

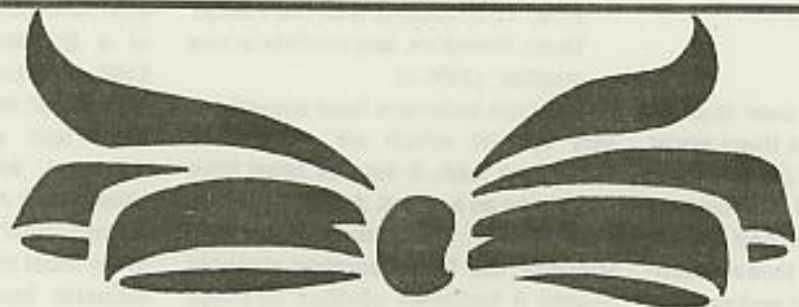
# The Circles

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

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## Gifts to our Brothers

### Service

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Out of our personal experience with our Father, arises an urge to serve and to share the joys of this relationship. It has been said that we grow to be like that which we love. Knowing God's nature does not cause us to be like him, but knowing his nature and *loving him* does cause us to become progressively more like him. We become more loving, serving, sustaining, feeling, giving, and forgiving. It is the consequences, the fruits of this in-working and outworking of God's nature in ourselves that I want to consider. While I must deal with this topic primarily on an intellectual—verbal level, our real objective is to achieve progressive Godlikeness in our lives on the ex-

periential level. Intellectual understanding is worthy, but experiential understanding is a quantum leap beyond.

We foster the experience of sonship with God, brotherhood and the pleasure of service by testing life's every small choice and decision by the God standard. "Is the decision I am about to make and the action I am about to take, Godlike?" We foster this experience when we choose to live loyally by our highest concepts of truth, beauty and goodness. By the word "loyally," I mean we love that which we value so much that we will *readily* and *reliably* choose to foster and support it even at

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# Brotherly Love

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Jesus said over and over that all men are our brothers, but there are at least three categories of brothers. One category is that of our brother believers. Jesus admonished us, as believers to have special love relationships among us—to trust and confide in each other. To me this means daring to bare one's intimate, feeling self and soul and sharing this special self, that only I know, with my faith brothers. It also means to admit that I have uncertainties, doubts, and fears; to admit that there are times when I'm tempted to let my lazy, human side rule and be very selfish with my time and energy, when I'm not putting the kingdom first.

We always need each other for mutual support and strength. Jesus told his disciples at the last morontial appearance in Jerusalem:

...I wish that you would love and trust one another. Judas is no more with you because his love grew cold, and because he refused to trust you, his loyal brethren.... And did I not even send you out to teach, two and two, that you might not become lonely and fall into the mischief and miseries of isolation? You also well know that, when I was in the flesh, I did not permit myself to be alone for long periods. From the very beginning of our

associations I always had two or three of you constantly by my side or else very near at hand even when I communed with the Father. Trust, therefore, and confide in one another. (2055:2)

Kingdom believers have something very special which we share—and that is our faith. It sets us apart from other men as a group. As we share our experiences and growth in faith together, our faith becomes stronger—until it becomes obvious to those around us that we are different: we have something they desire and need. They may not be able quite to put their finger on what it is; but somehow we are strong in the face of defeat and disappointment, even peaceful, because of our faith. Plus, the special joy we share together in the knowledge of the kingdom is always present even in the face of tribulation. Jesus portrayed this profound surety of the God-knowing mortal when he said: "To a God-knowing kingdom believer, what does it matter if all things earthly crash?" (1916:2) Temporal securities are vulnerable, but spiritual sureties are impregnable!

I feel that one of the definite reasons for *The URANTIA Book* coming at this time in human history is to acquaint us with our unseen brothers. This is a second category of brothers here on Urantia whom we should love and serve.

There are midwayers, seraphim, cherubim, Thought Adjusters, and many others who love to aid us

(whether we recognize it consciously or not). These are part of our family, too! They deserve our cooperation. Just take note, sometime, of the role of a Self-acting Adjuster on page 1196. It is our conscious choice, our making of the supreme decision to enter into a solemn and sincere betrothal with the Adjuster, that allows that Adjuster to become self-acting! What a gift to be able to give to my most intimate brother! When an Adjuster becomes self-acting, they have much more freedom—they can communicate freely with those in other realms and can even function in interplanetary matters during times of crisis. (1196) And as we strive in our conquest of the seven psychic circles of mortal potentiality, the actual communication give-and-take between our beloved Adjuster and ourselves grows. And we, too, can become active, conscious partners in the divine work! On page 1206 a Solitary Messenger states:

I cannot but observe that so many of you spend so much time and thought on mere trifles of living, while you almost wholly overlook the more essential realities of everlasting import, those very accomplishments which are concerned with the development of a more harmonious working agreement between you and your Adjusters. The great goal of human existence is to attune to the divinity of the indwelling Adjuster; the great achievement of mortal life is the at-

See LOVE cont. on p. 14.

# The Gift of Faith



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*I have had a hard time understanding just what it means to have faith in my brothers and sisters. I am not a particularly naive person. I learn from experience, and that includes learning who I can trust and who has failed to exhibit himself worthy of trust. As an adult with these valuable lessons under my belt, I came face to face two or three years ago with the fact that Jesus urged his followers to have faith in one another. (1574:5) It stopped me in my tracks and I began to ponder what he could mean. Was I supposed to allow unscrupulous people to take advantage of me repeatedly in fulfillment of a rule of conduct? Was I to ignore the obvious evidence of human behavior and become naive? Was I supposed to disregard a person's apparent bad habits and unreliability and trust him to be and do things that are apparently not a part of his behavior pattern?*

*As these questions plagued me, I did what I have found to be the most effective thing in such circumstances—I prayed. Not so much the traditional and specific request in a designated prayer time (although I did that too), but more the investment of my soul's desire in an intense longing for an answer. When I ask in that way, I do indeed receive.*

*Over the years insights have occurred, some small, some more outstanding. It is only now that I feel enough of a start on understanding to be able to share some thoughts in writing.*

## A Change of Attitude

To begin with, having faith in some-

one is not a rule of conduct that one can adhere to. Faith comes from one's sincere feelings. It cannot be "playacted." We can't force ourselves to have faith in our brothers because we know Jesus said we should. We have to act out of whatever level of faith we are capable of at the moment. It is very comforting to understand that our ideals of faith are always going to outstrip our current level of faith.

