the importance of establishing a Women's Corps for the Urantia Movement.

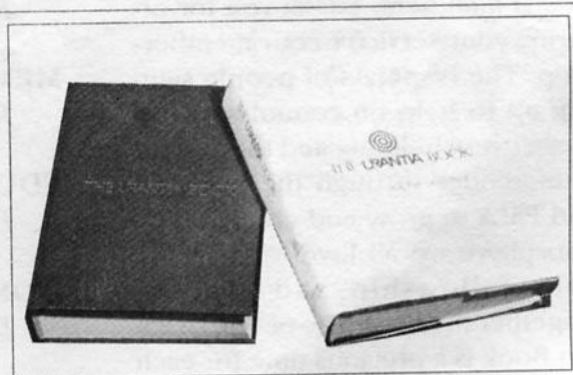
SPECIAL SEMINAR - SATURDAY, NOV. 21, 1992

First Society of Los Angeles and School of Meanings and Values present URANTIA BOOK INTRODUCTIONS and DOMESTIC OUTREACH DISCUSSION. Guest Speakers Mo and Jennifer Siegal. Be sure and invite all those new readers and non readers you know.

FOOD: Potluck of dips and desserts for snacking.

LOCATION: To Be Announced by Mailings

TIME: 1pm - 5pm.



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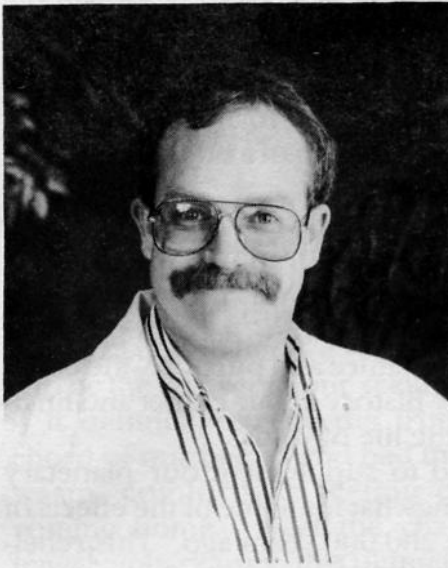
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EDITOR'S CORNER "God, Meet John Doe"



When talk of God emerges in conversation often John or Jane Doe feel a certain discomfort. This discomfort usually has its basis in the level of confusion resulting from the spiritual environment in which they were reared as opposed to the spiritual meanings and values they have absorbed experientially during the course of their lives. While this is a common phenomenon it still is seldom overcome by anything less than a 'baptism of the spirit' or what is described as a 'reawakening' of that person's individual spiritual nature.

Their mortal rationalizations have come up with religious stereotypes that a majority of Americans have bought into to provide a false 'comfort zone' between their spiritual indolence and the inherent responsibilities involved in the recognition of the Brotherhood of Man. "Love thy neighbor" has become nothing more than a simplistic and idealistic doctrine of weakness for those who are programmed by various elements of our present day society to believe that taking care of number one is the most important aspect of living. Yet not one mortal who has ever

followed this aberrant 'number one' belief system has attained anything but material success and the hollowness in their lives has never been filled due to the intrinsic unreality it contains.

The qualitative spiritual content of John or Jane Doe's mortal life is directly proportional to their awareness of the Father's will and the degree of their willingness to integrate this influence towards perfection in their life performance. This Source of all things eternal and good must be recognized by the individual in order for one to understand the nature and purpose in the lives they lead. This recognition, in turn, allows a mortal to commence and evolve a personal relationship with the Father which is essential to their attainment of eternal life.

From a global point of view there are many nations who practice a variety of different religions (Moslem, Hindu, Buddhist, etc.) that appear to have a more pervasive influence in the everyday affairs of living when compared with the 'undercover' role God has taken in America. It seems that the only people who 'talk God' on a regular basis are those who are perceived by the majority to be, more or less, 'fanatics' over their religion or religious 'sheep' who expect God to control everything and escape any personal responsibility for their half-hearted beliefs. "If evil there seems, understand the seeming."

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The Father should not only be God, but a familiar family friend, mentor and life partner to all who have perceived His love for them. In reality, there is no separation or isolation of Man from God.

Yet, due to mortal fears, peer pressures and unfounded animal insecurities, God seems to be far away. The wellspring of His spirit that surrounds all mankind appears to languish untapped and unused, while the fear that causes the doubts and insecurities is allowed to flourish. All this is but mere appearance however.

"At times I am almost pained to be compelled to portray the divine affection of the heavenly Father for his universe children by the employment of the human word symbol love. This term, even though it does connote man's highest concept of the mortal relations of respect and devotion, is so frequently designative of so much of human relationship that is wholly ignoble and utterly unfit to be known by any word which is also used to indicate the matchless affection of the living God for his universe creatures! How unfortunate that I cannot make use of some supernal and exclusive term which would convey to the mind of man the true nature and exquisitely beautiful significance of the divine affection of the Paradise Father." (Pg. 40)

The Father is with all of the Does in this world. The immense power and purity of His radiant love and true affection for His creation, in time, will vanquish all manmade inadequacy. His divine nature is intimately partnered with every mortal being and with His infinite patience, awaits our recognition with great gladness. Regardless of that sometime mortal acknowledgment the Father ceaselessly endeavors to perfect our souls and prepare each and every John

and Jane Doe for the supreme adventure of eternity. It matters not if He is fully appreciated for His divine service to mankind by those who sojourn in the flesh as His love for us supersedes such petty obstacles.

Throughout all eternity the Father awaits us with open, loving arms. He relishes every moment of every step we take to Him. Day by day and moment by moment, through all the trials and errors we make, His presence suffuses our souls with divine assurance, that eternal yea, to our every thought and deed that is of and like Him. His supreme delight is our sometime appearance in His presence, having attained our perfection of spirit, and His pronouncement of His pride in our accomplishment. Such love! Such a glorious reward for our destiny call!

Yet, for all the brilliant aspects of the Father, for all His supernal love, divine patience and infinite fondness for each and every one of us... we still find it difficult to mention His name in mixed company!

