

# The Circles

"Life is but a day's work—  
do it well."\*

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## THE CORNERSTONE OF LOVE

By PAT WATERMAN  
Eules, Texas

A woman of no material means wanted to share in the building of a temple to be dedicated to all mankind and constructed by her particular faith. She lived near a rock quarry and early one morning, pulling an old and clumsy wagon, she ventured to its gate.

Was there a rock that she might have?

In her mind's eye, of course, she saw not just a rock but a cornerstone. A beautiful, solid rock with smooth, glistening sides to be placed in the foundation of the temple. The quarryman could see that this request was made by a woman not young and foolish, but one old and determined. However, his wisdom and sincerity did not match hers. He laughed to himself as he gave her a quarry reject, irregular and fit only to serve as a place to eat a sandwich or catch the warm sun during a work break. The stone had been there as long as anyone there could remember.

Curiosity drew enough of the workers to the woman and her sad, little wagon to be able to lift the stone upon the unsuitable

vehicle. With the sun still playing artist with the colors in the morning sky, the woman headed out of the quarry gate with all the workers' eyes upon her. She had a full day's walk ahead of her.

The sidewalks were infrequent, her load was oversized and cumbersome, and her hands and back not strengthened to this particular use. But she made it, because she never entertained the idea that she wouldn't. It was a labor of love. It was something she could give to an ideal she believed in.

At the temple site, even the most inexperienced of workers knew this stone was not suitable to use. But unlike the quarry, here wisdom prevailed. The woman's gift was valued for what it was — a gift from a true and loving heart.

This temple was to be a structure dedicated to all mankind. No sermons would be spoken here, no one's beliefs would be criticized. But all worshippers would be welcomed in loving brotherhood. The woman's stone was not wasted in the foundation. There were more than enough stones for that. The love gift was placed in the center

of a special room designed for it in the basement of the temple. And it remains there to this day.

The practical minds of human beings too often do not see how their individual gifts of self fit into divine plan, but gifts of love are always the cornerstone, no matter where they are placed, and all else is constructed around them.

*I am told that this story actually took place at the Bahai temple in Chicago in the late 1920's. I have meditated with a circle of friends around that stone. We all came away enriched from the experience.*

And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue:

They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.

— KHLIL GIBRAN



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**GOD IS LOVE**

By **BRENDI POPPEL**  
Bayside, New York

He leads me on the paths  
of truth, beauty, and  
goodness  
Upward and inward  
Ascending  
descending  
around and round  
higher and higher each time  
ever improving in His grace  
recipient of Divine Love and Mercy  
unending forgiveness  
He greets me at every turn  
When I'm down low  
He lends an outstretched arm  
and picks me up  
Higher and Higher  
the scenes become more vivid  
the script is new, spontaneous, creative  
He fills me up  
inside  
outside  
all around  
Together  
Hand in hand we go  
Leading me ever onward  
In the final, neverending  
search  
to discover who I am.

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

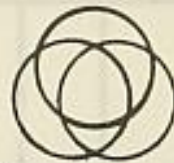
By **ALICE OBENHAUS**  
Columbus, Texas

Prayer and worship are the circuit builders from man to God and from God to man.  
Prayer is the soul's attempt to get in contact with God, and worship is that actual contact of the soul in partnership with God.  
Prayer is the lower status – worship is the higher.  
Prayer asks something of God – worship asks for nothing; it only receives of God's grace and glory.  
Many people can pray, but few can worship.  
Worship leads one to God and gives that person spiritual strength.  
Prayer takes of God and leads one to worship.  
Prayer and worship do go together – hand in hand; one enhances the other.  
Pray, then worship—  
Worship, then pray.  
You will know when your worship has reached God, for then God will lovingly reach you.  
He will kindle your soul.  
He will light your heart.  
He will make you a loving person.  
Pray without ceasing; worship without ceasing,  
And joy will be yours, forever.

When I really look  
I see~

The Father  
loves  
the bud  
as well as  
the bloom.





## REVELATION OF THE QUESTIONABLE KIND

By ASANA DUEX  
Goleta, California

Imagine you were one day confronted with the faith-squelching news that ancient papyrus and parchment manuscripts had been found, so unequivocally authentic, that their extraordinary heresies contradicted the epochal revelation of *The Urantia Book*. Not interested?