Any change in us toward having more faith is a change in attitude. That sincere attitude change results in a change in our actions. Rather than attempt to force ourselves to change behavior, we can more profitably contribute to this growth by praying for a change of attitude, an enlargement of understanding, and an enhancement of faith-power. We can read, think about and discuss with friends what it means to have faith in others. We can attempt to perceive what it would be for the individual situation we are in at the moment. We can want with all our heart and soul to grow in our trust and faith of others.

Jesus was not naive. He expended his faith in Judas with full knowledge of the danger he was courting and the odds against success. Naivete would have said, "Everything will work out as I want it to. I just know Judas won't betray my trust." But I think Jesus said, "I know that there is a great likelihood that Judas is incapable of responding to my teaching and my relationship with him, but he is worth

the cost. I will trust him to respond and grow."

Much of Jesus' expenditure of faith in men resulted in salvaged mortals. As an example, very few would have expected the tax collector Matthew to be interested in or to respond to Jesus, yet Jesus' faith in him was very successful. He stretched his faith to the limit of reasonability in Judas, and Judas failed to live up to Jesus' faith in him. (But perhaps that was not the end of the story. Perhaps Judas did respond and grow. Perhaps Judas too has been saved)

## Faith Is Active

At any rate, faith in others is not simply a trusting naivete. It involves seeking to understand the motives of others and consistently looking for the best in them. Jesus saw the possibilities in the two prostitutes who propositioned him. He saw that their motives were not low, that desperation had driven them to that life. He had faith that they had the capacity and soul desire for growth.

*See GIFT cont. on p. 8.*



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# Brainstorming

At the URANTIA Brotherhood General Conference last summer in Green Lake, Wisconsin a part of the program we planned included the following exercise in imagination. Small groups of participants were to brainstorm, trying to come up with as many ways as possible to live and share the gospel. Quite an extensive list was produced (and we did not get all of the lists returned to us). We have included here the exercise, in case anyone wants to try it (it's a lot of fun), and the list we came up with.

## ROLE PLAYING

Imagine that this group is a team coming to this planet to serve. Each of you began your mortal careers on different planets. You have been extensively prepared with historical information (such as is contained in *The URANTIA Book*) and the current physical, mental and spiritual status of the planet. You are arriving in 1984, approximately 30 years after *The URANTIA Book* was made available to the public in print. You are to take human form, to live as a citizen of Urantia (No one knows that you are aliens.) and lead your lives as the people of this planet do. You will have middle income jobs which will sustain you comfortably but not luxuriously. You are not capable of reproduction, although you may choose to take spouses who already have children or with whom you adopt children. You will all be living in close proximity and functioning as a team.

Your assignment during the 100 years you will be here is to develop effective ways to live the gospel and to spread it.

Today's meeting is being held prior

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to your transportation to the planet. **You are here to hold a brainstorming session in which you will come up with as many ideas as possible to live and share the gospel.** Each person's contribution will be important especially because you each experienced mortal life on a different planet and therefore have observed different approaches to living and sharing the gospel.

Your mode of operation will be a brainstorming method in which as many ideas as possible are generated in a short period of time for evaluation and development in later meetings. The following rules are used:

1. **No evaluation** of any kind. (No judgments. Ideas do not have to be practical, workable, acceptable, etc. Because—a practical, workable, acceptable idea may be inspired by a totally wild suggestion.)

2. **Anything goes.** Let your mind go. Don't censor your own ideas.

3. **Piggyback** on ideas from others (change, expand or build on other people's ideas. Let other's ideas suggest ideas to you.)

4. Look at the problem from **many frames of reference.** (i.e. from the viewpoint of (1) revelators, (2) human servers, (3) those seeking help, etc. Imagine you are the truth, seeking expression. What would the enemy of the Father's truth fear most?—Use any tools of perspective you can think of.)

5. **We ask the Father's participa-**

tion in our work.

**Procedure:** As preparation for the oral brainstorming, we will take a few minutes right now to jot down as many ways to live and share the gospel as we can think of. At the end of the writing time, we will proceed with brainstorming together. The following questions are provided to help everyone get started thinking.

How can we live the gospel?

What avenues of service might be open to us?

How can we spread the gospel as individuals? as a group?

## THE LIST

### Activities or Behaviors

Find methods of effective communication.

Be friendly, cooperative, helpful.

Love, don't force change.

Give what is needed, when needed.

Minister to strangers (as we pass by).

Face every crisis so it is dealt with.

Live as universe citizens.

Be a good example.

Let your life be an infectious example to others.

Express love and friendship to all.

Share your feelings of the Father's love with your brothers.

Exemplify in your life the values and standards you believe in.

Honor God.

Live by obvious standards.

Verbalize your values as you make decisions.

Encourage respect of each other.

Speak out for beauty, truth, and goodness.

Express love (the desire to do good) in all activities.

Express spiritual motives in everything.

Show the reality of spirituality and not a facade of joy.  
Listen, talk to people, look for seekers.  
Live loyal lives of loving service.  
Lead a balanced life.  
Live it—don't just preach.

#### At Work

Be successful in the real world as a result of spiritual insights.  
Be a cheerful worker.  
Improve everyday work situation.  
Write and/or teach on family relations, friendship, loyalty, law, governmental theory, gospel, etc.  
Talk with co-workers about gospel.  
Operate ethical business, treat people fairly and honestly.  
Obtain through work the resources to further the kingdom.  
Verbalize feelings and ideas to co-workers, talk about the gospel.  
Encourage soil toil, basic labor, work with hands, crafts.  
Charge people's batteries.

#### At Home

Institute family prayer and sharing times.  
Maintain a creative relationship with spouse.  
Adopt and raise children of character and strength.  
Teach ideals of family life that portray the Father's nature.  
Integrate singles and couples into larger families.

#### Minister To Groups

Participate in: Parenting/marriage groups  
Child care groups  
Education (esp. of children)  
Youth groups  
Foster groups based on gospel.  
Seek people open to new ideas.  
Start meditation centers (teach mortals to relax).  
Start a school for spiritual subjects.  
Join local churches, start new ones.  
Establish home study groups.  
Adopt a few individuals into groups to train and teach.  
Work with single parents.