"Such a life on such a planet!"
(Pg. 1224)

This holiday season I pray that we on Urantia will take a brief moment, if that's all we can afford, and give thanks to our Father and His gift to us of Michael. I am sure that not only can we manage to make the time, but we could never find a better use for it. Who knows what could come from a single sincere prayer of thanksgiving offered by an entire world?

Editor

After the bestowal of Christ 2,000 years ago, mankind was given the Spirit of Truth so he may discern truth in any form. Now, a new revelation has come upon this planet in the form of a book. This book is The URANTIA Book.

The URANTIA Book is presented as direct revelation to Man from a variety of celestial personalities. The name Urantia is the name by which these personalities denote our planet. It was intended to be a "textbook" rather than "scripture" by its authors. It covers matters ranging from the Universal Father, His nature and purpose, the celestial administration of the universe, the history of our planet and finally a remarkably detailed account of the life of Jesus.

The URANTIA Book was provided to supplement our planetary knowledge and compensate Man somewhat for some of the effects of the Lucifer rebellion occurring some 200,000 years ago. This rebellion caused, among other things, a celestial communication quarantine of the system in which we reside. This abnormality was abrogated only once in modern times (with special permission) by the "transmission" of The Urantia Book.

The URANTIA Book arrived here during the 1930's and was communicated through a "host" personality (i.e. ordinary human). The "contact" human was completely unaware of the content of his unconscious "dictation" and was not a particularly religious person in the first place. After some time his wife took him to a psychologist who after a brief period referred his patient to Dr. William Sadler, considered by his peers to be the father of modern psychology. At this time, Dr. Sadler was in the process of "debunking" psychics, mediums, faith healers and the like (much like Harry Houdini). After a period of extensive examination, Dr. Sadler determined that he should transcribe what his patient was saying in his sleep. Over the next several years The URANTIA Book was fully delivered to us. However, the book was not published until 1955.

The URANTIA Book is written in an uncommon manner for most textbooks. From the most difficult for us to understand (i.e. nature of God, etc.) to the easiest (the Jesus papers) at the end. It is comprised of four parts:

Part I THE CENTRAL & SUPERUNIVERSES - Describes our Father's character, His Paradise home, and His celestial administration.

Part II THE LOCAL UNIVERSE - Our Creator's plan for our growth and ascent to perfection.

Part III THE HISTORY OF URANTIA - Our planet's story from before it's creation to around the 1930's.

Part IV THE LIFE & TEACHINGS OF JESUS - Our Creator Son's visit to us as the Son of God and the Son of Man.

The revelators explain that while there is a severe handicap between their language and ours, for better understanding, they give priority to existing human concepts. This results in 2096 pages of text written on a "Britannica" level. The revelation is limited only by our capacity to comprehend and by their own restrictions regarding

the impartation of unearned or premature knowledge. In a nutshell, The URANTIA Book is a primer for the attainment of universal citizenship and the Father.

What a challenge for all mankind! Truth seekers, meet the challenge and discern for yourselves. Is this revelation what it claims to be? We've found it to be the answer to our seeking -- it definitely struck the truth chord of our beings and had the warm, comfortable feeling of coming home. Meet the challenge, embark upon this ultimate quest. Let the Spirit of Truth speak to you.

This unique book covers the vast scope of life -- physical, mental and spiritual. Seekers will find answers to many of mankind's most challenging questions. A few examples:

For the scientist:
Evolution
Astronomy
Physics
Anthropology
Archeology
Geology

For the historian:
the development of modern civilization
ancient civilizations
pre-historical civilizations
evolution of the relationship of men and women

For the politician:
societal values
the evolution of government
Jesus on government

For parents:
Child rearing
importance of family
education
anger
difficulties

For the religionist:
Jesus
prayer
personal religion
old testament
nature of God

For the philosopher:
meanings and values
truth, beauty and goodness
absolute values
origin and destiny of mankind

The URANTIA Book discusses such diverse topics as science, religion, history, philosophy, life after death, personal spiritual growth, marriage and family. The URANTIA Book is available at local libraries or may be purchased through bookstores.

Editor's Note: For further information and related activities contact your local Southern California URANTIA Study Groups (listings on inside back page of your Monitor).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On the Evolution of the Soul

All evolutionary advances, whether individual or collective, depend upon the discovery and application of concealed aspects of reality. The last century has provided a striking demonstration of this in the physical (material) sciences, and to a lesser degree in the social (intellectual) sciences. No comparable advance has occurred in that realm we generally designate as spirit, but our successful inquiries concerning the nature of matter and mind have at least prepared many of this generation to make the attempt.

All these advances are difficult to achieve. At the outset, there are the problems of examining new and strange concepts with inadequate and unfamiliar terminology. First efforts almost always contain considerable error, and provide little richness of experimental evidence. Years of effort from a community of devoted workers may be required before an unfamiliar field of inquiry achieves a reasonable level of comfort and acceptance. The early days demand individuals who are willing to risk the uncertainties and hazards of the pursuit of a faintly glimpsed cosmic ideal.

One of the concealed realities revealed in The Urantia Book is morontia. The morontia is a literal, but virtually unrecognized level of cosmic reality. Except for its revelation in The Urantia Book, it is unlikely that we would even suspect its presence. Even among students of The Urantia Book the morontia level is more a philosophic concept than an experiential reality.

A major part of my inquiry is directed towards the detection, description and application of the functions of the morontia reality level. I am convinced that the next step in the spiritual evolution of this planet involves the recognition and application of the possibilities of the morontia. Without new realizations concerning cosmic reality, we can only repeat ourselves in a circular fashion, ending where we began. Put otherwise, we can continue to speak about loving one another as Jesus loves, but the technique for actually accomplishing that injunction will continue to elude us.

In our ignorance, we have come to believe that we can jump directly to the spirit level of reality. The Urantia Book denies this. It reveals the intervening level of morontia which must be traversed on the journey from mat-

ter to spirit; there are no shortcuts. That is part of the revelatory information in The Urantia Book. Only the willingness to recognize and apply the realities of the morontia level will allow us to move forward towards spirit, and into those new manifestations of love for which we all hunger, but which generally we have not attained.