Well, at least that is somewhat analogous to the premise of Irving Wallace's book, *The Word*. "The gospel according to James" had been dug up. He had "set down a brief testimony of (his) brother Jesus Christ's life and ministry, to prevent growing distortions and calumnies and to give guidance to the disciples of the faith against manifold temptations and to restore fortitude to (their) followers among the persecuted twelve tribes of the Dispensation." All the brightest bigshot archeologists, papyrologists, cryptographers, translators, textual critics, not to forget the radiocarbon authorities, found these first century writings on paper manufactured from the pith in the stem of the papyrus plant to be authentic.

The gospel according to James, was a splendid, realistic and faithful narrative, quickly recognized by a group of international publishers. They banded together to bring before the doubting world a new version of the New Testament, to be named *Resurrection Two*. The five promoters of a new Bible had united their efforts to publish the biggest bestseller ever and Steven R. Randall of Randall Associated, Public Relations, in New York, was hired to bring this about. The new revelation was to

be sold to Christians everywhere by this man from the big city — sophisticated, worldly, jaded, hardened . . . the most successful image maker around.

As soon as Randall had read the new gospel, he knew he had a biggy, but at the same time a remarkable change had occurred within him. He had become more compassionate, forgiving and faithful. James' fresh picture of Jesus was one of justice, goodness, love, unity and eternal hope — a refreshing message for our materialistic, unjust, cynical machine age. To read James was to believe, without a single doubt.

As the story goes, Randall began his search for firsthand background material to promote the good book. His odyssey for the truth took him into a seemingly unending adventure, hunting for the small difference between unholy hoax and divine truth. Many of us have been on the same journey, until *The Urantia Book's* authority made it clear we must figure it all out for ourselves: What is the Father's will?

Randall quickly lost his newly acquired serenity — peace through understanding, forgiveness and kindness — when time and again, during his long investigation, he faced contradictions. He met with scientists who had authenticated the new evidence that there was indeed a son of God, scientists who had been transformed from skeptics of what is unknown into believers of the new gospel during their research into story and papyrus. Everyone Randall met in connection with the new Bible was

eager to admit to his transformation. Yet there was always an explanation offered to Randall to stir up his cynicism. The more he looked for answers and the more people he spoke to, the more questions remained unanswered. He was not deliberately insolent in his perpetual doubting; he had to make sure that this new gospel was authentic. He was promoting — a work which would enter and inevitably change the lives of millions. He had to be sure that it was what the profiteers and their employees asserted it was: the second resurrection.

He kept on investigating, much to the dismay of the publishers who wanted him to promote the new Bible instead of trying to disprove its authenticity. A scandal was brewing. Lies, innuendoes, double-crossings, bribery, extortions, murder . . . the plot thickened . . . more doubts, less faith. Revelation or hoax? Finding truth or rejecting faith? Brilliant forgery or authenticated revelation? Multi-media international announcement or the greatest scandal in the history of organized religion?

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Irving Wallace is a suspenseful storyteller. He is a master of details. He surely did his homework for *The Word*. If the mini-TV series based on *The Word* did not do too much for you when it was telecast during November of 1978, I do not blame you. The Hollywood version was an abominable falsification of a very entertaining and readable book.

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# WORD HUNT

BY J. WEST  
DALLAS, TEXAS

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## URANTIA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nineteen hundred years ago after Christ left the Earth he appointed the Urantia Advisory Council Members to serve as his personal agents. They represent him in several areas concerning the plan of mortal ascension in the system. Each of the listed individuals has at one time been a resident of Urantia.

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| 2. Mansant       | 10. Eve                     |
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| 4. Orlandof      | 12. Moses                   |
| 5. Porshunta     | 13. Elijah                  |
| 6. Singlangton   | 14. Machiventa Melchizedek* |
| 7. Fantad        | 15. John The Baptist*       |
| 8. Orvonon       | 16. 1-2-3 The First*        |

\*Each word is found separately.

