

MONITOR

JULY-AUGUST 1994

JESUS' 2,000TH BIRTHDAY SPECIAL EDITION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 21, 1994 see announcement inside!

Friday Aug. 19 - Sunday Aug. 21

A weekend of fellowship, celebration and worship for the 2000th birthday of Jesus.

AT: Camp Virginia - Nestled in the mountains outside Julian.

ARRIVE: between 4-7PM Friday

DEPART: by 3 PM Sunday

COST: \$62.00 per person, includes lodging & meals, breakfast Saturday - lunch Sunday

BRING: your own bedding & personal items a dish or something to share for dinner Friday night musical instruments, songs

Call Andrea French
@ (619) 486-0125

Sunday, September 6, 1994 2:00 PM, in Forbes Hall at the Unitarian Church, 1721 Arizona Avenue, Santa Monica at the corner of 18th and Arizona. Nominations for Governing Board will be held.

Sunday, October 2, 1994 2:00 PM, in Forbes Hall at the Unitarian Church, 1721 Arizona Avenue, Santa Monica at the corner of 18th and Arizona. FSLA elections for the coming year will be held. This is a formal annual meeting, and you must be an active member to vote. Active means that you are current in your dues —see the next announcement. Visitors, including inactive members, are welcome to attend, but only active members may vote.

Dues are due \$30.00 per year. FSLA plans your meetings and a year of presentations on a small budget. Mail dues to: FSLA, c/o Robert Burns, 10 Latina, Irvine, CA 92714. If you find yourself unable to pay and wish to remain an active

member, just write a note to Robert and let him know. Thank you — looking forward to the best yet.

FSLA is taking up the challenge to support the study groups in Latin America as part of our outreach program. If you would like to participate in this service, contact Jerry Dalton at (310) 592-4492, P.O. Box 1540 Sunset Beach, CA 90742.

1994 SUMMER STAR PARTIES FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

ONE NIGHT PERSEID METEOR SHOWER
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LABOR DAY WEEKEND STAR PARTY
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—GROUP SITE #2

LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST
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For more information, contact Roy at (310) 828-9335, or Carmen at (310) 575-1191.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

JESUS'S 2000TH BIRTHDAY SUMMER REMEMBRANCE

Each month the great uplifting experience we share moves through our FSLA meetings like a breath of fresh air. Everyone is excited about the education, communication and fellowship at our FSLA meetings. There is such a great energy and enthusiasm as a group it is hard to wait a whole month to meet again. The interest of so many study groups has brought more contributions of secondary works to our book table, to be shared among all our readers and guests.

Summer is the time of year here in California that we seem to spend more time with friends and family, giving us a great opportunity to reflect on the teachings from **The URANTIA Book**, or give us the time to read it ourselves. I am in my fifth time of reading every word from cover to cover, sequentially, and I feel I have been given the gift of more truth, beauty and goodness each time I finish. **The URANTIA Book is truly a new revelation.**

"The great hope of Urantia lies in the possibility of a new revelation of Jesus with a new and enlarged presentation of his saving message which would spiritually unite in loving service the numerous families of his present day professed followers."

UB 2086

Join us in a special day in remembrance of Jesus' 2000th birthday on Sunday, August 21, 1994 from 8 am - 8 PM. A special remembrance commemoration will be observed from 3-4 PM. I wish to thank our Corona del Mar area study groups who are assisting with the occasion. It will be a beautiful celebration day. As part of the remembrance of Jesus let each of us plan to share briefly how getting to know Jesus has touched our life.

In loving service,

Pierre Chicoine
FSLA President

"The supper of remembrance, when it is partaken of by those who are Son-believing and God-knowing, does not need to have associated with its symbolism any of man's puerile misinterpretations regarding the meaning of the divine presence, for upon all such occasions the Master is really present. The remembrance supper is the believer's symbolic rendezvous with Michael. When you become thus spirit-conscious, the Son is actually present, and his spirit fraternizes with the indwelling fragment of his father." UB 1942

THANK YOU!

With wonderful compassion, Kara Morgan has shown us how sometimes our lives are a repeat of patterns that go back to our parents or grandparents. How we can change the negative to positive through in-depth study of our family relationships and how it might relate to our own.