The soul is probably the most common and approachable morontia entity. By studying the nature and function of the soul we can most easily begin to explore morontia realities. We know that the morontia soul is associated with every normal personality; it is in us and all around us. Nevertheless, as yet we are no more equipped to function on and with this reality level than are those who have never heard of The Urantia Book or studied its revelations. The Urantia Book directs our attention to concealed reality levels but it does not, cannot, provide us with personally validated experiential realization of those levels. That is something we must do for ourselves by following the hints we have been given. Sustained effort and passionate dedication will be required if we are to make any real progress. The demands are not likely to be much different from those which have been required for significant progress in science or the arts.

The implications of progress with morontia realities are profound. Initially, lifting the veil which obscures the morontia promises to make available new possibilities for effecting the improvements in human relationships for which we all yearn. That will lead us on into new and as yet unimagined domains of love. I suspect that further progress towards the goal of worldwide brotherhood likewise depends upon developing the ability to perform skillfully in this just revealed level of the morontia.

What I have said here may appear

vague or strange to you; the terminology might seem awkward and unclear. Given the newness of the inquiry, that is appropriate. Even so, you may suspect that there is something here, something that has the flavor of truth. I believe that such feelings, if you experience them, are manifestations of the morontia level, of the soul. One of the characteristics of the morontia level is that it can only be experienced using its own agencies. As the book points out, neither physical science nor pure spirit testing can reveal the morontia. The facility of using our morontia endowments to reveal and apply morontia realities can be developed, in the same way that one learns to play the piano or ride a bicycle. A valid conceptual framework and persistent application will evolve the necessary skills.

Incidentally, I suspect that the real solution to the Ham phenomenon is also contained in the discovery of these veiled realities. Many simply use The Urantia Book to validate their own pre-existent concepts. Ham is an example of such pre-revelation knowledge, in spite of its claim to represent The Urantia Book. This activity, and many others like it, result from failure to experientially grasp the truly revelatory content of The Urantia Book. That failure, in the presence of the hunger for spiritual growth, leads to elevating older evolutionary models to the status of revelation. Something must fill the void; emptiness is intolerable.

If we can progress in elucidating the truly revelatory information presented in The Urantia Book, we will be able to provide models for living which will be far more attractive and functionally productive than any of these efforts to put the new wine into old wineskins. Jesus always enjoins us to overcome evil with good. If better possibilities are available, people will quite natural-

ly choose them. Our efforts should go into the development of these superior alternatives, rather than be wasted in the attempt to contain evil.

As Jesus says: "*The old and inferior will be forgotten in the love for the new and the superior. Beauty is always triumphant over ugliness in the hearts of all who are illuminated by the love of truth. There is mighty power in the expulsive energy of a new and sincere spiritual affection. And again I say to you, be not overcome by evil but rather overcome evil with good.*" (Pg.1738)

Steve Dreier - 7/21/92

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HAMITES ARE THEY FOR REAL?

They started out as a small group of humble believers meeting regularly in rural communities to hear their teacher and his message, to spread the gospel of the living Jesus among their brethren in a heathen world of skeptics and non-believers.

The establishment wanted nothing to do with these "religious fanatics" harassing them with verbal insults in an effort to distant themselves from these spirited zealots. Work of the devil they implied, as the establishment accused them of being in league with Caligastia.

Sounds like those early Christians whose message of salvation was ignored by so many, especially the religious leaders of the day.

But I'm referring to a current body of Urantian believers who are receiving messages on a regular basis from those very teachers the Urantia Book told us about, "the Melchizedek and various ascendent mortals hailing from the system capitol." (Pg. 574).

And much like those early Chris-

tians whose gospel message triggered a contagion of believers across the globe, similarly these transmitter/receiver (TR) groups are beginning to spread across our land in like fashion with some thirty-five already in existence. And, as with the early Christians, orthodoxy once again has reared its ugly head. As the majority of the Jewish legal body (the Sanhedrin) comprised of proud, egoistic Sadducees and Pharisees rejected the imagined threat to their control and dominance of the religion of their day, likewise a number of self-proclaimed leaders of the Urantia movement have rejected these burgeoning "TR" groups as Caligastia proteges. They have been termed "Hamites", so-named after their ascendent teacher, Ham, the coordinator of the teacher/receiver mission.

Just who are these people and why have they ostensibly threatened the Urantia movement?

My first exposure to the Hamites came in the fall of last year when I was given a couple of tapes by a long time Urantian friend who had been listening to them for several months. Although in my opinion the two copies I reviewed were not especially profound, the messages were certainly compatible with the teachings of the Urantia Book.

My real exposure to this group came in February of 1992, when an audience comprised of FSLA members and about one third of the general council to the former Brotherhood, heard in-person a transmission from Ham through a receiver named Rebecca. At the reception following the Ham presentation, the audience was split, some receptive about many adamantly opposed to the whole proceedings.

My first impression was one of reserved skepticism much as I and several others held at the Vern Grimsley revelations in Venice,

California in the mid 80's. But, having come upon the Urantia Book in the late 50's and accepting its teachings in an era of doubt and skepticism, I chose to view these proceedings with an open, curious, but admittedly, critical mind.

Meredith Sprunger summed up my sentiments best when he said in a recent article in the Monitor on Channeling, "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 modicum of skepticism is healthy I thought, but a closed mind is not receptive to truth in any form.

As I drove home that evening, I decided that I needed to hear more. I asked for, and received, an updated copy of the Ham transcripts and was made aware of a number of startling revelations.

The more I read of these transcripts the more comfortable I became with the messages. As an Agondonter, did I not accept the teachings of the Urantia Book wholeheartedly in spite of the severance of all spiritual circuits to our system? Why should I not be receptive to another channel of truth coming through the Melchizedek.

"...successor Planetary Princes are designated for isolated worlds, planets whose princes of authority may have gone astray, but they do not assume active rulership of such worlds until the results of insurrection are partially overcome and removed by the remedial measures adopted by the Melchizedek and other ministering personalities." (Pg. 394)

Does it not make sense for ascendent beings closest to us, who have yet to fuse with their thought adjusters, teach us under the guidance of the Melchizedek?