## SPECULATION

By JASON COOPER, Age 11  
Arlington, Texas

I believe that men first saw volcanoes coming out of the ground and thought that was the worst thing that could be. They related it with the Devil because

they thought the Devil was very bad. They knew the volcano came out of the ground so they thought that the Devil was in the middle of the earth.

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# about angels

BY GENE JOYCE  
RICHARDSON, TEXAS

The angels "love human beings, and only good can result from your efforts to understand and love them."\*

What a mortal said angels say about mortals:

## ANGEL'S SONG

I know not, I,  
What the men together say,  
How lovers, lovers die  
And youth passes away.

Cannot understand  
Love that mortal bears  
To native, native land,  
All lands are theirs.

Why at grave they grieve  
For one voice and face,  
And not, and not receive  
Another in its place.

I above the cone  
Of the circling night  
Flying, never have known  
Less or greater light.

Sorrow it is they call  
This cup whence my lip  
(Woe's me!) never in all  
My endless days can sip.

C. S. Lewis

## SPECULATION

We are all familiar with "The Messenger Hosts of Space." Is it not logical to presume that the Ministering Spirits of Time (the angels) are often connected with messages of meaning and value to mortals — even as Jacob was accompanied by an invisible runner when he delivered Jesus' message to Abner?

Beverly Miles, who writes a column entitled "Sincerely" for her publication *The Intowner*, recounts this story about her son, Chris, who makes a practice of befriending all hurt animals. The twelve-year-old must be quite a person in his own right as he was once elected president of his class and suspended all in the same week.

The latest rescue involved a large brown bird which landed on his shoulder after an attack by a blue jay. As had happened repeatedly in the past, this bird failed to survive all

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## REFLECTIONS ON REVELATION

How grateful I am to know about *The Urantia Book*. Here we have an epochal revelation about the most enormous topics, given to us in a masterpiece of prose. It was not given to us as a papyrus dug up from an ancient civilization, not as writing on somebody's wall, not left behind by an unidentified flying object, not even left by some mysterious stranger in a lonely Chicago phone booth. No,

ministrations. However, when Chris said his prayers that night, he saw his bird who answered some questions for him. When Chris asked: "What is it like to be dead?" the bird answered: "I'm not supposed to tell you."

Shortly thereafter a dear friend of Beverly's named Randy experienced a violent seizure in her presence caused by a massive tumor on the right side of her brain. An operation estimated to last nine hours was scheduled, and the prognosis was "strong possibility of paralysis, blindness, brain damage and or personality change."

The day before surgery Chris announced at breakfast. "I talked to my bird last night and he said Randy is

"One can't believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

— LEWIS CARROLL

going to be just fine. She will be better than ever but she needs a lot of rest." In the meantime the surgeon had volunteered that the tumor was the largest he had ever seen and undoubtedly if Randy survived she would have side effects. Beverly continues the story: "Randy is a living miracle. Immediately after surgery she freely moved her arms and legs, smiled, and tried to talk. She is now sitting up in bed holding court — she's laughing and she's talking and she looks like a beautiful model for a hospital ad. Doctors have been overheard saying they plan to write this one up."

"Chris knew it all along — a little bird told him."

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our friends the superuniverse rulers, the Orvonton administrators, the local universe personalities and the Midwayer Commission knew whereof they were speaking when they asked the few people who know the exact transmission facts to take a pledge of secrecy. Our natural human curiosity, as it is so adequately depicted in Irving Wallace's bestseller *The Word*, would have inevitably spun a similar yarn around *The Urantia Book*, had it not been for the wise foresight of the spiritual beings who presented "our" revelation. They have left us a good deal of information on the transmission in the book itself.

I am grateful that the human being through whom *The Urantia Book* was transmitted has not been emblazoned on the pages of human history. I am thankful that all the people connected with the publication of *The Urantia Book* have followed the mandates of the revelators to prevent the sensationalizing of this newest revelation. We are blessed with a masterful mystery.

The Urantia Revelation is, of course, not to be compared with the fictitious "Gospel of James." It would not be fair and appropriate to compare a divine revelation with a fictitious and, mind you, faked one.

