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REPORT

This conference was held from Friday evening till Sunday lunchtime. (October 24—October 26). Eight speeches were made, all linked by a common thread i.e. Paper 52, chapter 6 : " Urantia's postbestowal age ". If the readers refer to this chapter, they will get a better view of what these speeches were alluding to.

The communications submitted were : Commerce and industry by Ronald LOUIE from Vancouver (Canada); Education and travels by Pierre and Carol KOSTIC from Clearwater (U.S.A.); Exchange of informations by Lawrance SCHKADE from Arlington (U.S.A.); Medecine by John LANGE from Fort Smith (U.S.A.); Politics and nationalism by Jacques TETRAULT from Terrebonne, (Canada); General proposals as well as concrete actions were presented by the C.E.R.D.H. and read by Georges MICHELSON-DUPONT from Paris (France); and last but not least, Spiritual insight by David ELDERS, from Darien (U.S.A.), president of the Brotherhood.

These speeches were interspersed with songs, music and poems, bringing to light the various talent of the writers or interpreters. The whole audience was enthralled by a piano concert given by Urs RUCHTI from Switzerland, they were delighted with the voices of Francyl GAWRYN, Carol HAY and Susan WRIGHT, and the " CELESTIALS" who were accompanied by Tom ALLEN and his guitar and directed by Waldine STUMP met with a great success.

Our compliments go to the organizing team and the special efforts they made on the occasion of this conference. By the way, the whole proceedings have been recorded both on audio and video tapes. We wish to thank particuliary Berkeley ELLIOTT for the sustained and clear-sighted efforts to open up the American Brotherhood to outsiders.

We personally think that the interest of such conferences lie in the individual and personal meetings through which fraternal bonds can be formed and a network of friendship can be constituted and in which, different points of view are confronted, explained and accepted, To put it in a nutshell, in which social understanding is realized on the level of experience and life and in which brotherhood is extended.

« But personality and the relationships between personalities are never scaffolding; mortal memory of personality relationship has cosmic value and will persist.» (U.B. Paper 112, chapter 5, verse 22)

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Excerpts from the speech presented by the C.E.R.D.H. at Lake Murray

Urantia's postbestowal age.

It is the age of the realization of the brotherhood of men on the earth. But it is written that « unaided social evolution can hardly achieve such happy results on a spiritually isolated sphere. » To attain such necessary adjustments, the actions which are advocated in this chapter, as travel, commerce, competition play, diverse racial and national interchanges on material, intellectual, and spiritual levels. . . All that has been in full development for tens of years; so are we allowed to think that those evolutionary developments are urged by the epochal angels and the progress angels. And we are asked for participation as soon as we have made us able to.

Spiritual Brotherhood.

First, let us dissociate spiritual brotherhood from social brotherhood: spiritual brotherhood, since spiritual, is immediately attained through religious revelation. Jesus has shown the way. Let us specify that to be intellectually conscious about our sonship with God does not mean that we experience it.

Social brotherhood.

On the other hand, social brotherhood can be attained through evolution, but it may be efficiently reached only by beings who are free from the law of animal living and are spiritually reborn.

—Only those beings who have "achieved personal transformations will have the capacity to undertake efficiently the world's transformation through the planetary adjustments.

—Only those beings who live above egoism, who enjoy the unselfish service, will know how to direct "intellectual cross-fertilization" through their choice among national and racial literatures.

—Only those beings spiritually enlightened can be endowed by a strong moral conscience granting them the capacity to work

Jesus "taught morality, not from the *nature* of man, but from the *relation* of man to God." (U.B. paper 140, parag.10,verse 8).
"Man ascends to the level of a moral being because he is endowed with personality. Morality can never be advanced by law or by force. It is a personal and freewill matter and must be disseminated by the contagion of the contact of morally fragrant persons with those who are less morally responsive, but who are also in some measure desirous of doing the Father's will." (U.B. paper 16, par.7, verse 9)

—Only those beings who have acquired this emotional maturity essential to self-control will have the capacity to promote "political wisdom".

At last, only those beings transformed by spirit will have the capacity to work for spiritual transformation of mankind.

Actions to undertake to foster a planetary social brotherhood.

We are living in a state of chaos. We are short-sighted, and to get out of that situation, we create organizations as « United Nations » which result in deception. A Melchizedeck of Nebadon tells us : « The peace on Urantia will be promoted far more by international trade organizations than by all the sentimental sophistry of visionary peace planning. Trade relations have been facilitated by development of language and improved methods of communication as well as by better transportation.

The absence of a common language has always impeded the growth of peace groups, but money has become the universal language of modern trade. Modern society is largely held together by the industrial market. The gain motive is a mighty civilizer when augmented by the desire for peace.

To know what to do to foster an improvement of our planetary social brotherhood, let us examine thoroughly the study of this chapter: "Urantia's postbestowal age". Then we notice that its Author, an Archangel of Nebadon, owing to his position, having a complete understanding of the situation, explains us in detail the domains of action to undertake.