With the help of a volunteer, we examined how these relationships entwine and sometimes are recreated. Will, we thank you for allowing us into your family's past. With help, positive thought, knowledge and love we can turn our lives around. Thank you Kara.

THANK YOU, AGAIN!

In June, Irwin Ginsburg shared with us his insights into differences and correlations between the URANTIA Book and modern cosmology and astronomy. Key among these insights was a look at the term "blazing suns" in the URANTIA Book and how it relates to the vast array of other types of stars which are unlikely to be capable of supporting life.

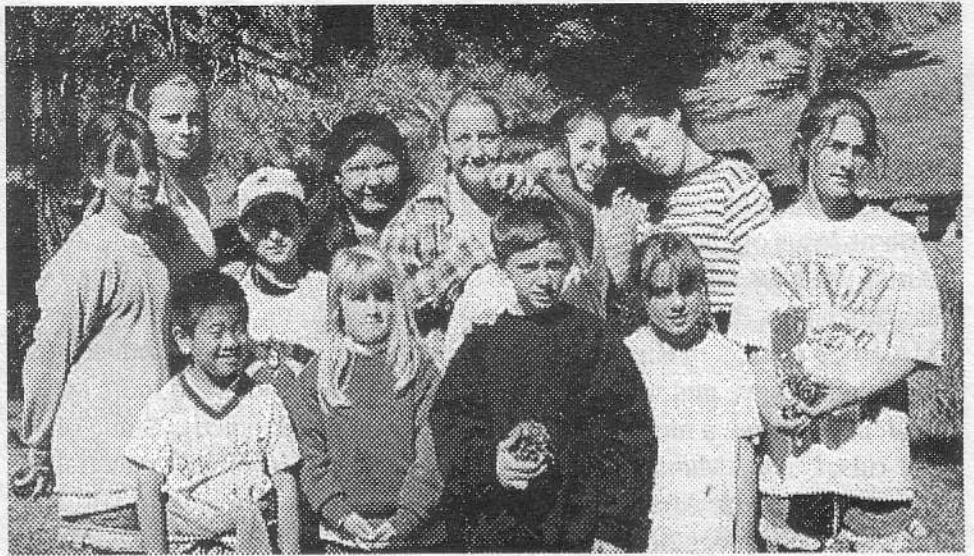
Building from this to get an idea of the size of a system, and then a constellation, Irwin laid out a tentative cosmic scale for the Book's cosmogony. On this scale, for instance, the Milky Way, our home galaxy, is approximately equivalent to a minor sector.

Thank you, Irwin for a most enlightening talk. Irwin now goes on to present this topic at the Scientific Symposium. Look out Oklahoma!

STAR PARTY
BY KERRY KEYS

I LIKE STAR PARTYS
BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE
THE STARS AND THE PLANETS.
JUST BEFORE THE SUN CAME UP
MY DAD GOT TO SEE MARS.
MY DAD SLEPT FOR 20 MINITS.
I WAS AWAKE TILL 11 O'CLOCK.
I DID NOT SLEEP IN A TENT
I SLEPT UNDER THE STARS.
I GOT TO SEE A CLUSTER.
I GOT TO SEE JUPITER
AND ITS MOONS TOO.
WITHOUT A TELESKOP
ME AND MY DAD FOUND
THE MILKY WAY.
IT WAS A CLOUD
OF STARS.

THE END



"WHEN THE CLOUDS GATHER OVERHEAD, YOUR FAITH SHOULD
ACCEPT THE FACT OF THE PRESENCE OF THE INDWELLING ADJUSTER,
AND THUS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOOK BEYOND THE MISTS OF
MORTAL UNCERTAINTY INTO THE CLEAR SHINING OF THE SUN OF
ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS ON THE BECKONING HEIGHTS OF THE
MANSION WORLDS OF SATANIA." P. 1194

FROM THE EDITOR

We celebrate this year the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. The Berlin Wall has fallen, the USSR has broken up, there are URANTIA Book readers in Russia, Palestinians have met with the Israelis and have a measure of self-rule, Nelson Mandela is President of South Africa, the Eagles are back together, and I am a member of both FSLA and IUA. So what's going on? Is Light and Life just around the corner?