#### Community Ministry

Hold community suppers.  
Establish a garden as a model.  
Promote new forms of rest, humor, and play.  
Distribute URANTIA Books to schools

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## A Vision of Mission

By Kathryn Gentry

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*Occasionally while working on some mundane project, one can be subject to a flash of inspiration. I was recently privileged to such a flash. I was collating the lists from the brainstorming sessions on alien missions to Urantia when I became aware of a way to share what those lists mean to me. I feel that that exercise was very beneficial because it helped me realize that we don't have to wait for aliens to be sent to help us. We can accept this mission on our own, working during our normal life span for the furtherance of the kingdom and the uplift of our race.*

*Using the lists as a guide, I constructed the following scenario:*

It is early morning in the home of Steven and Mary Clemmons. It is a typical middle-class, mid-western home. Steven, 34, and Mary, 30, are seated at the breakfast table with their six-year-old daughter. They are involved in their morning prayer session, offering their praises to the Father and asking his presence in their lives this day. When finished with their breakfast, they will share clean-up duties before separating to their individual paths. Even little Carol helps clear the table and load the dishwasher. There is obviously shared love and respect in this home. They take pride in keeping their home neat and clean. Each has specific responsibilities according to abilities and available time.

Steven is a sales representative for a computer company. His sales are made primarily to schools, and he is in constant contact with educators. This morning he has an appointment

with the teacher of a newly formed vocational education class at the local high school. The school is taking bids on eight new computers which will be used by 11th and 12th graders to learn data entry and other skills which will help them prepare for the job market. The school is only ten minutes away from his home, so he will go directly there instead of to the office.

Mary teaches part-time in a kindergarten near their home. She drops Carol at the grammar school and drives the short distance to her school for the morning's classes. On the way, she stops at the shopping center to purchase some art paper for today's project. She is short of time and grateful that the traffic is light.

Running into the store quickly, she returns to find a tangle of cars on the parking lot. There has been a small accident. The parties involved are engaged in a loud disagreement over placing blame. The cars are blocking several lanes of the lot, and other cars are stacking up. Many of the drivers are on their way to work and become upset, honking their horns and yelling. Mary smiles widely and advises several drivers of the cause of the blockage and suggest they back up and try another aisle. When they learn what has caused the jam, the drivers seem more settled and cooperate with Mary's instructions to solve the problem. Very soon the tangle is unsnarled and drivers are on their way. Mary too hurries to her car to reach the school on time.

Mary really enjoys her classes with

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# Service Is

## Love in Action



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**"True religion must act. Conduct will be the result of religion...when religion is permitted truly to possess the man....Religion does something, it is dynamic." (1121:2)**

**"Future religionists must live out their religion, dedicate themselves to the wholehearted service of the brotherhood of man." (1091:8)**

As our growing religion begins to express itself in service urges, *The URANTIA Book* can suggest opportunities for service. Our group chose as a project to enlarge our spectrum of service possibilities by finding statements in the book which suggested to us appropriate areas of service. We found a surprisingly large number of ideas from the portions

which we read for this purpose. They are all printed here, divided into six categories: Facilitating the Progression of Civilization, Uplifting Families, Teaching the Unique Value of Group Efforts, Serving the Institutions of Religion, Personal Ministry and Proclaiming the Gospel. Beside each reference' is described a service we thought was suggested by that passage. The list is by no means exhaustive nor authoritative (Others may interpret the passages differently.), but we would like to share what we found.

It is our hope that readers will enjoy reading through the list which is, in effect, a possibilities list, and that they will look up the references of those that seem most interesting. Now is a time when individuals all over the movement are seeking avenues of expression for their service urges. It would be especially wonderful if someone were to find in this list an area of service which they had overlooked before.

### FACILITATING THE PROGRESSION OF CIVILIZATION

**"...progress in the arts of civilization leads directly to the realization of the highest human and divine goals of mortal endeavor—the social achievement of the brotherhood of man and the personal status of God-consciousness..." 804:15**

- 2074:4 Do not overlook the need for service outside the religious realm.  
1043:3, 911:5 Encourage slow evolution rather than sudden revolution in religion, as well as in social and economic orders.  
1891:1 Seek to prevent evil men from organizing for exploitation and oppression against those who will not or cannot protect themselves.  
1086:6 Help to stabilize mankind's ideals during these transition times.  
1720:3 Encourage the building of a

civilization based on Jesus' teachings.

- 2075:4 Seek first the realities of heaven to stabilize society.  
1087:7 Love your neighbor as yourself.  
1256:2 Work for the promotion of health and the prevention of disease.  
1255:7 Work for the upliftment of political life.  
1255:5 Endeavor to make things what they ought to be.  
1255:8 Promote good race relations.  
921:17 Promote the concept of genetic improvement.  
1256:4 Foster industrial development and improve economic conditions.  
1256:5 Foster the values of play, humor and rest.  
942:3 Enlighten people about the dangers of "pleasure mania."  
575:6 Uplift play and cultural activities.  
835:1, 279:13 Introduce the technique of older students teaching younger into the educational system.  
909:5 Modify the evolutionary course of civilization by education of the younger generation.  
575:5 Teach cultivation of the soil.  
913:2 Service to the family is service to civilization.  
1469:1 Educate others regarding the appropriate handling of mercy and justice.  
1453:2 "Let compassion be a part of all punishment; in every way endeavor to make punishment a blessing."  
1630:4 Work for a better world by fostering the progress and enlight-

*'The page reference system used is the following: The first number refers to the page number. Numbers following the colon refer to paragraphs. Each indentation is counted as a paragraph, even if it is a single line long, as in numbered lists. Paragraph 0 on the page is the one which began on the previous page.'*



enment of the individual.

"...marriage [is] the ancestor and creator of civilization's most useful and sublime institution, the home." 931:1

"As are the families of the race or nation, so is its society. If the families are good, the society is likewise good." 939:4

"...the family is the master civilizer." 913:2

1922:4 Foster improved home life because it is prerequisite to worldwide acceptance of the gospel.

913:3 The family is an essential educational institution.

913:1 Treasure the home life.

929:3 Encourage examination of the value of love and marriage.

930:2, 835:2 Teach marriage preparation courses.

575:7-8 Teach principles of successful family life.

917:2-3 Teach the value of commitment in marriage.

1089:5 Seek to establish religion within the family.

1922:2 Foster and display love and wisdom, especially in the home.

1597:2 Promote better examples of fatherhood to enhance understanding of the Father's love.

1922:0 Be a wise parent and loving child.

1574:7 In dealing with children avoid all deception and refrain from suggesting suspicion.

1574:7 Wisely help children choose their heroes and select their life work.

1131:8 Instill values in children in early childhood.

941:10 Encourage family council practices as a technique of family government.

941:8 Work to prevent church or state interference in parental responsibilities.

914:5-6 Teach the virtues of self control.

