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do it well."**

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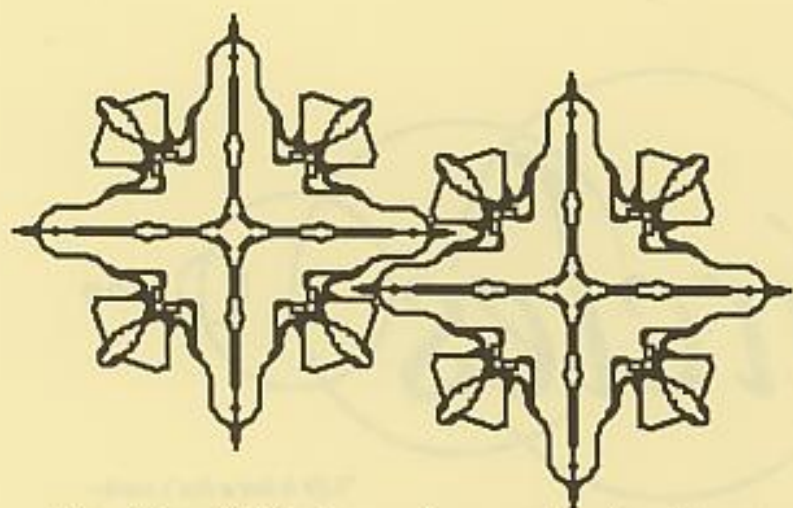
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Learning to Love

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The idea behind the topic "Learning to Love" was to explore the proposition that becoming a loving person is something that can and should be learned. I want to talk first about what love is, because I expect most of us are not really up to speed on the subject. Then I want to consider why we should invest effort in learning to love. Next I want to look at a few techniques of learning to be loving. Finally I want to talk about the magical consequences of love learned and shared.

When Jesus gave his new commandment to love one another even as he had loved all people, he was talking about love as the desire to do good for others. He was talking about love like the feeling and attitude a parent has toward his child. The parent's relationship with his child involves his desire to equip his child for life as best he can. At its finest, the parental role is serving, unselfish and even occasionally self-sacrificing. This type of love puts the other person's real welfare first. It is fair, firm, just, merciful, giving, tolerant and always unselfish. Love is unselfishness. It is the desire to do good to others. It is the urge to be a friend to everyone and help them through life. It is entirely possible to feel this way about everyone, even if they are undeserving of such friendship, or refuse it, or ridicule it, or even attempt to misuse it.

And so, you see, the love we are talking about is not a senti-

mental quality. In fact, it can be approached unemotionally, even in a businesslike manner. Friendship, unselfishness and the desire to do good for others can be approached even as a somewhat formalized code of personal conduct if that is personally comfortable. If you can project how a friend would behave and what is unselfish behavior under the circumstances and what is best for everyone concerned, then you can determine what love would do.

Loving one another in this way does not appear to be a common standard of behavior in our world. This leads me to conclude that it is not a quality which arises automatically with age or without effort in any great number of people. Of course, there are a few people who have a talent for displaying the qualities of love. Their special talent is a gift to us all. It shows us all what the possibilities are. Once demonstrated by talented people, these possibilities can then be imitated by the rest of us. In this way the talents which are distributed among a people are a mechanism of continuing revelation.

Therefore, instead of becoming discouraged with ourselves for being unable to achieve loving behavior as easily as some others may do it, we should be encouraged that the talent of others demonstrates what can be achieved. Without the revelatory effect of talent many things that we can all learn would never be discovered. And

so it is with loving one another as Jesus instructed us to do. If he and other talented people had not demonstrated what a love-filled life looked like, it would be nearly impossible to imagine. But now that it has been demonstrated, it can be learned. This is what Jesus was urging all people to do—to learn and practice being a loving person with everyone, especially with those who would abuse you. This learning to live lovingly is not easy to master, but of all the things we can learn in this life, it is the most important and the most cosmically real and durable. Furthermore, the benefits of living life with love for all of one's fellows begin to flow even from the most imperfect and unmasterly loving efforts.