Let us ask this Archangel of Nebadon to grant us his leadership to work out our undertaking and let us read again his advices, in the same orders they have been given, because :

-1- (Social fraternity) must be realized so that,

-2- (Intellectual cross-fertilization) be able to develop.

-3- (Ethical awakening), which implies self-control of each individual, must be active to breed:

-4- (Political wisdom).

-5- (Spiritual insight) : at last, human beings who are living their spiritual sonship with the Father, are also living, in their hearts, a genuine spiritual and social brotherhood with any individual. The goal is attained.



RIGHT TIME RIGHT PLACE

When do we know, when will we know that time has come? There is a nice question which explains a large portion of people's anxiety in important as well as more trivial matters. Henry Begmann's article in the No 8 Letter initiated this thought process which I take pleasure to share with you. I must confess that this time and space considerations had been with me for some while though.

Whether we consider the question of accelerating the diffusion of the 5th Epochal Revelation; the URANTIA* Book itself or the message of the Book, or we consider any political action or simply managing our daily time schedules; we have to learn about time, *our own* time.

For believers, for URANTIA* Book readers (where the subjects of time, eternity, space, archetype, absolute are treated) time should take on a new dimension, a new tone. We should develop a new time feeling and particularly a sense of «timing». We can suspect that our Thought Adjuster who is from an absolute origin, outside of time and space, pre-personal; would greatly benefit from our increased capacity to better conceive of time... with time. Therefore how are we going to allow time for intimate communion with God? What about listening time?

Whereas current trends value efficiency and productivity, it seems to me that we need to consider relativity of time in order to reduce appeals to rushing and bullozing . We must control the urgencies or so called short term emergencies and give some priority to things that are of long term import. Why not start working at this discriminating now?

Although I don't believe to have really delt with the question of time, I would move on to the notion of «timing»; i.e. what is proper at what time, or when. What we do ahead of time, before its time; as well as what we do after the right moment, loses some of its value. We generally have a tendency to short-circuit time, because we are afraid to miss out on something (which presumably would be lost...), by lack of faith or of confidence or simply to show our competence and efficiency. But I am convinced that we can achieve a feeling, a perception of when «the time is right » and for each of us as we feel it. I really mean to each his time and his timing. Sort of the goodtime.

We waste so much physical, mental and emotional energies either looking back and blaming ourselves or pre-occupying ourselves, trying to slow the time process. Men of little faith and little confidence. For the URANTIA* Book, we are told that many of our prayers will have to be time delayed before finding an answer. It is not so much because we do not know how to

If this attitude or *feeling the proper time for*, is relatively difficult to develop, it will become more available as we better exercise our ability to listen, to do the Father's will, not to oppose it. It goes the same way for our group decisions. I mean here decisions taken by a group in consensus, not decisions taken by one individual and imposed on a group. Inside each of us is developing with age, this timing insight to which the Adjuster and the Seraphim most probably participate. We must therefore individually and collectively start listening and learning with experience to recognize it.

Is it the right time for me to write those lines? I believe so, my timing intuition says yes.
Is it the right time for you to read them? Well, each of you has to answer that! Hopefully it is for some of you.

At every moment, we are exposed to facing a great number of outside stimuli to which we have to react, to devote time and attention or not. The more we are secure, the greater our spiritual growth, the better we can answer. On the other hand when we hear the call from inside, when we know, deep down, that we will have to answer, then we should rely on our sense of timing to know when to act.

In all honesty and in truth, we will know.

P.S. This article was started in November 85, written in January 86 and mailed to «La Lettre» in September 86.

I wish you all a lot of good time . . . right?

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Jacques TETRAULT

T R U T H

What is Truth ?

Is there one Truth or several truths ?

" Everyone hold his own truth " as is often said.

What does the URANTIA* Book say about it? It clearly says that this common way of looking at things is only partially exact.

Each one of us holds his own truth, yes, but it would be better still to say each of us holds his truth about Truth or his opinion about Reality or even his point of view about a limited part of an infinite set.

We should therefore make a distinction between those partial, often changing truths expressed by each of us and the eternal Truth.

« All finite knowledge and creature understanding are relative. Information and intelligence, gleaned from even high sources, is only relatively complete, locally accurate, and personally true. »

« All of man's universe romancing may not be fact, but much, very much, is truth.» (P. 196, Chap.3, verse 31)

« One can be technically right as to fact and everlastingly wrong in the truth.» (P. 48, chap.6, verse 33)

Let then everyone have his own truth, but eternal truth, surpassing us all, is the universal link which binds together all of our partial truths.