#### TEACHING THE UNIQUE VALUE OF GROUP EFFORTS

"...men enrich the soul by pooling their respective spiritual possessions." 1776:1

1776:2 Association with others is essential to renewal of the zest for

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# Serendipitous Service

*If we set out to count the number of our service experiences, we could probably never find them all. Or, if successful in that marathon, never comprehend the volume. Most are probably unconsciously performed or are fragment cause-and-effect contributions to greater events. Some services take moments, others months or years.*

I said, staring at the ceiling one morning in my bed: "I will serve wherever I am needed."

"Aha!" came back the exclamation. "The laborers are so few! You are welcome, I'm sure." The call came sooner, rather than later:

...settle with this one's mind, a turmoil.

...take that one to meet a challenge for growth.

...be here at this instant and the need will not seem so great to the needful, nor seem anything at all to you.

...comfort him, and the journey will not be a fearful one.

...follow your inclination and be in place for such an event as you are fit to handle.

...the joy is yours, the fulfillment your brother's or sister's.

...your wealth is the experience you share, never spend.

...know the satisfaction of the power of transmuting, not wasting, energy.

...be the living example of what you believe is right.

*You may lament and wonder where Tomorrow will take you. But, ah! it is a worthy wonderment.*

*One of the thresholds to growth is passed when we notice that what others do is a service, rather than an effort, characteristic or duty. From somewhere in my neighborhood, I do not know where, as I write this, the sound of bagpipes comes across the still evening air through the trees. I have never met the player, but I consider the heartwarming sound a gift, and his or her rehearsal sessions a service.*

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The result was two redeemed lives. (pp. 1472-3)

Faith in our brothers involves a trust in their ability to grow. We tend to look at people and situations as static. If we project change, it is on the basis of the characteristics which people are displaying at the moment. When one is surrounded by stagnant people, perhaps that is a reasonable expectation.

Now that my life has become filled with alive and growing people, I am constantly amazed. Situations are always turning out better than I expect. My experience with spiritually growing people justifies relatively optimistic faith in what they can be and become. People repeatedly grow beyond reasonable predictions—before my very eyes! My faith can't seem to keep up with reality—or maybe my faith in them even causes some of the growth that surprises me.

If we think back on situations in which others have had faith in us, we can recognize the effect of one person's faith in another: faith in us causes us to want to live up to that faith, inspires in us a belief that we can be more than we are, spurs us to do our best by a sense of responsibility (in the best meaning of that word).

Jesus valued people so much and had so much faith in their ability to grow and their sincere desire to do so, that he spent himself in serving them. As a result, people all around him became more than they were, more than they had every hoped to be.

#### Faith Errors

Some of the confusion about having faith in others may stem from two easy-to-make errors. One of these errors is to confuse faith in growth with expectations. To have faith in another's capacity and desire for growth is a different matter from expecting that a person will behave in a specific way in a particular situation at a definite time. Someone may on occasion fulfill such defined expectations, but more often the growth of another person does not fit our specified demands. The temptation then is to view that as a failure—even to assume that having faith in people does not do any good (does not have



## A Time for

*Winter, the season for giving and remembrance, is now upon us. Another year has slipped through our hands like a grain of sand while a new one takes its place with both anticipation and uncertainty. The focus of family life once again becomes important to us; and we are overwhelmed with love, thankfulness, and compassion for our fellow man.*

*Why? Because it's the month the world celebrates Jesus' birthday. A time for us to go about doing good, to share gifts with our friends, family, co-workers, and those who are not so fortunate.*

*These non-commercial and original ideals of Christmas are beautiful! Peace on Earth, good will towards men. Although sometimes hard to find, they are still there. When you do see them, you most certainly can feel them, and it can give you a very small but real glimpse of what Light and Life might be like. Can you imagine the joy of living every day with worldwide knowledge of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man?*

*Sometimes, it's easy to forget how Christmas all started. It makes me wonder how many children out there only know the tales of Santa, his reindeer, little elves and Frosty the snowman.*

*This year and in those to come, we need more than ever to study and share the life and teachings of Jesus. On page 2090 a midwayer tells us, "Of all human knowledge, that which is of greatest value is to know the religious life of Jesus and how he lived it."*

*While studying his life, one of the greatest ways of sharing our love for the Master is by giving him our gift of remembrance. And what better time to throw the Master a party than on his world celebrated birthday? I know that some people are initially uncomfortable with remembrance suppers because of past experiences with their various religious backgrounds. I felt that way myself at one time. I am confident however, that if one is open enough to really let themselves*

the desired results of getting them to act as we wish).

Even growing people are not going to grow according to our expectations for their growth. Our faith has to expand beyond those limitations.

This type of situation also involves the second misunderstanding about faith. When we have expended faith in our brothers—perhaps time and again—we may eventually come to feel that our faith was wasted or that we were a fool for having faith in that

person. Neither of those is true. Our faith is never wasted, nor are we a fool for having it. We may, because of our immature status in the universe, bestow faith in unwise ways; but, after all, everything we do is less than perfect. We can expend our faith and learn and grow from our experiences. Or we can withhold our faith for fear of making an error—and stagnate. We are responsible for acting as wisely, sincerely, and lovingly as we are capable of, and we can leave the out-



# Remembrance



*participate, the remembrance can be one of the greatest gifts you can both give and receive at the same time.*

*If you haven't already shared in one of these special occasions, I would strongly suggest that you read pages 1941-3 of The URANTIA Book and experiment with your study group. Reading the paper with the group before you start has a nice effect. Combine music, prayer, worship. Just use your imagination.*

*Surprisingly enough, there is no formal way to hold a remembrance supper. Nor should there ever be for that matter. I have been to some where no wine or bread were used. Some where only water, soda, or juice were passed. On one very special occasion a group of us passed only the warmth and love of our clasped hands.*

*No matter the method used, as long as two or more people are gathered together, you can rest assured that, "upon all such occasions the Master is really present." (p. 1942) The importance of the remembrance is best stated by Jesus on page 1943:*

*And as often as you do this, do it in remembrance of me. And when you do remember me, first look back upon my life in the flesh, recall that I was once with you, and then, by faith, discern that you shall all some time sup with me in the Father's eternal kingdom. This is the new Passover which I leave with you, even the memory of my bestowal life, the word of eternal truth; and of my love for you, the outpouring of my Spirit of Truth upon all flesh.*

*This year and in those to come, it is my prayer that the Spirit of Truth will lead each and every one of us into the paths of certainty and to the peace of Michael. May the love and joy of our having found the Father bring forth many fruits and lead thousands of thirsty souls to the wellsprings of eternal light! A very Merry Michaelmas To You All!*

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working of those acts to God.

There are many possibilities in a situation where one's faith seems to have been in vain. Some examples:

There may be benefits for our brother which we cannot see.

There may be benefits to someone else.

The positive results may be delayed.