If lovingness is learnable, then what course of education is appropriate for learning it? The self-reeducation required to live life lovingly is really two somewhat separate, progressive processes. One of these tandem processes is the spiritual-intellectual process of becoming committed to the idea of living life lovingly. It involves all of the thinking about, praying about and asking our spiritual helpers for enhanced ability to live lovingly. It is all of the planning, all of the study, all of the personal spiritual illumination about living lovingly and all of the dreaming of what it would be like. The various aspects of the spiritual-intellectual process of learning to live lovingly are essential

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More Than Casual Acquaintances



Casual acquaintances are safe. They do not have to account to one another for their actions or confront one another. Casual acquaintances can meet when involved in activities of mutual interest but otherwise do not have to think about one another. Many people seem to prefer this arrangement for associations with other people. It affords enjoyment without commitment, an opportunity to be in the company of another person without the responsibility of sharing his life.

An association with commitment is more serious. People involved in this strive to understand their weaknesses and strengths in one another's presence and acknowledge these characteristics. They learn to be forthright with one another, to break the barrier of fear and to understand, tolerate and, in time, love one another.

The recent fad of superficiality in relationships, engendered by lack of a sense of purpose in life, abetted by obscured values, clouded by diverted viewpoint, permits people to follow the easy path of avoidance in becoming involved with others. If there is a learning process to love, then we need to give freely of ourselves in bringing out learning in the service of other people, as we are asked to give freely of ourselves in the service of the Father. Service includes risk-taking in our involvement with other people.

When I associate myself with other people, I believe it is helpful to the development of the relation-

ship to learn what makes them function as they do and helpful to others to learn what makes me function as I do. Sometimes this moves along smoothly, sometimes it never passes the discernment stage. Occasionally it results in peculiar twists.

In the society in which I live there is a pronounced tendency to have low self-esteem and negative responses. In my work in the literary media I am involved with mentally agile people. However well-developed and agile their intellects though, they respond affirmatively or negatively to events they encounter. Some carry positive attitudes like crowns of glory; some carry negative attitudes like millstones. While I enjoy a good working relationship with all, to some I seem to be viewed as an agent of corrosion of their millstones, their cumbersome structures of avoidance.

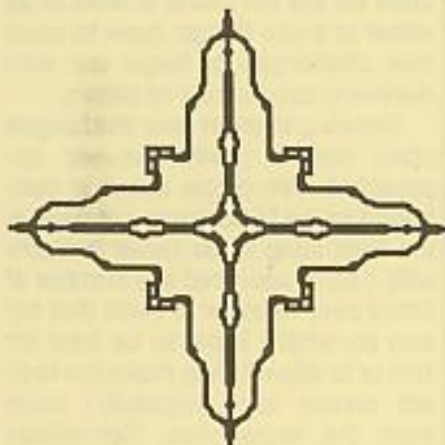
To these, where our involvements touch, I respond with support. Where I can agree with their actions, I do so. I reward a positive encounter or respond with compassion to a fear-action. Where I am expected to react with objection to actions designed to get my attention, I do not. This appears rude but has a purpose.

People who initiate an action from which they expect and receive objection in return are prompted to respond with either retaliation or explanation emphasizing the importance of their action. If they do not

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Got an idea for an article?

The back cover tells about our next theme. But we are most happy to have articles on other topics too.



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The Classroom of Practical Experience

It seems that God teaches us so many of the things we need to know by presenting us with challenges that are just beyond our present reach. In order to meet the challenges and triumph, we have to grow a little. This is true with love. The Father is our personal tutor in the learning of love, and he is a demanding taskmaster! The task in learning to love is to grow gradually from an absorption with ourselves and our desires into an enthusiastic and wise concern for the needs of others. In our so-close-to-animal state we are not prone to want to do either of these things: grow to meet new challenges or forget our own desires to concentrate on others.

Growing to meet new challenges often seems painful as we approach it. We grope about in confusion as we try to figure out what is the best thing to do (what is God's will). I have agonized any number of times over whether to insist that my son do what I knew to be best for him or to allow him to make the foolish choice and (hopefully) learn from the experience. Sometimes firmness was the right answer, sometimes it was granting free will. There was no hard and fast rule to follow, no automatically correct alternative to follow each time. Such confusion feels very painful as you approach it and while you are engulfed in it.