No doubt there will be numerous

naysayers with in our ranks, much as during the time of Jesus' sojourn on the planet. How can we forget his popularity after feeding the five thousand. Within a month, however, his popularity fell from a following of 50,000, in Galilee alone, to less than 500 after declining the crown of David. That's a 99% decline!

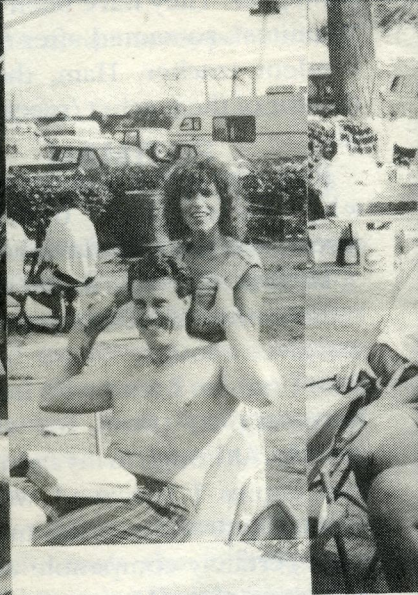
Cannot the Melchizedek expect a similar response from Urantia Book readers? When people question why the Vicegerent Planetary Prince singled out the Salt Lake City (Woods Cross) Study Group for special attention, I would say why not Woods Cross? Did the Master not hail from Nazareth? And did not the Pharisees and even the apostle Nathaniel say, "Can any such good thing come out of Nazareth?" Let's not forget it was Michael who chose Nazareth as his birth place and not Jerusalem. His ministry took place in small towns, in the countryside where he was sure to find the humble of spirit.

Are there parallels in the Melchizedek mission? Are the Melchizedeks avoiding Chicago as Jesus did Jerusalem? It should be remembered that Jesus did not shun the proud Pharisees; it was they who shunned him. He went to them, but they would not listen. His ministry was open to all.

We human mortals are shackled by an abundance of pride. How else do we account for the division between the two Urantian entities that should be working in unison through love, trust and service to the glory of God and in the best interest of mankind. The resulting schism came about through a mistrust of each other's motives, fed by suspicion, fear and apprehension.

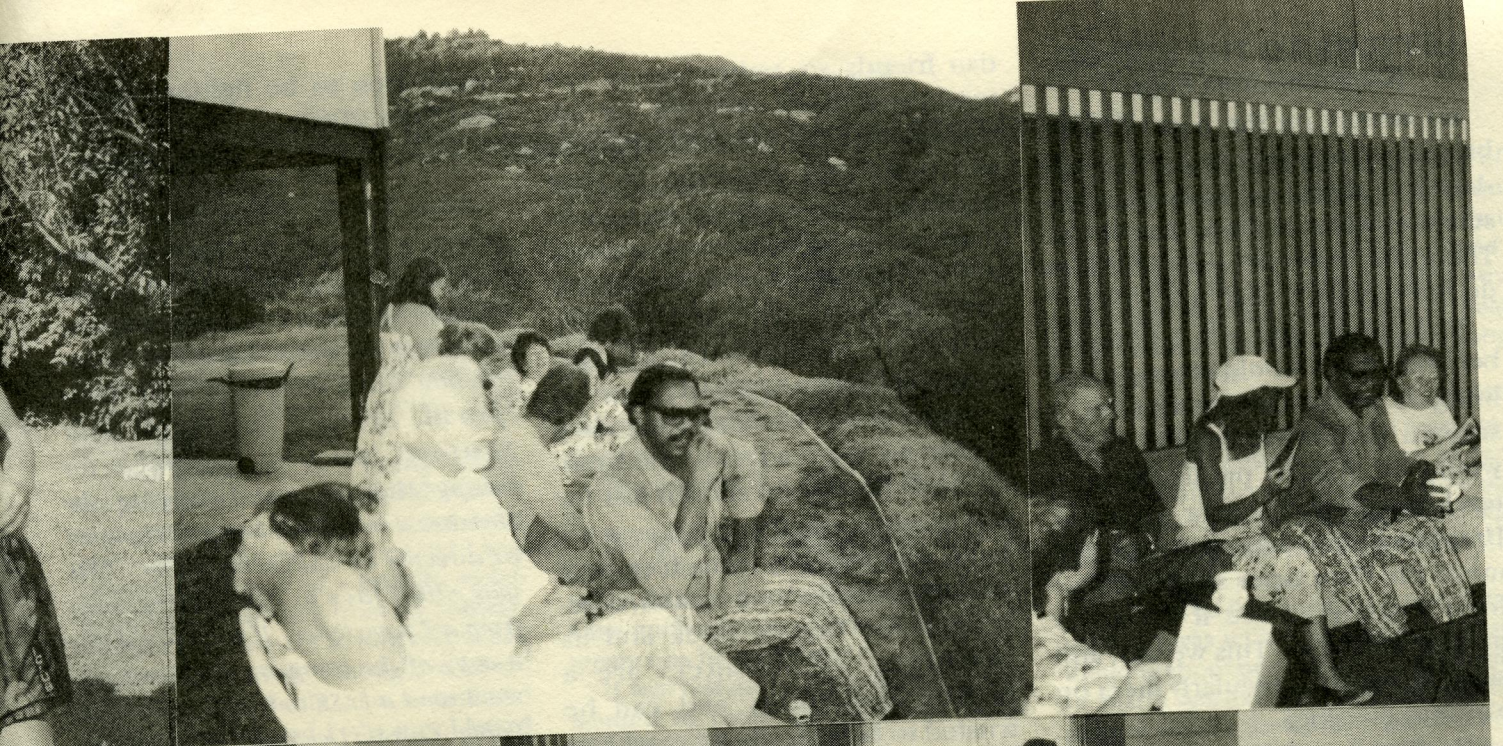
Then I read, "The time has begun to bring together many potential believers. We will see who remains and who does not. There should be

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The Corona Del Mar Remembrance Picnic was an excellent day of fun in the sun, great food and wonderful soul renewal through the love and fellowship present there. Love and sharing always makes for a better day!