This may be one in a series of similar events which will eventually bear fruit.

We may have been too ambitious, too specific, or inaccurate in our expectations.

We may be the primary beneficiaries of the situation.

## Faith Wisdom

While accepting that our application of faith is going to be less than perfect, we will want to seek ways to make it as wise as possible. Wisdom indicates that allowing unscrupulous people to take advantage of us or anyone else is in no one's highest in-

terest. Jesus seemed to distinguish between those who were malicious and those who were making sincere errors. The money changers in the temple are an example of the malicious and sinful. Jesus used force against the money changers to drive them out. The man beating his wife is an example of someone in sincere error. Jesus approached the man to ascertain his motives and what events had lead up to this extreme action. He uplifted the man's understanding of his relationship with his wife and left the man in the faith that he would grow beyond his violent reactions. (pp. 1888-91; 1470-71)

Even when the situation involves error and not maliciousness, we are not supposed to disregard a person's apparent bad habits and unreliability and trust him to be and do things that are apparently not part of his behavior patterns. It is our desire that the faith we have in him empower him to grow. We hope he will live up to a trust placed in him or that failure to do so will stimulate his growth. To have faith that a person be or do something too far beyond his present reach dooms him to failure without even the benefit of learning from that failure.

For example, delegation of responsibility involves faith, but it must be dispensed wisely. It is a pattern of the universe to delegate responsibility as soon as maturity warrants. We can more nearly follow this pattern if we watch for the signs of readiness for the responsibility. It is the fourteen-year-old we trust with the lawn mower, not the four-year-old. Observing the signs of readiness is a wise thing to do. It does not mean one lacks faith in one's brother.

We can benefit in our faith-wisdom by recognizing that faith is undermined by fear. It is our animal nature to fear the unknown (and faith always includes the unknown). We have the difficult job of balancing our judgment of readiness with our instinctive fear of the results of taking a faith step. Knowing that we have spiritual help in making our decisions is an extremely important remedy for the dilemma of choosing wisely while being pulled by

*See GIFT cont. on p. 14.*

# about angels

BY GENE JOYCE  
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The angels "love human beings, and only good can result from your efforts to understand and love them."

*Diane Lanford tells of an experience she and her husband John had which exhibits amazing virtuosity on the part of "someone".*

We were visiting a place called Tepoztlan which is a small village set in a bowl of mountains south of Mexico City. My husband John has good friends who live in the next village, about 25 miles from Tepoztlan. They invited us to their home for lunch on Sunday afternoon. After taking a taxi as far as the driver would go on the "road," we still needed to walk about a mile and a half to their house, over rocks, boulders, ruts, gullies and large roots—this was the road, by the way. When we finally arrived at the house, there was a note on the door telling us they had gone for a walk and would return in about 2 hours. This meant we would not be able to get to another engagement we had for later in the evening.

Since neither of us really wanted to just hang around outside for two hours waiting for someone to come home, we opted to walk the 25 miles back to Tepoztlan. At this point, I feel I must let the reader know that it was two o'clock in the afternoon, hot, dry, windy and we hadn't eaten. I have already described the condition of the land over which we were traveling. This was not an easy trip—get the picture? The place was very remote and elevated. One could see, literally, for miles and miles in every direction. Once we got back up onto the "well-traveled" road (where the taxi driver let us off), we could see Tepoztlan way off in the distance.

Having reached this point, I already had a feeling of accomplishment. It may have only been a mile and a half (uphill), but what a rugged mile and a

half! Now I began to realize I was walking to the horizon and I needed help. I began to play silly little "thought games" with things like, "A horse! a horse! My kingdom for a horse!" In a few moments, seemingly out of nowhere, a large bay horse began to walk behind me. There was not place along the way for him to hide as we passed—no farms, no barns, no houses, no people. This place was remote.

So, we continued to walk and I continued to play. I said silently, "Thank you. That's really good, you guys; but we can't really expect this horse to carry both of us all the way back to town. It's hot and dry and a long way. We really need two horses." At this there was a friendly neigh from the bay and it was quickly answered by a dingy white horse to my right and just ahead of us that certainly had not been there only a moment ago!

"Wow! You guys really are good!" said I. "However, we would never be able to catch these noble steeds. We would spend the whole afternoon chasing them around and be too tired to get back to Tepoztlan on our own. Thanks, though. I really do appreciate it." By this time I had shared what was going on with John, and we watched for a moment as the two horses walked off together and disappeared.

I thought that would be the end of it, but as we came to a bend in the road, there, just to our right out in the middle of nowhere, stood two horses—bridled, saddled and tied to a tree and looking directly at us! There was not another soul in sight, not a building of any kind anywhere and no place for people to hide. At this, I had to say, "Listen, this is so terrific and nobody could appreciate this more than I, but we just can't take these horses. Everyone knows the gringos came in on Greyhound, and if we come riding into town on horseback, we could be in big trouble. I've heard about Mexican jails. We really can't take them. Thanks anyway. This has been so much fun, and it's certainly made our journey a lot more pleasant."

Thinking that I had probably just blown our last chance for a free ride (We were not quite a third of the way.),

I began to question my judgment. "You're hot, tired, thirsty, hungry and you've been in the sun too long. Go back and get those horses." As I was trying to convince John that those horses could still be there, a car came up the road toward us honking the horn. The driver pulled over to the side and turned the car around, heading back in the direction of Tepoztlan. He stopped and looked back at us as if waiting for us. As we approached, we realized it was a man we had met in town. He took us back to Tepoztlan. On the way back, we questioned him as to why he was out there. He had no answer. He was questioning that himself.

Diane Lanford  
Fort Worth, Texas

*Surely some readers out there have experienced the serendipitous intervention of angels in your lives. Please share with us and send the stories to Gene Joyce, c/o The Circles, P.O. Box 1203, Arlington, TX 76004-1203.*



*BRAINSTORMING cont. from p. 5,*  
and libraries.

- Teach therapeutic gardening.
- Publish uplifting papers, tapes, music, books, etc.
- Maintain a panic button (hot line) for troubled people.
- Worship together.
- Get to know your neighbors.
- Allow expression of music and the arts.
- Give art lessons for children.
- Invent and encourage appropriate games and athletic contests.
- Perform stories and music.
- Provide spiritual retreats for individuals.

#### **Personal Service**

- Be receptive to needs.
- Reach out to people lost or confused spiritually.