Considering the pain we expect and often experience in growing,

our natural inclination is to avoid the circumstances which require growth. Those opportunities for growth are, of course, the very thing we need. I suspect, therefore, that we would not learn to love very rapidly if left to our own devices.

Recognizing that characteristic, God has taken certain steps to entice us into growing situations. The following are some of the situations which offer us opportunities to learn to love:

1. Early friendship. Early in our lives, we satisfy a very basic longing for companionship by forming friendships. The desire not to be lonely will keep us involved with friends even though they hurt us, disappoint us, or even betray us. The desire for companionship is strong. It needs to be because children are not very good friends. They are too self-centered and selfish, even cruel--in other words, immature. These early friendships may be of varying duration but as children most of us are engaged in some number at all times (or else we are suffering the pain of loneliness). Our lessons of love are just beginning here.

2. The mating couple. God has provided the very powerful force of sexual attraction to entice us into a primary and long-term relationship. Sex added to the already-functioning desire for companionship is fairly effective at holding two people together when the rough edges of their selfish immaturity start grinding against one another. Caught in this tender trap, men and women either (1) get out, (2) settle in for a long war, or (3) learn to love.

3. The nuclear family. God has provided another type of desire to

entice us beyond mating into an even more intense classroom--the desire for parenthood. In primitives the maternal instinct of the female operates to ensure a family for the child. As civilization progresses, both partners seem to develop a desire for progeny that creates and holds together the nuclear family of parents and child or children. Surely nothing is quite so effective at teaching us mortals the meaning of love as our children. When they are little, the magnitude of their needs combines with their inherent beauty in our eyes to overcome our selfish wish to be taken care of. We become the care takers. As they grow older, our love must grow.

I thought perhaps when my son had reached his teenage years that most of my learning about love from him was over. After all, he was beginning his journey away from me and into independence in earnest. Much to my surprise some of my most dramatic lessons came then--beyond what I had assumed to be the end. It was then that I learned how to go on giving what my child needed even though I was incensed at his treatment of me, appalled at his lack of good judgment and wishing mightily for an end to teenage chaos. When he wanted to give up on our family and leave, Bill and I realized it was up to us to make the family work, to continue giving him what he needed, to pray and have faith. We loved him too much to give up. With any person other than our child we probably would never have put up with so much turmoil...and never learned our lessons of love. But love triumphed and our family is strong, well and happy.

See *CLASSROOM* on page 16.

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Loving One Another*

It was in the upper chamber of the John Mark home, after the memorable Last Supper, that Jesus stood up and said:

"When I enacted for you a parable indicating how you should be willing to serve one another, I said that I desired to give you a new commandment; and I would do this now as I am about to leave you. You well know the commandment which directs that you love one another; that you love your neighbor even as yourself. But I am not wholly satisfied with even that sincere devotion on the part of my children. I would have you perform still greater acts of love in the kingdom of the believing brotherhood. And so I give you this new commandment: That you love one another even as I have loved you. And by this will all men know that you are my disciples if you thus love one another."

(1944:4/Paper 180.1.1)

He went on to say this:

"You have not merely chosen me, but I have also chosen you, and I have ordained you to go forth into the world to yield the fruit of loving service to your fellows even as I have lived among you and revealed the Father to you. The Father and I will both work with you, and you shall experience the divine fullness of joy if you will only obey my command to love one another, even as I have loved you."

(1945:1/Paper 180.1.4)

The concept of loving one another all seems so simple, so easy and so right. But day-to-day, practical applications of this wonderful commandment can be very trying, not to mention frustrating. Sometimes it seems like just when you've

gotten the hang of it, God introduces you to a person who could have been voted "most likely to be unloved."

If you're anything like me, you might at first try to avoid that person, thinking maybe, "He couldn't have meant this person, must be a mistake, God is allowed a mistake." However, you will usually find this person to be totally unavoidable, and sooner or later you will have to deal with the situation.

Loving one another is anything but easy. But the rewards of friendship are more than worth the effort; "...the noblest of all memories are the treasured recollections of the great moments of a superb friendship."

(1779:4/Paper 160.4.12)

At Carthage, when Ganid inquired of Jesus what one could do to make friends, his teacher said:

"Become interested in your fellows; learn how to love them and watch for the opportunity to do something for them which you are sure they want done," and then he quoted the olden Jewish proverb-- "A man who would have friends must show himself friendly."