By following the wise mandates of the revelators we can work within the relative security of disseminating the book among those who are ready and open for its transforming message. We don't have to employ public relations experts and promoters, nor do we have to seek the sanctions of the hierarchy of organized religions. When we share our transformations with those whose minds and hearts are open, when we plant the seeds of the revealed truths with care and in love, goodness and beauty without uprooting the often delicate sprouts of existing faith, we will find that all modern marketing hype is unnecessary and that we can avoid much chaos and confusion.

# TECHNIQUES

## THE LISTENING ASPECT OF PRAYER

By KAYE COOPER

Arlington, Texas

Prayer is a dialogue, not a monologue. Yet for many, prayer remains a monologue or at best an expression from the individual praying, with any answers from God coming in the indefinite future. The monologue concept is easy enough for us to come by. For those of us who sat in church listening to the minister conduct a sonorous list of requests, it was logical to pattern our own prayers after that example. Even for those who didn't go to church there were banquets, luncheons, PTA, even football games, many of which began with public prayer.

Perhaps it seems presumptuous to expect that God will answer prayers personally — on the spot — when we make a request of him. Yet we are encouraged to proceed as if we expect that very thing. *The Urantia Book* tells us that dialogue with an alter ego is a step

"There is dew in one flower and not in another," said Beecher, "because one opens its cup and takes it in, while the other closes itself and drops run off."

up from a monologue and that conceiving of the recipient of the prayer as divine is even more advanced (p. 995, 997). We know that we may well cross the threshold of Psychic Circle two or one in this life and actually hear the voice of God, the Thought Adjuster (p. 1210). If we have this possibility before us, then we can, without being presumptuous, conduct our prayers with every expectation that some of our prayers may be answered immediately and understandably.

The book's statement about en-

visioning an alter ego to pray to gives us one clue about how to proceed. We can picture someone to talk to. The alter ego may be visualized as a person — a wise old man, Jesus, God himself — or some symbolic representation, such as a mandala or a glow of light.

Jesus' comment to his followers that they should remain in silent receptivity after prayer (p. 1640) gives us another hint. We should provide some time when we are not talking so that a response can

be heard. After all, that is necessary in any conversation. In fact, listening time can be interspersed with active prayer just as in a conversation.

We are told that we have many prejudices which interfere with our communication with the Thought Adjuster (p. 1199). One of these might be our expectation that any answer from God will come via a booming masculine voice (James Earl Jones, perhaps?). The Thought Adjuster is spoken of as using picturizations.

### A TECHNIQUE FOR HELPING OTHERS THROUGH PRAYER

By BILLIE COOPER

Rogers, Arkansas

Do you know someone you would like to help? Perhaps someone who has not asked for your help.

If you give your ideas as to what is needed, you use your own yardstick to measure the problem and it may or it may not be a true yardstick. This could cost you a good friend.

Do not be a person that has a solution to the problem even though you have never experienced the problem.

The following techniques can give you a sense of helping.

1. Select a comfortable chair — feet flat on the floor, hands relaxed in your lap.

2. Eyes closed.

3. Take three deep breaths — feel yourself relaxing more and more with each breath.

4. To help yourself relax from head to toe, count from 10 to 1 and on each descending number

you will relax more and more.

5. For mental relaxation recall from memory a passive scene. One that gave you much pleasure.

6. Several feet in front of your body and at a 45 degree angle up from the level of your eyes create a mental screen. A screen much like a TV screen.

Except in occasional emergencies there is not much that one man can do for another, other than to help him to help himself.

7. On this screen, visualize your friend or loved one. See your friend or loved one smiling and happy. Know that he or she is solving the problem. Bless your friend or loved one and let him or her go.

8. Relax in the knowledge that all is well with your friend or loved one. Reflect on your experience. Open your eyes when you are ready.

## CONTRIBUTION FORM

*Mail contribution and this form to:*

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# HELP

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Give us the name and address of a reader of the Book who would enjoy The Circles. We will add them to our mailing list.

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2001 Woods Drive  
Arlington, TX 76010

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

In preparation for receiving his communications, we might find ourselves "seeing" with the inner eye symbolic picturizations which communicate to us. It might, therefore, pay dividends to develop our ability to visualize. Sometimes, when visual images come, we are unsure as to their meaning. Usually if we ask for a clarification or explanation, their meanings will occur to us.