*continued on next page.*

# SPHERES of INFLUENCE

By Gene Joyce  
Dallas, Texas



## The Bridge Across Forever

In *The Bridge Across Forever* Richard Bach has done it again, and yet the result is not the same. If you have not already discovered *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* and *Illusions*, you may want to correct this omission before embarking on this latest book, an autobiographical tale of a knight who meets his princess. Their adventures

"happened in fact very nearly the way it's turned out in print." So, in a sense, this stranger-than-fiction story is a sequel to the first two books in that many of the metaphysical aspects presented in them are now brought into actual experiential reality.

Another similarity, which almost

always results in good reading, is that all three books were written under a compulsion too strong for the writer to resist.

All of you who are sincerely searching for better communication techniques will appreciate this revealing story of the intimacy which can be achieved between a man and a woman who are both totally committed to achieving a loving, growing relationship in which neither sacrifices independence nor stifles creativity. On the contrary, both individuals melt and fuse into an entity much greater than either of them were in the beginning. Their road is not an easy one, as they discover the key to creature achievement, which is perseverance. The wise man can learn from the experience of others, and this book is just such an opportunity. ●

### God's Garden of Life

We are a seed planted,  
in God's Garden of Life.  
We are one. In our oneness,  
we are a family. As brothers and sisters,  
let's gather together—to love and to cultivate,  
this seed planted in God's Garden of Life.

by Dennis Ray Nisbet  
Rye, Colorado



Work as psychiatrist, nurse, doctor,  
other health related careers.  
Promote healing on all levels, physical,  
mental, spiritual, political, etc.  
Erase conflicts and barriers.  
Give on the level of need.  
Help the needy (share material goods).  
Counsel with others on relationships.

Become foster parents.  
Comfort the distressed and ill.  
Comfort sick and dying with good  
news of the reality of the kingdom.  
**Politics/Government**  
Become leaders.  
Eliminate corruption and waste.  
Work to establish one world govern-

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ment. (Be willing to start small.)  
Infiltrate government and teach,  
uplift.  
Become involved in civic functions.  
Be involved and knowledgeable about  
city government.  
Treat political opponents lovingly  
(thereby inspiring higher qualities). ●

the expense of our personal goals. This is a way of saying with our lives, "It is truly my will, my Father, that your will be done." And it is wanting to do God's will more than we want to do anything else which will unfailingly cause us to become more like our Father.

We can foster our own growth in God awareness by incorporating simple, spiritual growth habits into our lives. If we regularly, frequently, and habitually ask to know God's will for us and if we remain alert for indications of his will, we will begin to know God's will for our lives. If we also apply ourselves to learning about God's nature—intellectually by study and spiritually by communion—then we will be able more accurately to predict and understand his will for us.

The desire to do good for others is the essence of God. God in his infinite plan has given each of his creatures an instinctive response to this kind of love. *The experience of being loved evokes love as a response.* God and the angels and a myriad of serving sons and daughters of God act on this principle without exception. If we learn to experience God's love for ourselves and learn to feel and to share God's love for our fellows, then we will be spreading the infectiousness of this desire to do good for others, this Godlike love. Modern man does not yet know it, but he yearns for this love. This one central aspect of Godlikeness, the desire to do good for others, when it becomes our shared experience, will transform our world.

This concept of love as the desire to do good for others is applicable to our relationship with deity also. It sounds strange to say you want to do good for or to God, but this is exactly what wanting to do God's will is. Who among us does not long to do at least one thing during this life which will advance truth, beauty, goodness, justice, mercy, fairness, equality, love, rationalism or some other real value? Well, that is a desire to do good for others and that is love. Loving service even to the least of our fellows is loving service to our Father. How grand it will be to be able to look

back on our life and say, "I achieved something for God. Thank you, Father, for the opportunity, for the boundless assistance, for the guidance and for the experience of doing something for you."

Service is a fruit or consequence of our relationship with God and of our growing ability to love each other. It is a natural outgrowth of love. When we really feel the desire to do good to others, then we have merely to put our sincere desire into action—and we will be serving. Service which is a fruit of the spirit is not a burden or a duty, obligation or debt. It arises from our desire to do for others, and it is a joy and a reward in itself.

*Service is love in action.* It is impossible to define certain acts as being service, because the motive of an act is the real determiner of whether it is service. Any beneficent act done for the good of another person is service. The same act done for selfish reasons may benefit others, but it is done out of love for self rather than love for others, and it is not service.

Sometimes service is self-giving; at other times it is self-restraint; but always it is self-forgetful—done for the purpose of benefiting others. Within these bounds, service can be anything from a smile to giving up one's life, from sharing one's sandwich to sharing the gospel of Jesus, from a minute of prayer for a friend to a life wholeheartedly dedicated to the doing of God's will.

Our world transformed by love need not be a mere dream of a distant future. This experience is only a realization and a decision away. The *realization* is that we already love each other.—I say that we love each other, because already we desire to do good to each other. The *decision* is to live our lives consistent with that loving desire.


It is God's will that we treat each other as he would treat us. We are assured that what the Infinite Father wills and the true son desires, *is*. (1639B) Therefore, spiritual brotherhood awaits only our decision to align our will with God's. God has left the timing of our personal transformation to us.

The gospel of Jesus is the simple,

basic philosophy of life which, if it is lived loyally, is guaranteed to bring about this transformation—first in each believer's life...and then to the culture of our planet.

That gospel is: Love and worship God. Love and serve your fellows. Have faith in both God and your fellows. Forgive, be unselfish, be merciful as well as just.

Acceptance of this gospel of experiential love will bring man to God—and God to man—and in the process, it will bring man to man. It is the secret. It is the magic we all long for to transform our lives and our world—and this will happen if we live loyally and lovingly and allow time and the magic to work. ●



It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to sometimes be cheated than not to trust.

*ACTION cont. from p. 7.*

life and to the maintenance of the courage to fight the battles involved in seeking higher ways of living.

1776:2 "Great spiritual power is inherent in the consciousness of wholehearted devotion to a common cause, mutual loyalty to a cosmic deity."

1477:1 Help groups to work in "coordinated working harmony" in order to multiply their effectiveness.

1130:2 Share your religious experiences with others.

1589:4 Don't take sides in the petty quarrels of others.

1625:8 Explore, discover and demonstrate the techniques of effective group dynamics.

1823:3 It is service to support financially the service efforts of others.

1616:5 Provide opportunities for the play activities which balance more serious activities (the antidotes). Worship balances service, play balances work, humor balances religion and rhythmic poetry

balances philosophy.

### SERVING THE INSTITUTIONS OF RELIGION

**"While it is true that the institutionalization of religion has usually detracted from its spiritual quality, it is also a fact that no religion has thus far succeeded in surviving without the aid of institutional organization of some degree, greater or lesser."**  
1083:1

965:6, 1076:4 Foster the growth of an appropriate religious institution.