(1439:0/Paper 130.7.2)

When coming face to face with these types of challenges, it sometimes helps me to think about the advice a Melchizedek gives us on page 1098:

"In physical life the senses tell of the existence of things; mind discovers the reality of meanings; but the spiritual experience reveals to the individual the true values of life. These high levels of human living are attained in the supreme love of God and in the unselfish

love of man. If you love your fellow men, you must have discovered their values. Jesus loved men so much because he placed such a high value upon them. You can best discover values in your associates by discovering their motivation. If someone irritates you, causes feelings of resentment, you should sympathetically seek to discern his viewpoint, his reasons for such objectionable conduct. If once you understand your neighbor, you will become tolerant, and this tolerance will grow into friendship and ripen into love."

(1098:1/Paper 100.4.4)

This Melchizedek goes on to describe a scene involving one of our "primitive ancestors of cave-dwelling times," which to me is a beautiful lesson in the importance of learning more about the motivations of our brothers and sisters and thereby learning to love them.

See *ONE ANOTHER* on page 12.

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Loving Ourselves

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I have come to the conclusion that it is impossible to love anyone unless you dynamically love yourself--really and truly are happy with your own life. That comes from a long time talking with the Father, recognizing and accepting his love of our own animal nature with all its hindrances and passions, locked into the neurosis implanted on our minds by our primitive culture of mechanism and materialism. Accepting this and then also accepting God's dedication in the promise of the Thought Adjuster to stick it out within this animal mind and work towards its long, arduous achievement of perfection, trying to teach us patience. Once we have our hooks into patience, then we can begin to sit down and listen in meditation to that incredible, quiet voice inside that ignores hell and damnation and speaks to us of perfect forgiveness. Then, when we really forgive ourselves for our wrongs to ourselves, and stop our self-critical mind, giving ourselves a little room for positive thought, then does love begin to spring forth like a little brook at first, trickling towards a river in the distance.

I'm just at the trickle, but I know now which way the river is. It's downhill all the way, as long as I remember to substitute Jesus' mind for the one that has not served me so well--my ego mind. Sitting in quiet meditation, waiting for those so subtle feelings of peace and quiet, happiness and joy, security and hope to enter with the presence of Christ, the Holy spirit, and the Thought Adjuster, surrounded by the angels, midwayers, and spirits--good, loving company in

troubled and confusing times. One has to sit quietly and actually *allow* oneself to *feel* their love. When we actually know--experience--their love, feel loved, then we can go about loving others.

That is just the way to love. Then one has to rise from the meditation and, like the Bodhisattva of Love, go into life steadfast in the Centeredness of the Christ Consciousness and do something for someone else. Anything, just do it with no ulterior motive of selfishness, not even spiritual selfishness, but in absentminded selfless



Seeing God in His Children

By Bonnie Norton
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Love is a unique experience here in Hawaii. The islands are composed of so many different races and cultures. It is hard to believe we live together as peacefully as we do over here. I believe this is one of the best places to experience brotherly and sisterly love on earth.

After moving over here from Boulder, Colorado, I began to commute on the bus system to work. Some of the places I had to get off of the bus were not exactly the most righteous places in town. I was frightened of this new land, mystified by the different cultures and feeling very insecure about the whole experience. The Lord was soon to bless me with a very special gift.

A bus driver, who seemed to be a regular on my route, greeted me every morning with a hardy "Good morn'n sister. How's it?" I sat

do-goodery! Thank God we have eternity to practice, because the animal is still loose on the planet and in my breast.

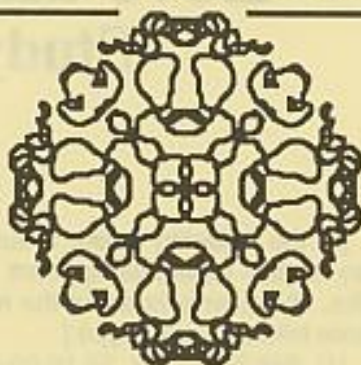
Then again we are admonished to use our talents to grow in the fruits of the spirit. The most important revelation for me at last summer's intensive studies at Boulder was how to gauge one's growth spiritually by one's manifestation of his or her own fruits of the spirit. This is the barometer of one's ability to love. How does your Garden of Love bloom, oh, loved ones?*

in my seat contemplating how remarkably homely this huge Hawaiian-Oriental man was. As I stared at him something came over me--an overwhelming sense of peace--and I began to see beyond his flesh. I saw God in him! I was in awe. John was this loving man's name, and he was the first of many--God's gift to me of seeing himself in the children of the islands.