The Thought Adjuster does not necessarily speak to us in pictures. His "voice" is referred to (p. 1199), therefore we can expect at times to "hear" with the mind's ear. In that case, we are still unlikely to hear the booming voice mentioned earlier. We are assured that it is impossible to tell the Thought Adjuster's voice from the thoughts of our own mind. We are discouraged from assuming that what we hear is our Thought Adjuster (p. 1207). The voice we will hear is our own mind's voice and our acceptance of it is an act of faith. The logical attitude would seem to be to accept any guidance we get as being from our highest available source (be that our best human judgment, the Thought Adjuster or some spiritual entity in between) and proceed to test it in our lives. If its guidance leads us into a growing spiritual life, then it is worth

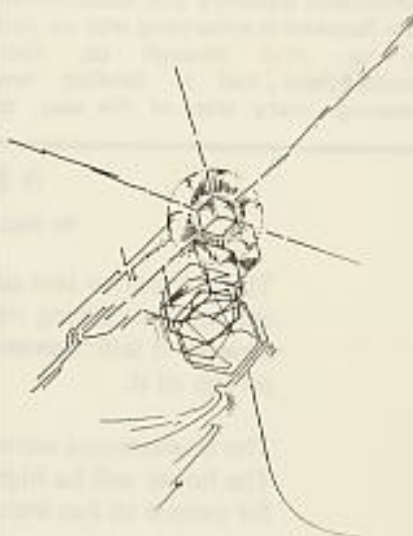
If we stand in the openings of the present moment, with all the length and breadth of our faculties unselfishly adjusted to what it reveals, we are in the best condition to receive what God is always ready to communicate.

— T. C. UPHAM

seeking and following. If we continue to ask and listen as we grow, one day, whether we realize it or not, we will likely pass into the first circle and the voice we hear will be the Adjuster's.

In an ordinary conversation conducted with a human partner, we are more likely to get a satisfactory answer if we ask, "What happened when you met with the

## UNITY ISSUE



*The Circles* is planning to publish an issue dealing with the theme of cooperation, trust, respect and brotherly love among those who are actively concerned about the dissemination of *The URANTIA Book*. *The Circles* in the past two years has published several articles which have dealt with the manner and pace of the dissemination of the Book and the consequences of copyright and trademark of related words and symbols. We would like in this issue to provide an opportunity for expressing positive approaches to the question of what we can do to cooperate with and learn to respect each other despite our differences about the direction, methods, speed and style of loving and sharing *The URANTIA Book*.

Please send your essays by October 15, 1980. We would appreciate having them typed, double-spaced and no longer than two pages. Please do not directly quote the Book unless it is unavoidable.

school board?" as opposed to "How have things been going lately?" It would seem logical that in our conversations with our spiritual guides, we can also improve the quality and satisfaction of the exchange, if we spend part of our time on specific questions or requests.

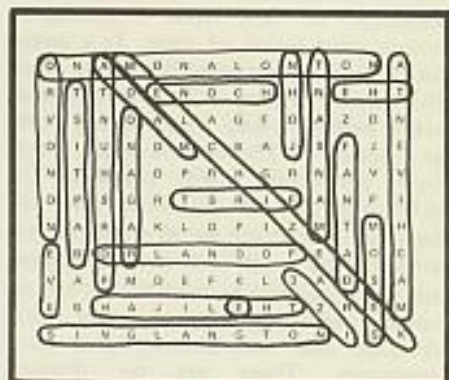
We also have some expectations about the answers to our prayers which might need to be broadened. Answers might take the form of a confirmation of our own conclusions, a rejection of them or a qualified acceptance. We might be sent back to give more thought to the question — good old human grappling with the problem — or to obtain more information. We might be given answers (if they have been "earned" by earnest thought and a sincere desire to do the Father's will.) We might be told that we may not have an answer of any kind at the present. We might receive a loving hug and a kiss. There are many possibilities to which we can open our minds.

In our attempt to grow in our prayer life, a study of *The Urantia*

*Book* prayer references listed in *Clyde Bedell's Concordex* would be most helpful. Of all the book's discussions of prayer, the most eye opening — even mind boggling — is that on page 2089, describing what prayer was to Jesus. That passage indicates plenty of "growing room" in my own prayer experience.