The Faw's Annual Remembrance Supper has always been a fulfilling gathering. Love, joy and music suffused the minds and souls of all who attended this fellowship experience.



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no anxiety on the part of those bringing in new people for they will decide of their own accord or conscience what is best for them. Therefore, have no anxiety if they do not remain." (Ham 6/17/91)

Well, I was certainly a potential believer; that I would attest to. But living in South Orange County, it seemed somewhat remote that I would be able to participate in a teaching group. My dear and close Urantian friends who had exposed me to the Ham tapes suggested we form a group to see if a teacher might come to us. This we did, and six of us began to regularly meet on Tuesday evenings.

The first Tuesday's gathering was more social than anything else as we planned our format. The following Tuesday it was agreed that we would devote the evening to prayer and dedication, hoping that one of us would receive a message as how to further proceed. This was indeed a very quiet evening, as nothing whatsoever transpired. Undaunted, we cheerfully agreed to meet the following week for more of the same.

It was during this week that one of our members received the name Bertrand as our teacher and to be prepared for a lesson that coming Tuesday. As we set in meditation Tuesday evening, Bertrand introduced himself to our group through our transmitter/receiver and we became the ninth teaching group on the planet. There are now 35 such groups in existence nationally and growing.

It is difficult to convey the exhilaration I experienced that Tuesday evening last May, but a spiritual flush seems to have permeated my soul to the very core. Never in my 33 years as a Urantia Book reader have I been so turned on as to our mission at hand. But, it saddens me to see some of my long time Uran-

tian friends so ambivalent to this teaching mission. But, we are admonished to "be patient and gentle and unhurried, however, in your dealings with people for each grain of wheat ripens in its own time, and there is nothing you can do to hurry this process without the true spiritual receptivity of the recipient." (Ham 6/17/91)

And so my friends, there is a reason we the readers of the Urantia Book have been chosen just for this mission, and that is because we have already (by our free will choice) taken the step of faith, of accepting the Urantia Book and its teachings. Agondonters are a proven commodity and can be trusted to bring forth the teachings of Jesus once more. But sadly some of you will rationalize your decision to reject these teachings, for whatever reason, while others will graciously accept them as part of our service to the Father and our fellow man. As free-will creatures, the decision is always yours.

I, for one, feel humbled and honored that "Urantians" have been given this awesome responsibility of seeding the planet with the truths of the Urantia Book.

This new mission is not intended for the Phariseidic archetypes, nor for those who sit in judgement on truth. It is a living ministry for those who see the light of a new dispensation around the corner and who are willing to follow the path of the Agondonter by accepting these teachings and disseminating them as modern day apostles.

And to those skeptics at large who continue sending letters of disclaimer to the various transmission groups, may they refer to the wisdom of Gamaliel, when he spoke to the Sadducees saying, "Refrain from these men and let them alone, for if this council or this work is of men, it will be overthrown, but if it is the work of God, you will not be able to overthrow them, lest haply you be

found even to be fighting against God." (Pg. 2067)

Wally Ziglar

Editor's Note: While I hold a dissimilar opinion on the "Hamites" than Wally, I said when I became Editor that all sides of issues would be welcome and I keep my word. I don't really appreciate being compared with those "proud, egoistic Sadduces and Pharisees" that were responsible for killing Michael, but I suppose the Hamites don't relish being designated as directed by Caligastia either. This was edited (due to space restrictions) from a 7 page letter. If you would like a copy of the complete, unedited version; send a SASE to Wally Ziglar, 327 Poppy, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625. And the beat goes on...

"You must cease to seek for the word of God only on the pages of the olden records of theologic authority. Those who are born of the spirit of God shall henceforth discern the word of God regardless of whence it appears to take origin. Divine truth must not be discounted because the channel of its bestowal is apparently human."

(Pg. 1733)

"God is so all real and absolute that no material sign of proof or no demonstration of so-called miracle may be offered in testimony of His reality. Always will we know Him because we trust Him, and our belief in Him is wholly based on our personal participation in the divine manifestations of His infinite reality."

(Pg. 1119)

MAC & ME

OR, ANOTHER FINE MYTH I'VE GOTTEN INTO!

DAY 1

What I am about to relate may astound you or cause some suspicion as to the wellness of your humble author's mind, but nevertheless this is a partial account of what happened on that eventful early August morning, the twenty-first day of 1992.

I was awakened by a strange choir-like pulse of harmony which didn't seem to enter my ears, rather coming from within them. As my eyes opened I was immediately aware of a brilliant violet-white light emanating from my hallway. "I've got to remember to turn off the hall light before retiring." I thought to myself drowsily. Suddenly, the sound and radiance ceased and I was sure I heard some movement in the hall. Now alert, I quietly grasped the handle of the baseball bat I use to greet uninvited guests and crept to the doorway.

Holding my special greeting device aloft, I carefully peeked around the corner and beheld a fourtish-looking man, dressed in a rather attractive white toga, looking around as though he were lost. I quickly realized the gentleman was not a burglar as he possessed no visible weapons and was not dressed to conceal one. I gently placed the bat against the wall and stepped into the hall revealing myself to him. We looked at one another for several moments, then he spoke.

"Pardon me, I seem to have awakened you. I had planned to materialize outside your home. The coordinates must have been off a touch. I hope you will forgive me, Doc." he said in a most compelling voice.

"No problem I understand good help is hard to find these days. You have me at a disadvantage, Sir. Might I inquire as to your name." I replied, trying to remain calm and at least as polite as my visitor. However, I think my shaking knees belied my attempt at composure.

"My full name is rather unsuitable for conversation. You may call me Mac." and he smiled as he offered his hand. We shook hands briefly and I felt more at ease.

"That wouldn't be short for Machiventa would it... Mac?" I queried my suspicions aloud.

"Could be..." he trailed off with wink of his eye.

"Well, I must say I'm honored to have you visit. Is there any particular reason

you called on me?" I asked.