1092:2 Encourage the socialization of religion, teaching its dangers as well as its benefits.

1089:11 Work to keep religion from becoming standardized, stereotyped or formalized.

1120:4 Work to avoid intellectual crystallization of religious concepts.

1087:3 The form of religious expression must be restated periodically.

2082:9 Become and/or help others to become religious leaders who depend solely on Jesus and his teachings.

1088:8 Practice and teach the concept that religion must be constructively criticized and nourished with philosophy, science and fellowship in order for it to grow.

1091:6 Exalt goals rather than creeds to unify religion.

1090:5-7 Seek to harmonize the contending philosophies of religion with this revelation in order to insure tranquillity in the religious world.

2082:7 Infuse Christianity with the uncompromised teachings of Jesus.

1769:9 Embellish the highest aspects of present-day religions.

1076:4 Work to reform existing religious ritual.

1084:6, 1091:3 Foster the concept that religious groups should confine themselves to religious activities.

### PERSONAL MINISTRY

**"...when a human being does find God, there is experienced within the soul of that being such an indescribable restlessness of triumph in discovery that he is impelled to seek loving service-contact with his less illuminated fellows...to allow the overflow of the welling-up of eternal goodness within his own soul to refresh and ennoble his fellows."**

1121:6

1546:0 Let nothing be so important as the individual human in your immediate presence.

1572:5 Live life (including one's vocation) so that others are led into "new and godly paths of enhanced living."

1732:4 One can serve by doing God's will in any occupation.

1770:1 "Do the best thing possible actively to lead your brother in error away from the evil paths and into the better ways of righteous living."

1535:5 "Show forth love, compassion, and sympathy."

1770:2 Live unselfishly.

1780:1 Teach the value of failure.

1439:0 Do things for people which you are sure they want done.

1461:2 Do things—even little things—for all sorts of people.

1662:1 Help men solve their spiritual problems.

1549:6 Discover the hidden resources and latent talents of people.

1574:5 Always look for the best in man.

1774:1 Cultivate tact and tolerance to be effective in all of your contacts.

1416:1 Behave with patience and forbearance.

1766:7 "Teach all believers to avoid leaning on the insecure props of false sympathy..."

1431:1, 2056:8 Develop an understanding for the problems of your brothers.

1874:8 Take time to comfort your fellow man.

1575:1 Be sensitive to human needs.

1765:6 "Take care that you do not wound the self respect of timid and fearful souls."

1765:6 "Do not indulge in sarcasm at the expense of my simple-minded brethren."

1765:6 "Be not critical with my fear-ridden children."

1460:5 Say or do something to make other lives richer and more worthwhile.

1456:0 Embellish and illuminate truth in people's minds so that the higher truth crowds out associated error.

1776:3 Be a friend: "There is a positive strength in the knowledge that you live for the welfare of others, and

that these others live for your welfare and advancement."

1776:2 Be a friend: "By intelligent symbols man is able to quicken and enlarge the appreciative capacities of his friends."

1671:1 Be willing to listen and counsel with your fellows.

1460:6 Sympathetically listen to people's problems and offer practical and immediate helpful suggestions as well as spiritual comfort.

1775:7 Express and listen to noble impulses.

### PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

**"Let all mankind benefit from the overflow of your loving spiritual ministry, enlightening intellectual communion, and uplifting social service; but none of these humanitarian labors, nor all of them, should be permitted to take the place of proclaiming the gospel."** 1931:2

2052:4, 2054:0 Proclaim the gospel.

1866:2 Help to revive the actual teachings of Jesus.

2044:3, 1466:2 Live the gospel.

1098:3 Learn to love your neighbors.

1770:2 Go about doing good.

2019:2 Devote yourselves to the welfare and salvation of others.

2083:4 Share the religion of Jesus rather than *about* Jesus.

2083:6 Foster the growth of a brotherhood of dynamic believers.

1801:1 Wherever you go, share the love of the Father and minister to those who are ill.

1593:5 Reveal God to man as his Father.

1642:2-3 Teach people to seek their inner leadings.

1765:5 Encourage balanced self-respect.

575:9 Train missionaries of higher concepts chosen from the culture of those to whom they will minister.

749:7 Seek to uplift and advance the present mores of each culture rather than imposing outside mores.

2069:3 Carry a simple spiritual appeal, such as Jesus presented to the souls of men, rather than a new order of human society.

1098:1-2 Seek to understand your fellow's motives.

1822:2 Demonstrate the subordination of the material to the spiritual. ●

the five-year-olds. She feels that she has a unique opportunity to instill a thirst for knowledge and an appreciation of higher ideals in her children. She has such an opportunity this morning to use an art lesson to teach the children a story about love. Mary tries to choose stories that will teach the children about the loving nature of the heavenly Father. They really seem to enjoy Mary's art lessons. They get to keep the pictures they make to share with their parents. Mary encourages her students to share the stories they hear with those at home.

As Steven arrives in the classroom, the teacher is not yet present. One of the students sitting near the door, appears very despondent. Steven introduces himself and asks if he is in the correct room. He is struck by the obviously troubled youth and decides to attempt a conversation.

The youth is indeed troubled. His parents are getting a divorce, and he no longer feels welcome at home. His parents are still living together, and the bickering is almost constant. The immediate problem is that the young man has been unable to prepare his homework because of the fighting at home. He is worried that his teacher will be upset and doesn't feel he can cope with any criticism this morning. Steven suggests that most adults are willing to cooperate with their students when approached in the proper manner. He advises the student to take the teacher into his confidence and explain the situation.

Since Steven was able to initiate a relationship with this young man so readily, he decides to invite the youth to his Tuesday night group meeting. Giving the young man his address and phone number, Steven explains that on Tuesday night he is host to several neighborhood boys who come over for discussion groups and some physical activity. Tonight it will be shooting baskets and playing some one-on-one tournaments of basketball. The discussion topic for tonight will be "The Give-and-Take of Loving Relationships."

Mary stops at the grocery store on her way home from her oil painting class that afternoon. She wants to get

some refreshments for Steven's group that night. She hurries home to prepare an early dinner so that Steven will be available to his group by seven. After the young men arrive, Steven takes them into the den for the discussion. Mary always spends the first part of these evenings with Carol in her room. They read stories or draw. Sometimes they make special projects to give as gifts. Tonight they are going to finish a mobile of butterflies they have been working on for several days. As they work, they sing songs. At her bedtime, Carol takes her bath, says her prayers, and lets her mom tuck her in.