Thank you, Michael!

*It is the best gift of love, besides your love, that I have encountered. And, may all of those who are seeking the Lord's will be blessed with the same. Better yet, may those who have trouble breaking through exteriors of their fellow men gain this insight.**

Learning to Love Is Learning to Live*



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Learning to love is a spiritual journey into the knowledge of *how best to live* in intelligent response to the limitless love of the Father.

LOVING OTHERS IS A RESPONSE

Loving others is often a response to the discovery that one is loved. From eternity, the infinite love-potential of the Father has motivated him to create beings whom he might love and who could love him in return—honestly, freely, genuinely, sincerely, and spontaneously. We first experience love as it is expressed by our fellow mortals, and later, through the revelations of truth, we *learn of* and then *dare to experience* the cosmic LOVE of the Universal Father.

We not only love because we discover that we are infinitely loved by the limitless Father, but also because we discover an inner and creative source of love within our-

selves from which we can at first ladle out and later on pour out love upon our planetary fellows. Such spiritually inspired and humanly realized events will ultimately triumph in the lives of all the people of our world, and that will be the realization of the brotherhood of man.

GOD IS LOVE; BUT LOVE IS NOT GOD

It is important that we not lower the personal quest for love to the level of spiritual selfishness by seeking love-satisfaction from other mortals. We might early in our lives think that we are most joyful when we are loved, as when a youngster is pre-

sented with a toy which he likes. But some day we grow beyond that orientation and into the realm of *joy through giving*. Such an attitude liberates the individual from his self-concern and the ego's clamoring for attention.

In serving we receive the blessings of a progressively spiritualizing consciousness and find the courage to take another step Godward. As we *learn about God*, we *learn about love*. And from our learning about love and reality we become progressively more successful in choosing more perfect ways of doing things. When we learn how much we are loved, we learn how better to live.

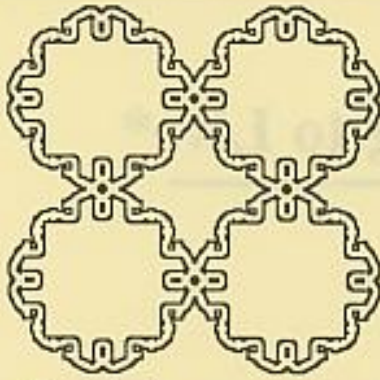
LOVE IS EXPERIENTIAL

Love is experiential, not only for man, but for the Father. God not only bestows an infinite *affection* upon evolving man, he actually

See LIVE on page 17.

Emerson speculates that, "no truth is so sublime but that it may be trivial tomorrow in the light of new revelations".





Love and Truth:*

Study Notes

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The following are my favorite URANTIA Book study references on Love and Truth. Some of these evoke real eye-opening revelations when read carefully. They are worthy of being considered in detail in an attitude of friendly, mature child-talking-with-Father communion. I point them out to you in the expectation that they can only bring good to your lives and because it is a friendly act to share the sources of one's joy with others. Best wishes.

Bill Cooper

[In the following notes, a summary of the reference appears in italics. My comments about the reference follow in regular type.]

(1) 648:3-4/Paper 56.10.20-21
Love is the greatest thing in the universe. God is love. Love is the desire to do good to others. It is interesting that the intent rather than the consequence defines love or its absence. This is very reassuring when you start examining yourself to see whether you are loving your brothers and sisters as

Jesus commanded. You pass this self-test on the basis of your desire, your intent.

(2) 1950:5/Paper 180.5.10
Love, unselfishness, seeks to do the highest cosmic good for the persons loved. This is the kind of love that is able to say "no" as well as "yes" when it is appropriate, but in either case no self-interest is involved.

(3) 1951:0/Paper 180.5.11
The Spirit of Truth directs loving contact among human beings. So the spirit of Jesus is your partner to consult in how to relate lovingly to others.