« Divine truth, final truth, is uniform and universal. . . » (P.2, Chap.7, verse 3)

« . . . truth – the living spirit relationship of all things and beings as they are co-ordinated in the eternal ascent Godward.» (56.10.13)

« Truth cannot be defined with words, only by living. Truth is always more than knowledge.» (132, 3,2)

« Truth is the basis of science and philosophy, presenting the intellectual foundation of religion.» (56, 10, 10)

And it is by and through the Spirit of Truth—being the spirit of living and growing truth, the spirit of expanding, developing and adapting truth— (not to be confused with the Holy Spirit) that our often contradictory truths can be co-ordinated in the discovery of Eternal Truth.»

« The bestowal Spirit of Truth which invests the human mind of Urantia is unerringly responsive to truth » (56, 10, 13)

« The meanings of eternal truth make a combined appeal to the intellectual and spiritual natures of mortal man. » (56, 10, 9)

« Divine truth is best known by its spiritual flavour. » (2, 7, 6)

« Revealed truth, personally discovered truth, is the supreme delight of the human soul.» (132, 3, 4)

« Mortal man cannot possibly know the infinitude of the heavenly Father. Finite mind cannot think through such an absolute truth or fact.» (3, 4, 6)

God knows all. He knows eternal Truth as well as our partial truths. The Spirit, the First Source and Center of all things and all beings is then the only one to know and have the Truth. He becomes know to men through successive revelations.

« Truth is always a revelation ; autorevelation when it emerges as a result of the work of the indwelling Adjuster; epochal revelation when it is presented by the function of some other celestial agency, group, or personality.» (101, 4, 3)

« Revelation is evolutionary but always progressive. . . . » The Urantia Papers. The papers, of which this is one, constitute the most recent presentation of truth to the mortals of Urantia. » (92, 4, 1&9)

BEING and SEEMING TO BE

The URANTIA* Book leads to discussions when we keep to the level of thought and intellect as all interpretations are possible and no wonder since everyone of us reacts as an individual.

As to the heart of the matter i.e. what concerns the true message of sunship and fraternity, obviously, once the seed has been sown in us (although it may grow differently according to the composition of the soil) it always comes to fruition; the fruit may be more or less good but what matter is that the fruit is there. It may become better later.

As soon as we thus consider things and beings, we look at our neighbour as a potential , as another "myself" and become naturally inclined to communicate with him or her and respect him or her, we wish for affectionate relationship and understanding. In this relationship, tolerance and love are the bearings of our advancement toward the future and survival, for we know that what remains positively is the person to person relationship. But let us be mistaken, we must first and honestly be poised, physically, intellectually and spiritually, before be able to communicate anything to others. Didn't Jesus try to show his apostles that they must "be" before "doing"?

If God's true being is evidenced in each of us with the persistency of the religion problems and if evolutionary religion has confirmed God consciousness, Revelation (the URANTIA revelation as well as all the preceding ones) has added the truth of the living experience of faith.

Let us remember that each one of us is facing his Father. If we only want to "seem" what will be left of us? But if we are, if we are truly, we must know that we can do much. In this possible and real choice there will be no deception, no ulterior motive. In the balance will weigh : truth, sincerity, beauty and experienced goodness.

Whatever our commitment, let us know that the true one will be the one which will leads us to always act as if we were constantly in the presence of God.

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Marlene MICHELSON-DUPONT

THOUGHTS ON THE TRANSATLANTIC BROTHERHOOD

What a marvelous experience it was to meet brother and sister who came to visit us here in America with their brothers and sisters in the family of God ! It was possible for us to discern in the souls of our new friends this same spirit which we have discovered in our own hearts. Truly, it is a revelation to distinguish the spirit of the Universal Father almost immediately with his love radiating through their faces. They have come from the other side of the world, but they seem to be our neighbors.

I thought that that is the truth, particularly from the cosmic perspective.

We are more than neighbors; we are a spiritual family. It is possible that the people of Urantia will be together in the eternal service, because we are all "Agondonters" and will be eligible to execute extraordinary missions. For us who read The URANTIA Book, it is possible that we know more about the personalities and facts of the universe than we know about the religious activities, the course of events, and the heritage of our different countries.

Because of that, I would like to propose that we think about the idea of beginning to exchange correspondence between Americans and Frechmen. The exchange of our journals will do much to advance this idea, but personal letters will do more to develop our friendship. Beyond that, personal correspondence will help us to develop our knowledge of the other language.

On Edentia, in Norlatiadek, we will become acquainted with many other children of God who shall have come from other worlds. I have thought that it will be an experience similar to that which we experience when we become acquainted with our brothers and sisters of different countries here on Urantia.

Another thought that presented itself to me is the question : Who are we in truth? Our bodies were developed by a material evolution. But the rest of our beings have been bestowed directly by the Gods : our intelligence from the Infinite Spirit; ours spirits from the Eternal Son; and our personalities from the Universal Father. Therefore it is clear that we have more which unites us than otherwise. I am looking forward to an exchange of ideas with my brothers and sisters in France. We have one Father and one destiny which unites us now. Please accept our friendship and our love!

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