"Do you mean is there something about you, some special gift you might have that I would find essential to some awesome and earth-shatteringly important mission regarding your world?" he questioned.

"Well..." I whispered with a growing feeling of some divine destiny crowding about me.

"No, nothing like that." he said simply.

That growing feeling of divine destiny slipped away like a dog with its tail between its legs. My disappointment must have inadvertently shown in my countenance as he spoke again.

"I was just in the neighborhood and wanted to catch up on some things firsthand." he added.

"I see." I said. "Would you like some tea or coffee?"

"Some fruit or juice would be nice." he responded.

We repaired to the kitchen and I bade him sit at the table while I busied myself in mundane preparations.

"I suppose you're curious about some things. You are more than welcome to ask any questions you like." he stated.

"Well, now that you mention it, I was wondering how Michael is doing; how the Gabriel vs. Lucifer case is coming along and if you might have any postcards from Jerusem with you?" I blurted excitedly.

He smiled and regarded me silently for a season.

"Should I ask them one by one?" I muttered uneasily.

"Oh, no. That's quite all right. I said you could ask any thing you liked... I didn't say that I would give you any answers though." he smiled pleasantly.

"Oh." I said crestfallen.

"Come now, Doc! Relax. Where's your sense of humor?" he grinned.

"Well, I'm sure it will recover once I fully absorb your actually being here." I stammered.

"My being here has little to do with any 'spiritual progress' you may or may not have made up to this point. Rather it has more to do with your state of mind in regards to supermortal events... like my appearing here."

"Pardon?"

"Doc, for whatever experiential reason, you have faith. Genuine faith. Faith of a nature that allows me to physi-

cally visit you without the occurrence of my actual presence addling your mind into some kind of fanatical reaction that might hinder or even subvert your mind. If your mind was not structured the way it is, well, it could upset your normal progress and further, unduly prolong my sojourn here."

"The purpose of which is..." I trailed off, expecting another obtuse reaction.

"I told you before... I'm here to personally confirm some activities now occurring on Urantia that might have significance in... well, the 'big picture'." he explained.

As I served him some fruit and juice, my mind was telling me it was seriously thinking about becoming addled in spite of Mac's assurances. We sipped our juice in silence for a time regarding one another. As we did so, my mind began coming up with questions that gradually displaced the potential he mentioned for derangement with a much more ordinary state of curiosity.

"Yes?" he encouraged.

"Could you share with me what 'activities' you refer to and possibly how I could be of service to you regarding the 'big picture' you mentioned?" I asked hesitantly.

"I would be happy to. Are you aware of those who profess to be 'in communication' with me or my associates?" he responded.

"Do you mean the 'channelers'?" I queried.

"Yes, I believe that is what they call themselves. Have you read any of their transcripts or observed some of these events?"

"Some, not many though. I did see some 'channeling' occur at a meeting I attended some months ago. I must admit that I have a problem with their content as I did not perceive any 'new' knowledge being revealed other than information readily available in The Urantia Book." I paused for a moment, "Let me amend that. It was said that you were installed as Planetary Prince on Urantia, Lucifer had been adjudicated and the circuits were opened again. Of course this wasn't verifiable but then few things of that nature are."

"Doc, what are your feelings about them and their enterprise?" he said as he gazed into my eyes.

Let me tell you, his scrutiny was like no other I had ever experienced. I was as though every nook and cranny of my

mind was exposed to his awareness. I retrieved what was left of my composure and answered.

"I have reserved my personal judgement on the origin of these communications as I feel the fruits of their works will determine the true source but, I'm concerned that their actions will be perceived by new readers and the general public as some kind of 'mystical' or occult type of behavior..."

"Continue," he prompted. His eyes still locked with mine.

"Well, its kind of like a relative with embarrassing habits. You have to love them because they are your brothers and sisters but... well, you're glad they aren't around when you're introducing the Book to a potential reader."

"I see. Would you say this was a consensus of those readers who do not accept their endeavors," he queried.

"More or less. May I ask you a question?" I ventured.

"Is it in regards to the validity of their 'communications'?" he smiled.

"Yes," I replied.

"No," he answered still smiling.

"I understand. We have to make up our own minds on that?"

"Exactly," he said as he broke his intense eye contact.

"Mac, you're intellect and knowledge is so vastly beyond mine and I greatly respect that, but are you going to be telling me anything of a revelatory nature during your visit here?" I asked, somewhat impatiently.

"What would you have me tell you that your faith does not?" he replied.

"Humm. Good point," I stated.

"You please me, Doc. I think we shall both enjoy my little visit."

"I'm already enjoying it," I laughed.

"I am glad of that, but Doc?" he asked.

"Yes?"

"You must tell no one of my presence here while I tarry here with you," he stated.

"Not even..." I began.

"No one."

"After?" I queried.

"You must use your judgement concerning that, but remember words once spoken can never be recalled," he smiled.

"I shall do my best" I replied.

"More I could not ask," he smiled.

DAY 2

The following day we spent most of our time in discussions on a variety of topics. During this time, the only problem I experienced with Mac was

that he steadfastly refused to allow me to do any housework. My consternation grew to the point that I finally mentioned it to him one evening as he was putting away some dishes.

"Mac, why won't you allow me to do the housework while you are here as my guest," I exclaimed.

He looked surprised for a moment, then he motioned me to sit over at the kitchen table.

"Why does it vex you so to allow me to repay, in this small way, your kind response to my unannounced intrusion into your home," he stated, looking very serious. I laughed.

"Your intrusion! Good heavens, Mac! I can't tell you how glad I am to have you as my guest. I still haven't figured out why you chose me to visit" I blurted.

"Feeling special again?" he chided.

"I... er... of course not, but..." I stammered. He smiled and placed his hand on mine.

"Well and good. I have faith in you, Doc. Please try to have faith in yourself. This is no easy task for any mortal and I fully appreciate your difficulty in adapting to this unusual and unrequested situation. Please allow me to serve you in this small manner without constantly trying to place me above you. I assure you I am not."

"But... but..."