(4) 1945:1/Paper 180.1.4
"Love one another, even as I have loved you," was Jesus' one commandment. It is a clear expression of God's will for each of us to do.

(5) 2065:7/Paper 194.3.19
The Spirit of Truth leads all men into living unselfishly and fostering the welfare of others. It is great that this works for those of us who are aware and are working for that goal, but the Spirit of Truth is working toward this in the unaware and the unmotivated too. A spiritually inspired better world is on its way.

(6) 39:7/Paper 2.5.8
The experience of giving love is a response of being loved. So love given propogates love in the hearts of its recipients. When this love is expressed, it repeats the process. It is in this way that love is contagious and that good eventually crowds out evil. But first, those of us who know the secret must learn to live examples of loving lives and talk about the joy it brings. Even before that, we need to know what

Affirmations

By John Hyde

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Affirmations are positive phrases we repeat to ourselves, preferably out loud, once or twice or even 200 times a day. As we repeat them, we should picture ourselves already doing that which we are saying. Soon we will notice that our outlook is changing. That which we are affirming is becoming real.

I am becoming love saturated, sincere, idealistic, compassionate, God-conscious, able to receive love easily, clean of heart and pure of mind, and selflessly dedicated to the welfare and service of others.

My higher, more spiritual nature is achieving dominance in my life.

I am finding it easier and easier to do the right thing.

I am making it a habit to understand people; therefore I am falling in love with more and more persons every day as this understanding increases.

And even though I may not be able to do these things myself, there lives in me the presence of God, who can and will.

love is and how loving people behave.

(6) 1615:5/Paper 143.6.4

Love is being a friend. Love is the greatest relationship in the universe. Truth is the expression of the recognition of God's loving friendship discovered in all aspects of the universe. Think about that! Not only is love not what you thought it was, but truth isn't either. Since love permeates all that God is and does and creates, it is sort of logical that truth is the understanding of love relationships among all persons and all things.

(7) 42:5 & 7/Paper 2.7.4 & 6

Pursuit of truth is pursuit of the divinely real. Remember, the pursuit of truth is the pursuit of understanding of loving relationships.

(8) 1593:7/Paper 141.7.6

Jesus emphasized two primary truths of the kingdom: (1) salvation by faith and (2) human liberty through sincere truth recognition. The truth shall make you free. Jesus was the truth (God's love) incarnate. Jesus sent his Spirit of Truth to continue his revelation of God's love to the minds of all who will be receptive. The truth is that God is our friend. He loves us and values us. He is a parent and he longs for each child's success. He has decreed that each of us is free to find his own way to him. Each of us is free to lead a spiritually innovative, spiritually aggressive and spiritually creative life without any fear of transgressing inflexible rules. There is no such thing as heresy when one is seeking and choosing his way to God. God himself guarantees that nothing in all creation can prevent our homecoming to him if we sincerely desire to be with him.

(9) 1109:4/Paper 101.4.3

Truth is always a revelation. It is deity downreach and it confirms the reality of our insight into the way things really work together to demonstrate the graciousness of God's person and his plan.

(10) 647:4/Paper 56.10.13

Truth is the living spirit relationship of all things and all beings as they

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Universal Friend

*As I long around, it's hard to understand
All the world up in arms and out of hand
And I ask if there's a purpose or a plan
Or am I left alone to do what I can*

*Seems we never go through space and time
Long enough to learn the rhythm and rhyme
Seems there's always one mountain more to climb
Before we reach the view that's clear and fine*

*But love is the vision
That shows you how to see
It reaches out beyond the doubt
To life's reality*

*And 'times it's hard to believe the things we've done
You get carried away and you hurt someone
Then you wonder how you'll face another sun
When you'll never change the damage that's been done*

*But love is the power
That helps you make amends
It reaches you and pulls you through
Even if you lose the friend*

*Seems to me there's more to be told
And if we give it time, the truths will unfold
In the years to come we'll reach a harmony
Until what we are is what we're meant to be*

*And love is the promise
That gives you time to grow
It reaches in and gives you things
You never thought you'd know*

*I believe that we never really die
And if we hold to love, then ever will we try
To play our part in the world that never ends
As we come to know our Universal Friend*

*And love is the secret
With nothing to conceal
If you're without, it seeks you out
Till it's finally revealed.*

*By Matthew Block
Chicago, Illinois*

Potpourri



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here is a little letter to my angel that I thought I would share with you. I went last year to the Summer Intensive in Boulder. Then I returned that winter to attend the Boulder School itself for three weeks studying the angels and the first papers. One of the first things we were asked to do at the school was to write a letter to our Guardian Angel. The following is part of mine to give you an idea. I hope that you will sit right down and enjoy writing yours. It is truly an enlightening exercise.