As I see it there is plenty more to do before this world reaches the era of light and life, but the spirit can move us forward in unexpected ways at anytime. For my part, I certainly didn't plan it this way. It isn't just that I was confused or trying to cover my bets, in fact it may turn out to be more like buttering my bread on both sides, then dropping it. But I hope not.

The thing that drew me back into FSLA meetings is the policy set forth in the last 3 years by Marlene and Pierre Chicoine of leaving the politics out of FSLA meetings and allowing them to be loving experiences. That was enough to make me comfortable participating in the meetings. Yet it concerned me that issues weren't being discussed. Then came Doc's "Special Controversial Issue" of the Monitor, and I was led to think that the Monitor might be useful in fostering open dialogue.

Several members of our study group expressed interest in helping with a newsletter, and after a few conversations, we found ourselves doing the Monitor. As editor I receive many submissions for publication (and more are always welcomed). Some of these provide ample material to fuel any controversy. I still feel that dialogue is essential in learning to love and work with our fellows. We all have our individual perspectives on life, love, religion and politics. Think of your perspectives as the talents in the Master's parable. After all, the Father's greatest gift to each of us is our existence as a unique person and the promise of eternal life through faith. What can we give in return? On page 22 it says, "The affectionate dedication of the human will to the doing of the Father's will is man's choicest gift to God; in fact, such a consecration of creature will constitutes man's only possible gift of true value to the Paradise Father." But that is not something mindless and inevitable. Integral to our will is our unique perspective and the spiritual values we have gained in our experience. So share them with one another in the most intelligent love-dominated way you can.

After discussing some proposed content of the last issue with the governing board, I am persuaded that the Monitor is not the right vehicle to carry on such dialogue. Firstly, it's primary purpose is to inform about meetings and other events. Secondly, it could be

counter-productive with respect to the policy that has so revived the meetings.

Perhaps after all the dialogue of healing occurs most effectively in direct interpersonal contact. For it is there that our contacts can be love-dominated and spirit-led. Here in print you cannot look into laughing eyes, or hurt eyes, or angry eyes and see the spirit essence of our Father and know and love your brother or sister. Words can be powerful, but they are blind and deaf on their own. The Monitor can play a role in communicating, and I am thrilled when I can report positive stories. I look forward to hearing about the exciting Scientific Symposium and the School of Meanings & Values workshop on Teilhard de Chardin.

Meanwhile I am sure everyone will love Fred Smith's special art work in this issue as much as I do. Thanks, Fred, the birthday invitation is beautiful! You may have noticed the subscription coupon — also by Fred — in this issue. The Monitor is included free to dues-paying members, but we have a large circulation to other interested readers that has also been free for several years. The FSLA budget cannot afford to continue that indefinitely, so we are asking \$8.00 per year to cover the costs involved in printing and mailing it to anyone who is interested.

— Jeff Keys —

The American Booksellers Association Convention:

Helping To Increase Access To The URANTIA Book

A favorite topic of ours has always been the sales and distribution success of *The URANTIA Book*. So, when we heard that URANTIA Foundation was hosting a booth as an exhibitor at the American Booksellers Association (ABA) Convention over the Memorial Day weekend here in Los Angeles (as they do every year at various sites around the U.S.), we hot-footed it over to see what was happening. Besides, it looked like a good chance to visit and socialize with our friends, Bob Solone, Damian and Joan Bondi, and their new baby, Joe. Besides we were incredibly curious to know about their experience at one of these shows.

The ABA has over 8,000 members from the smallest book retailers to the largest chains with the Los Angeles Convention & Trade Exhibit Center featuring about 2,500 exhibitors. The Show attracted over 38,000 attendees, and is the largest English-language book fair in the world. With retailers, publishers, distributors, and authors in attendance, it is the premier forum for the U.S. book trade. We were impressed. The whole convention center was a bee hive of activity.