In the end, however, the most important component is experience. What so many teachers (of all sorts) have said to me through the years, still applies: "Practice makes perfect."

I am sure there are many readers who could share techniques for an enhanced prayer life. Please send your ideas to *The Circles*.





## Letters to the Editors

Thanks for writing.

Feb. 11, 1980

Dear Friends,

Just wish to be supportive of your effort. Character and quality of your magazine highly commendable.

One reaction to being a Urantia Book reader is the desire to share our thoughts and feelings with others. Yet too, reading the ideas and opinions of others keeps us on a balanced course.

Thanks for leaving me on your mailing list without response from either Florence or me.

Sincerely,  
Bernard Burton

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I would like to tell you that I think *The Circles* is providing a wonderful ministry to Urantia Book readers. There is a good depth, a healthy variety, a tasteful perspective, a devoted spirit, and an overall balance in this very professionally done newsletter. There seems to be something for just about everyone in it.

It's true that we all have *The Urantia Book*, and that's wonderful. But *The Urantia Book* alone, as incredible as it is, does nothing. We must remember that it's people — spirit-motivated and Urantia Book-enlightened people — who will further the Urantia Movement, aiding in the progressive evolution of man on Urantia and helping to further the brotherhood of man and the kingdom of God from a cosmically enlightened point of view. In a sense, we're groping our way. It's not so much that we're finding a way, as it is that we're *making* a way. The amazing truth, as revealed by *The Urantia Book*, is that we're *actualizing reality together!* The difficulty, and at the same time the beauty, of the path we all tread revolves around the truth-fact that changeless spirit is required to manifest its eternal values upon our ever changing world through ever new discoveries in mind meanings. There are no physical

formulas. There are no mental formulas. There is only the living, dynamic spiritual truth to guide us. The application of changeless spiritual truths in our changing material world calls for continuous discovery and actualization. The Supreme is actualizing with us. And in us. And through us. Even Jesus-Michael had to develop new meanings every step of the way, to

harmonize the spiritual truth that he exemplified with the ever changing situation around him.

Your magazine is filled with a sense of spiritual pioneering — of living and everyday. In it, people reach out to people through their experiences.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Troy R. Bishop

### A BRICK

By GILLES THIBAUT

The brick-layer laid down a brick  
and without asking its advice  
covered it with cement and placed more bricks  
on top of it.

The foundations were getting higher and higher.  
The house will be high and solid  
for people to live inside of it.

Dear God, I am thinking about this poor brick  
buried in the night at the base  
of this great building.  
Nobody sees it, but it is doing its work  
and all the other bricks need it.

Dear God, it is not important  
whether I am at the top of the house  
or at the base of its foundations,  
as long as I am loyal where I belong  
in *Your Construction*.

The author of this poem — a solid, convinced reader of *The Urantia Book* — is in prison in Canada. He is "an eight time loser," and has been out of prison only 13 months since he was 15 years old. He is now 48. In 1976 he was given a Urantia Book and Concordex by a prisoner who was being released. (Apparently the Great Book did not "take" with him.) But Gilles started reading and soon was reading the book 12 hours a day, avidly. (He is confined to his cell 24 hours a day and will be for another 5 years.) *The Urantia Book*, despite his difficulty with English, has transformed him from a bitter and vengeful man into one who could write the above. He is already planning to be a "missionary" to convicts in U.S. prisons on his release. He plaintively asks: "Why didn't someone give me this book 33 years ago?" Of course, it wasn't even in print then.

I sent him a 3-volume French edition but the prison authorities didn't deliver it to him. The Post Office here tells me it is common for prison authorities to sign for even insured parcels which then never reach the prisoners. I have located a reader in Canada, who with her husband, will deliver a French edition to him in person, if I can locate another French copy I can afford. This vitally changed man deserves our help. I will be grateful to hear from those who feel as I do. Does anyone know of a French copy available?

Contact Clyde Bedell, 2390-3E Mariposa West, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

It is no use saying, "We are doing our best." You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary.