Patrick Yesh
Seebe, Alberta, Canada

Dear Angel,

I am thrilled to be under your guidance and care. Ever since I met you, I have been thrilled being in your presence. I am sorry that I do not remember to hold you and your partners, the Cherubim and Sanobim, in my conscious mind more often. I will try to do so more frequently. Thank you all so much for helping me to become more God-conscious and for guiding me in troubled times.

You have been very gentle and graceful. I hope that you can show me how to be that way too. Please give my deepest regards and thanks to the Angels of Family for giving us our new little daughter Autumn and for guiding us in our homemaking.

Help me to do what is right for everyone in unselfish love, so that I don't pass up a gift by being blind and seeking for things less worthy than what you have given me already.

For all the personalities that you are arranging for me to meet, perhaps we can carry on our earth business together combining Urantia service awareness and action. And please convey my special thanks to your Mother Creator Spirit for all her beauty, love and co-creation in this exquisite universe.

I pray that we will collaborate in this life for the fun and recreation, love and edification of the human race. And please help me always to allow Christ to paint through me the spiritual color of each day.

Amen, Patrick

P.S. I'll try to make your life easier by having more self-mastery. I will accept your guidance and traverse the rugged hills of moral choosing and spiritual progress with a trifle less complaining.

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to success even though they are incomplete if the complementary process is not also followed. This complement is the process of actually putting one's intellectual concepts of lovingness into practice.

The experience of acting on our theories of lovingness tests their practicality. Love should be wise as well as generous. Sometimes it is in the better long-term interests of the other person to permit him to experience the unpleasant consequences of his behavior than it is to save him from them. Living lovingly requires continuous analysis of what is best for the other person, constant self discipline to avoid the temptation to punish, and constant reassessment to be sure that selfish interests do not creep back into our decisions regarding what we think is in the best interests of the other person. Living lovingly is not boring. It is intellectually, spiritually and emotionally active and challenging. The process of putting love into action is challenging too. It is only through trial and error that we can really tell what works and what does not, what is real and what is mere erroneous theory and whether we are really committed to living life well or would rather simply dream about it.

Learning to love requires observing, thinking and trying. A good technique for learning to love is careful and prayerful observation. Observe how people behave when they are being loving. Observe how people express themselves to those they love. Observe how friends treat each other. Notice what unselfishness looks like in all sorts of circumstances. It is even helpful to try to treat others as you would like to be treated. Observing, thinking, praying, reflecting, acting and then reflecting still more on the nature of friendship, unselfishness and the desire to do good for others--these are ways to learn to live lovingly.

The magic of living lovingly is
See LEARNING on page 16.



Outreach

We are eager to report on readers' experiences with sharing the concepts from *The URANTIA Book* with others or introducing the book itself to new readers. Please send us your experiences.

The Editors

Aids to Outreach

By Meredith Sprunger
Fort Wayne, Indiana

One of the most important activities on our planet today is spreading the good news of the Fifth Epochal Revelation to humankind. It is a key factor to stimulating spiritual and cultural growth as well as the general enhancement of civilization on our world. Many of us do not have the time or the abilities required for such work, yet we do wish to be involved. This is why outreach literature is so important.

I should like to call your attention to two new publications by the Asoka Foundation: *Jesus and The*

URANTIA Book and *Why I Believe The URANTIA Book*. These booklets were written by Harry McMullan and beautifully illustrated by Larry Mullins. They are effective and useful tools in introducing people to *The URANTIA Book*.