The boys are ready to come back in by this time, and Mary prepares some punch and cookies for them. They have had an interesting discussion which turned out to be beneficial to the new boy. He feels more relaxed about the problems with his parents and asks if he can come back next week. After being assured that he can, he leaves with the other boys. Steven really feels good about the night's session. Several of the boys are beginning to really open up and share their problems with the group. It is gratifying to see the progress they are making.

When the last boy is gone, Steven joins Mary in the kitchen for a cup of coffee and a few minutes of closeness before retiring. They use this time to share their days and offer their "thankfuls" to the Father for the opportunities they have had to share his love that day. Prayer requests are also made in the assurance of answers to be given. ●

I believe that only in broken gleams has the Sun of Truth yet shone upon men. I believe that love will finally establish the Kingdom of God on earth, and that the Cornerstones of that Kingdom will be Liberty, Truth, Brotherhood, and Service.

Helen Keller

fear on one side and desire to live by faith on the other.

### The Source of the Faith Gift

It occurs to me that faith in our brothers is also faith in our Father. We can be absolutely confident that he has a plan for each of us, that we can and will grow. We can be certain that we all have helpers on every side and in every situation whose primary aim is to help us grow. We can depend upon him not only to safeguard us spiritually but to guide us constantly. We can step out over the chasm of the unknown, utterly supported by God's promises: that we can and will grow to be like him, that all things work together for the good of those who love him.

It is these assurances—our faith in our Father—which enables us to extend the gift of faith to our brothers. ●

tainment of a true and understanding consecration to the eternal aims of the divine spirit who waits and works within your mind....The ideal life is one of loving service rather than an existence of fearful apprehension.

Loving service, then is what brotherly love is all about, and we may serve our unseen brothers and sisters as well. As ambassadors—personal representatives from a heavenly kingdom—we are called to represent our unseen brothers to our earthly brothers, to the best of our abilities.

The third category of brothers we are to love is the nonbelievers. Jesus admonished us to, "...draw very near them with that unselfish social service which is the natural outgrowth of the bearing of the fruits of the spirit..." (1930)

There are many ways to serve: Some choose to serve as they grow in faith by simply watching and really becoming aware of their brothers around them every day—opening a door for a busy mother with her arms full and children in tow, or stopping to give someone whose car has stalled a ride and assistance, or possibly holding the elevator door open for the

man rushing to catch it, or just offering a smile of understanding to a harried sales clerk. As we begin to be aware of ways to serve, the avenues of service that appear to open up are many!

Then we reach another point in our growth to service where we must choose our special areas of service where our expertise is, where our talents lie, where we can be of the most service to our brothers for our Father. My experience has been that so many avenues of service have opened up that another decision has become necessary. I found I must begin to decide where, when and how to spend my time and energy to serve. How can I best serve my Father? What avenue is the best one for me?

I constantly, consciously try to seek the Father's will in all situations and then act as I perceive will best accomplish that will, trusting God with the consequences. And, thus, I can love and serve, wherever I am and whomever I'm with, always knowing I have God's guidance.

It is up to us to help change the world, and the best way I've seen to do that is by helping change the consciousness of those around me every day, from the negative to the positive, from the children of doubt and fear to the faith sons of God!

There is a line from the Book which I've found very helpful in my own personal striving for perfection in this progression of divine service. Jesus said to his disciples: "The measure wherewith truth seekers are drawn to you represents the measure of your truth endowment, your righteousness." (pg. 1726) I use this statement of my beloved older brother Michael as a beacon for my life. If the string of seekers (brothers, if you will) who are continually, fortuitously brought into my life slows or stops—I search within myself for the reason. Invariably I've let my egoistic mortal self slip back into the front and lazily have not sought the Father's guidance.

We are the ambassadors of the kingdom. We don't need to have masters degrees or doctorates in theology to present truth. "The common people heard Jesus gladly, and

## Things to Share

### BROTHERHOOD OF MAN RADIO NETWORK

Bruce Fiero and David Clearwaters have announced the formation of the Brotherhood of Man Radio Network. The network is intended to be the first international study group to take place over the shortwave radio ethers. This is a project that Dave and Bruce have been working on for the past several months, and so far they have four members on the West Coast. The group meets two evening a week on the 40 Meter shortwave Band. It is hoped that many hams from around the world who are URANTIA Book readers, as well as those who are not, will tune in and join the roundtable discussions and readings as they learn about the 'net'. Anyone who owns a shortwave receiver is also invited to tune in and listen as the group shares current news from each area.

Operating times and frequencies are as follows: Fridays and Sundays at 10 PM Pacific Daylight Savings Time or 0500 Universal Coordinated Time at 7.288 MHz. If you don't hear us move up 10 kc at 10:05 to around 7.293. You should be able to find us in there. We have been operating just above the space occupied by Voice of America.

For more information or to subscribe to Dave's Magnetic Journal, write to either Bruce Fiero N6KOB, 437½ Linnie Canal, Venice, CA 90291 or David Clearwaters WA7CGW, 838 Southside Road, Grants Pass, OR 97526. 73's!

### THE RAINBOW HARP

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they will again respond to the presentation of his sincere human life of consecrated religious motivation if such truths shall again be proclaimed to the world." (pg. 2090)

Let's dare to share our intimate selves with fellow believers. Let's all

experience our love for one another. The experience of this love must be our foundation. For through each other we truly can know God's love. Then, strong in our faith and love, we'll go forth, together, as the true ambassadors of the kingdom! ●

# FORGIVENESS



**"My disciples must not only cease to do evil but learn to do well; you must not only be cleansed from all conscious sin, but you must refuse to harbor even the feelings of guilt." (1736:4)**

**"Since God knows all about his children, it is easy for him to forgive. The better man understands his neighbor, the easier it will be to forgive him, even to love him." (38:2)**

**"When you forgive your brother in the flesh, you thereby create the capacity in your own soul for the reception of the reality of God's forgiveness of your own misdeeds." (1861:5)**

Our topic for the Fall 1985 issue of *The Circles* is Forgiveness. This is a very essential aspect of the gospel message (see pp. 1861-2) which is not discussed very often. Believers often continue to harbor an inability to forgive themselves for their errors. It is one of the more difficult lessons of this life to learn to forgive one's brothers. Sometimes one must courageously face a need to forgive God (or "Fate" or "Life") for the misfortunes of this existence.

Forgiveness in some form is our common need. Let's share our experiences, our understandings, our doubts and desires on this critical topic. Send your poetry, artwork, and articles (We suggest articles be limited to three double-spaced, typed pages.) by April 15, 1985 to:

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