-Sir Winston Churchill

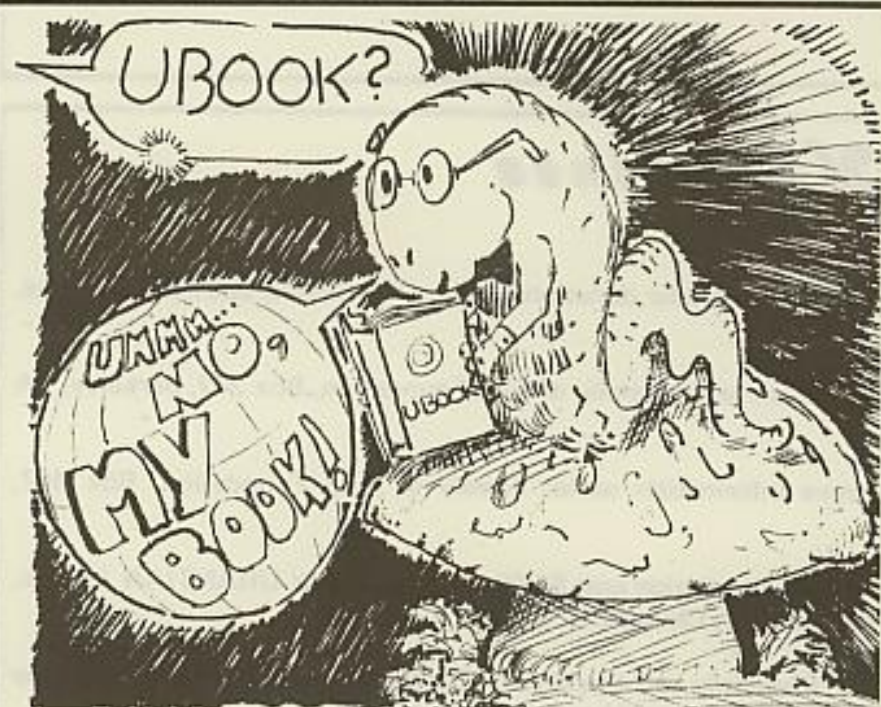
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*We are told that humor is essential to life here. We are also told that too much of our humor is coarse. We want to encourage everyone to discover or create and share worthy humor.*

Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel that you've done a permanent job.

I have lived to thank God that all my prayers have not been answered.

— JEAN INGELOW



By RON DOBYANSKI Houston, Texas

## By Many Paths

BY PAT WATERMAN  
EULESS, TEXAS

*Continuing quotes from Urantia's spiritual heritage . . . .*

### Judaism



"By three things is the world preserved: by truth, by judgment, and by peace. The three are really one. If judgment is executed, truth is vindicated and peace results. Truth and justice are the prerequisite to peace and its surest safeguard."

Talmud (compiled)

"Rejoice not when thine enemy faileth, and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth. Who can deservedly be called a conqueror? He who conquers his rancorous passions, and endeavours to turn his enemy into a friend. Thou shalt not say 'I will love the wise, but the unwise I will hate;' but thou shalt love all mankind. Thou shalt love thy neighbour: even if he be a criminal, and has forfeited his life, practise charity towards him to the last moments. What thou wouldst not like to be done to you, do not to others: this is the fundamental law."

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Theme: The Father's Will: How to Find It and How to Do It  
Registration Fee: write contact address  
Location: Fountainhead Lodge, Lake Eufaula, Oklahoma  
Accommodations: camping, cabins, hotel-type accommodations, restaurant available. Room reservations need to be made by July 12 by contacting: Fountainhead Lodge, WSR, Checotah, OK 74426 (918) 689-2501.  
Contact: John Lipinski  
1100 Lamar Blvd. E., No. 97  
Arlington, TX 76011  
(817) 467-0446

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Date: December 29-31, 1980  
Theme: Finding Our Father in Paradise  
Registration Fee: \$25 per person  
Location: Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Kamuela, Hawaii  
Accommodations: Room and board \$20 per person per night. \$20 room and board deposit should accompany registration fee. Send by Nov. 1.  
Contact: Pacific Religious Conf.  
Box 67  
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

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- Fact Sheet on Brotherhood
- Fact Sheet on Foundation
- "Basic Concepts of *"The URANTIA Book,"* by Ruth Burton
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