The URANTIA Book is widely known in the book trade. This has happened, in part, because the staff of URANTIA Foundation

maintains a continuous distribution effort. Along with giving the full 40% discount on single copy purchases (distributors normally offer what is known as a short discount, 20%, on single copies, with the full 40% discount being reserved exclusively for full case purchases), the Foundation will fulfill orders within a maximum of 48 hours (24 hours is the norm, even though other distributors can take as long as two weeks to fulfill orders). As a result of these efforts the book is now a regular stock item in the national chain of Barnes & Noble. Some of their stores even give a 20% discount on the book.

The experience of participating with Foundation staffers in manning the booth was most gratifying. Everyone who stopped by was very pleasant. Some were new contacts but many had been doing business with URANTIA Foundation through the years. Some of these book trade people were readers themselves. One man asked us to refer him to a local study group. Another person said, "We get a lot of requests for this, I'm going to order a copy so I have it in stock." In fact, 70 books were placed during the show.

What If Your Bookstore Clerk Says He/She Can't Get The URANTIA Book

Fortunately, many bookstores now keep the English translation of the book in stock so ordering a copy shouldn't be necessary if you call around. (Around 4,000 of the 19,000 U.S. bookstores now carry the book.)

But you may want to create some marketing "pull" in your favorite

store by ordering a copy from them. In the case of book clerks who say they can't get *The URANTIA Book*, many of them simply don't know how to order it. Should you run into this situation, call the Foundation at (312) 525-3319 or (800) 525-3319. They will get on the phone and contact the manager of the store to set matters right.

The bottom line is that the Foundation wants to make *The URANTIA Book* available and provide the broadest possible access to it. If you or anyone you know can't get a copy of the book, or can't afford a copy, call them. They'll be happy to help you out.

Ordering A Foreign Language Translation Of The URANTIA Book

When you are ordering your favorite foreign language translation and you are greeted by a blank stare and told that there is no such book, give the actual name as listed below (and mention that they will get the long discount, 40%, not the short discount, 20%, even on a single copy purchase).

The blank stares happen because few book clerks are familiar with *Books in Print* and how to use it for ordering books. More often than not it's just easier to say that they can't get it. If you still have a problem, call the Foundation at (312) 525-3319 or (800) 525-3319.

Le Livre d'URANTIA: French
El Libro de URANTIA: Spanish
URANTIA Kirja: Finnish

— Will Sherwood —

Southern California URANTIA Study Groups

AREA	MEETING INFO	CONTACT	PHONE
ANAHEIM	Mondays @ 8:00 PM	Pierre & Marlene Chicoine	(714) 229-9658
ARCADIA	Mondays @ 7:30 PM	Hal & Lucille Kettell	(818) 447-1403
BAKERSFIELD	Mondays @ 6:30 PM	Debra Goaldman	(805) 871-9578
DANA POINT	Thursdays @ 8:00 PM	John & Jane Roper	(714) 496-4543
ENCINITAS	Call for schedule	Paulette Suzanne	(619) 634-0840
FULLERTON	2nd & 4th Fridays @ 8:00 PM	Victoria Clark	(714) 871-2263
HUNTINGTON BEACH	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM	Kermit & Jackie Anderson	(714) 894-5417
IRVINE	Tuesdays @ 8:00 PM	Robert Burns	(714) 724-1050
LOMPOC	Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM	George Fledge	(805) 736-0320
MALIBU	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM	Duane & Lucile Faw	(310) 457-3007
NORTHRIDGE	2nd & 4th Wed. @ 7:30 PM Thursdays @ 7:30 PM	Don Morton Jean Painter	(818) 769-2490 (818) 885-5554
OJAI	Mondays @ 7:00 sharp - 9:00PM	Catherine Hart	(805) 649-2448
PALM DESERT	Mondays @ 7:00 PM	Ed & Susan Owen	(619) 346-5384
PALMDALE	Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM	Mark & Kate Thornbury	(805) 272-9241
POWAY	Mondays @ 8:00 PM	Bob & Mara Gallo	(619) 679-7160
SAN DIEGO	1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM last Sunday @ 3:30-5:30 PM	Dick & Cheryl Prince Phil & Cindy Calabrese	(619) 270-6558 (619) 483-0135
SANTA BARBARA	Sunday @ 7:00 PM Potluck & meeting to follow Wednesdays @ 7:45 PM	Barrie Bedell K. Brendi Poppel	(805) 969-1565 (805) 967-9788
SANTA CLARITA	Mondays @ 6:30 PM	Will Sherwood	(818) 259-5077
SANTA MONICA	Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM	John Mahaffey	(310) 829-2592
SAUGUS	Saturdays 2:00 - 4:00 PM <i>Welcome early as 1:00 & stay after 4:00 for pool & potluck!</i>	Saskia & Andy Raevouri	(805) 297-0749
SIMI VALLEY	days vary	Matt Haines	(805) 581-1488
TORRANCE	Sundays @ 5:00 - 7:00 PM	Dianne Bishop	(310) 542-1673
VISTA	Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM	John & Jane Ploetz	(619) 727-5268
WHITTIER	1st & 3rd Fri. @ 7:30 PM	Stella Religa	(310) 698-2122