"I am only more experienced than you by a trifling amount in an eternal timeframe. You would be surprised how much you are teaching me."

"Me teaching you!" I spluttered.

"Come now, Doc. You are not ignorant of the true nature of eternity with regards to experiential evolution now are you," his eyes looked into mine in that intense fashion I never was able to get used to.

"But..." I began. He gave my hand a gentle squeeze.

"I assure you that there is no real 'greater or lesser' in the entire universe save the Father. All beings, including created ones, are truly equal in the Father's creation. Different functions and capabilities, true, but these attributes in no way exalts one being over or under any other being. Come, do not be stubborn. You know this to be true, now don't you?"

I was silent for a moment. Absorbing the impact of his statement quickly brought to mind the quotation, "the Father is no respecter of persons." But facing across the table from me, even holding my hand, was Machiventa Melchizedek! Who did so much and had

even possessed the same Thought Adjuster as Michael on His visit here over two-thousand years ago! Suddenly, I experienced a partial realization of how vastly encompassing the Father's attitude towards His creation truly was and I could not stop the grateful tear that fell from my eye to his gentle hand.

Mac smiled and then produced a napkin and began drying my eyes.

"You begin to catch a glimpse of the reality of the Father's love. I am pleased with you, Doc. Perhaps during my visit here we shall discuss your ideas on sharing this with others, but for now I think you should retire," he rose and walked with me to my room. I paused and turned to him in the doorway.

"I assure you, I won't be annoyed by your help any longer, but..." I hesitated.

"Yes?" he responded.

"Could you possibly avoid using starch on my underwear?" I asked sincerely.

His spontaneous laughter shook the house and I could swear I heard other voices laughing as well. After he quieted down he gently patted my shoulder.

"But of course, Doc. It will be my pleasure," he smiled.

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Later in the afternoon, Mac asked if he could accompany me as I was preparing to run some errands and I concurred. I watched his careful inspection of the control panel of my car as we entered and fastened our seat belts.

"Is something missing there?" he asked, pointing to the gap in the dash.

"It's for removing the stereo when I'm not in the car so certain folks won't be tempted to steal it," I explained. I placed my stereo in the gap and turned to him.

"Oh. Does it transmit music?" he queried.

"Would you like to listen to some while we drive?"

"Please," he answered.

As we departed, I selected Huey Lewis' 'Couple Days Off.' and as it began he seemed startled at the sound. I reached out to lower the volume but he touched my shoulder and said, "No, it's OK."

"Your call, Mac. Let me know if it bothers you," I stated.

After a few moments, I glanced over and he seemed deep in thought.

"What do you think of the music?"

"Rather primitive structure... not very melodious" he murmured.

I looked down at his feet. They were

beginning to tap in time to the rhythm. "Of course, Mac. We're still rather primitive on Urantia you know." I smiled.

By the time the song was ending we were both singing the chorus, 'All I want is A COUPLE DAYS OFF!' and he was beaming, snapping his fingers and everything. I then muted the stereo so we could talk. I couldn't help but notice his look of mild disappointment.

"Yeah, we are pretty primal when it comes to rock and roll." I smiled.

"I conclude that what you lack in subtlety, you make up for in energy." he replied.

"Could be. Say, Mac, you are aware of the hassles readers are having with the Foundation concerning the Book aren't you?"

"Oh, yes." he confirmed.

"Mac, I am concerned for the Trustee's souls. I fear they are stifling the promulgation of the revelation and harming themselves in the process."

"To quote a dear friend of mine, 'Fear not!' Their venture is altogether meager and transient, while the Revelation is comprehensive and spiritually directed. Which do you think will endure after this temporal conflict has passed?" he asked.

"I perceive the eventual outcome as you do, but I pray for their hearts and minds when this matter concludes. There are some of us who will hold deep resentments over these people's actions and I feel this could be a ramification of the event that begs our concern, even now."

Mac smiled. "Doc, know that the watchcare of their souls is in good keeping and that all such matters will be resolved in such a way that nothing will be 'lost' or overlooked. Remember the jubilation you felt when your Berlin Wall was cast asunder?"

"Yes, It seemed to be a miracle" I replied.

"Then know that the event you call a

'miracle' will pale before the dynamic transformation the whole of Urantia will undergo when this Revelation is unfettered and allowed to spread by the consecrated souls of its believers. As dramatic as the change that was wrought by the destruction of a wall, so will the inevitable spiritual metamorphosis of an entire world be a hundredfold greater in its righteous gladness. To quote my dear friend once again, when that day arrives, 'a joy and peace that passeth all understanding' will be secured for all Urantian's."

At that moment, I had to swerve quickly to avoid a car that had decided to cut me off on the freeway.

"Damn idiot!" I mumbled to the driver of the other car.

"Of course, this will take some time before its outworking." he concluded dryly.

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(To be continued in the next issue)

3 NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED AT OCTOBER MEETING

Amidst the usual chaos that accompanies our FSIA general elections there was an added surprise for those who attended. Three new FSIA members were inducted into the ranks; (left to right) Mae Hi, Michael Rayl and Richard Omura.

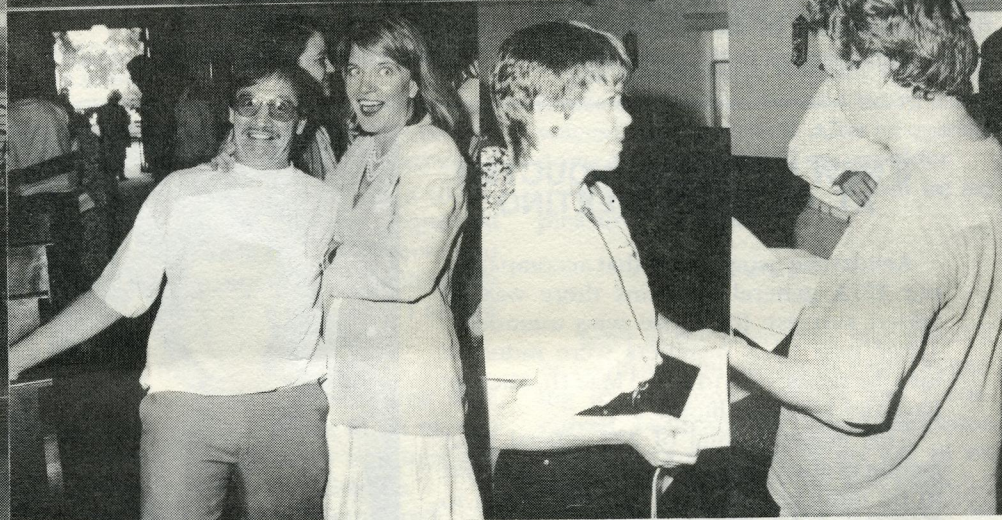
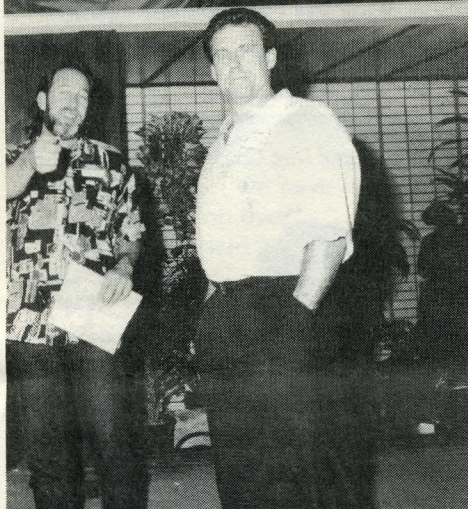
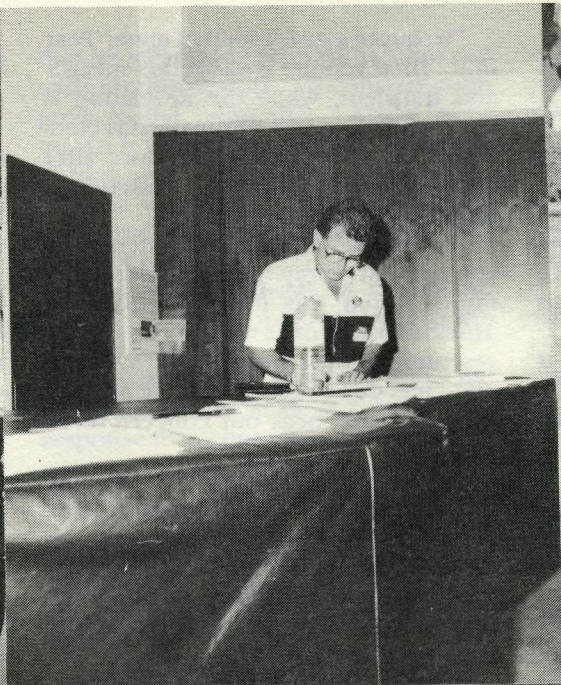
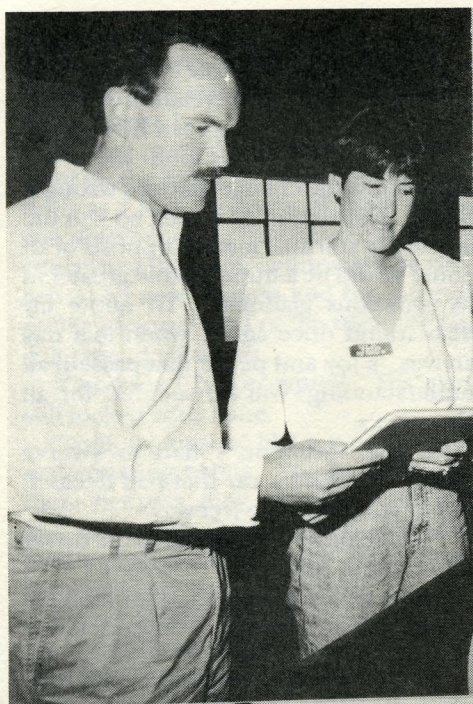
This makes a total of 235 official FSIA members and there are 7 more who have yet to be inducted. Another special thanks to Roxy Ventola (see below) for her magnificent job as Membership Chairperson last year. Not in decades has FSIA acquired so many new members in such a short period of time!



ROXY VENTOLA ON ANGELS

What we call angels are really highly organized spiritual ministers. The angels are a separate order of created beings. What angels do is keep one world in touch with other worlds. Many angels are engaged in the work of saving men. These are but a few of the things we learned at the September meeting.

The FSIA audience was spellbound by Roxy's enlightening and enthralling explanation of our angelic hosts. In the brief time of a single meeting, much was learned. Thank you, Roxy for an illuminating experience and a most informative discourse.



After Roxy's brilliant discourse on "Angels", everyone stepped up to write in their nominations for the FSIA Governing board and place their name under the various committees if they wished to serve. Service, Teamwork and fun! The coming year promises to be an active and progressive one for FSIA!



Southern California Study Group Listing

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

CHANGES TO THE BOOK PRICE & SALES POLICY

The Trustees want to encourage the purchase of The URANTIA Book from bookstores in order to increase the number of bookstores willing to carry The URANTIA Book. Therefore, on October 1, 1992, the Foundation's Discretionary Discount Program was discontinued. After that date, the Foundation will continue to sell The URANTIA Book at a 40% discount only to bookstores. The Foundation will also sell books to those individuals who do not have access to a bookstore. The price to individuals will be the suggested retail price of \$34.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling. If you know a bookstore that does not carry or know how to order the book please call (312) 525-3319, and we shall contact that bookstore to facilitate your order of The URANTIA Book. A price increase is inevitable. But the Trustees intend to maintain the current price until the end of the year. Effective January 1, 1993, however, the Trustees intend to increase the price to an amount more in line with industry standards (\$60.-\$65.).

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Touch The World, July 31 - August 5, 1993 in St. Hyacinthe/Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Info: John Hales Telephone (312) 327-0424, FAX (312) 327-6159.

FSLA Needs: A large coffee pot for meetings; 2 extra large platters; a large unbreakable salad bowl.

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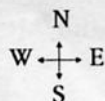
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