FSLA 1994 Calendar of Events

Meeting Date	Board Meetings	Location	Presentation & Speaker	Special Events
July 3	No board meeting	Chase Park	Annual Picnic	
July 1-3		Marina del Rey Oklahoma City, OK	Triennial Delegate Assembly/Society Conclave	Call the Fellowship for information: (312) 327-0424 (312) 327-6159 fax
July 3-4		Oklahoma City, OK	Summer Seminar	Call the Fellowship
July 5-7		Oklahoma City, OK	Scientific Symposium	Call the Fellowship
July 8-9		Oklahoma City, OK	General Council Meeting	Call the Fellowship
August 19-21		Camp Virginia—Nestled in the mountains outside Julian	Weekend of celebration for the 2000th birthday of Jesus	Call Andrea French @ (619) 486-0125
August 21		Corona del Mar State Beach	Jesus's 2000th Birthday & Remembrance Supper	See map this issue
September 11	11:00am - 1:45pm	Unitarian Church (Forbes Hall)	Nominations for FSLA Elections	
October 2	12:00 - 1:45 pm	Unitarian Church (Forbes Hall)	FSLA Elections & Comedian Jeff Marder	
November 6		Unitarian Church (Forbes Hall)	Thanksgiving — To Be Announced	
November 19	9:00am - 12:00pm	Pierre Chicoine's home	Board Meeting only — Exchange information between old board & new [notice will be sent]	
December 4		Unitarian Church	To Be Announced	Christmas parties Check with study groups
December 19	6:30pm	Chicoine's Christmas party	Potluck	

All FSLA meetings at Forbes Hall begin at 2:00 PM. Donations for refreshments and the Monitor welcome!

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O Thou of whom I am the instrument,
 O secret Spirit and Nature housed in me,
 Let all my mortal being now be blent
 In Thy still glory of divinity.

I have given my mind to be dug Thy channel mind,
 I have offered up my will to be Thy will:
 Let nothing of myself be left behind
 In our union mystic and unutterable.

My heart shall throb with the world-beats of Thy love;
 My body become Thy engine for earth-use;
 In my nerves and veins Thy rapture's streams shall move;
 My thoughts shall be hounds of Light for Thy power to loose.

Keep only my soul to adore eternally
 And meet Thee in each form and soul of Thee.

Sri Aurobindo
Last Poems, 1952

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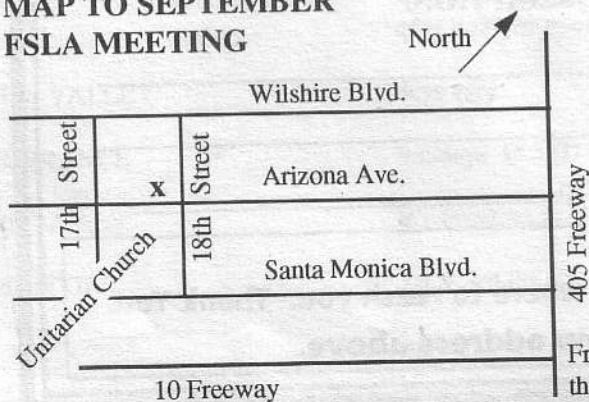
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MAP TO SEPTEMBER FSLA MEETING



From 10 Freeway: W-bound, take Cloverfield N to W on Santa Monica then N on 18th. E-bound, take 20th N to W on Santa Monica, N on 18th