When *Why I Believe The URANTIA Book* was printed in pamphlet form thousands of copies were distributed. It seems that a problem has developed with the new and improved booklets. You recall the Peter principle "there is a tendency in organizations for people to be advanced to the level of their incompetency." Would you believe it could also happen to a

pamphlet! Harry tells me that people did not hesitate to ask for a hundred of the inexpensive pamphlets but are apparently embarrassed to ask for the new and enhanced booklets in any quantity! These publications were redesigned not only to make them more effective but in the hope that they would be in greater demand. The Asoka Foundation is happy to send them free of charge in quantity to anyone who might be able to put them to good use. I hope that many will take advantage of this generous offer and that knowledge of *The URANTIA Book* will spread to all of the peoples of the world.

Glimpse of Reality



*Can love be expressed by words or song?
Friend, not as simply as one hug, very long.
Can feelings be shown by some golden verse?
Some say a tear is truer than this.
Can labor and devotion be measured by their ends?
Never so well as a calloused pair of hands.
Where indeed can truth and beauty be found?
Open your eyes, there are children all around.
Can wisdom be told by some white old sage?
Never so fully as words never said.
Have you found reality to be green, red or blue?
Search out the rainbow of the spirit leading you.
Can you reach to the stars, or find refuge in space?
The trees sweep the heavens and still stand in place.
True happiness be found in the life we have here?
Friend, do your work well; forget all your cares.
Will we have our dreams fulfilled, our hopes realized?
A glorious career awaits your escape of this life.
Matchless adventure, the race of the ages;
Eternity rolls on, Father Time turn the pages.*

By Susan Grzeskowiak
Mishawaka, Indiana

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Send us their names
and addresses.

about angels

By Gene Joyce
Richardson, Texas

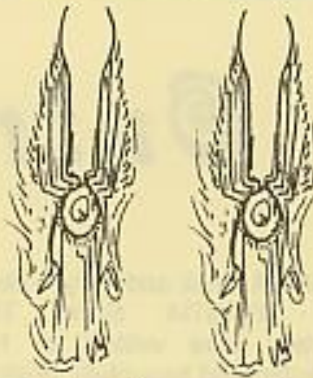
The angels "...love human beings, and only good can result from your efforts to understand and love them" (419:1/Paper 38.2.1)

What men have said about angels:

But men must know, that in this theater of man's life it is reserved only for God and the angels to be lookers on."

Francis Bacon

Anthony Cecil had spent the previous day deer hunting in these very woods through which he was driving on the deserted country road. And not a single deer had he spotted. It was the night before Thanksgiving and he planned to have dinner with his folks the next day. His mind was aimlessly wandering as he automatically drove along when suddenly, "I saw a vision of a



small deer (four points) running across the road, from right to left." Scarcely a moment later a small deer with four points bounded in front of his car from right to left.

When recalling the incident later Anthony remembered the deer had been at the low point of its leap when the car hit it, which was a much less dangerous position than if it had been at its peak. He surmised the vision had probably caused him to slow down just enough to make the difference. Although his car was considerably dented, Anthony was unhurt.

"Could this have something to do with our guardian angels and the way they work in our lives?" he wondered when he told me the story.

Anthony Cecil
as told to Gene Joyce

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He then goes on to state the following:

"If you could only fathom the motives of your associates, how much better you would understand them. If you could only know your fellows, you would eventually fall in love with them.

"You cannot truly love your fellows by a mere act of the will. Love is only born of thoroughgoing understanding of your neighbor's motives and sentiments. It is not so important to love all men today as it is that each day you learn to love one more human being. If each day or each week you achieve an under-

standing of one more of your fellows, and if this is the limit of your ability, then you are certainly socializing and truly spiritualizing your personality. Love is infectious, and when human devotion is intelligent and wise, love is more catching than hate. But only genuine and unselfish love is truly contagious. If each mortal could only become a focus of dynamic affection, this benign virus of love would soon pervade the sentimental emotion-stream of humanity to such an extent that all civilization would be encompassed by love, and that would be the realization of the brotherhood of man."

(1098:2-3/Paper 100.4.5-6)

That is our goal, the brotherhood of man, and it all begins in each of our own hearts. We have the opportunity of the ages set before us--to spiritualize a planet that at times doesn't appear to have any desire to be spiritualized. To make our task even more difficult we have been told that we must love one another as Jesus loves us. (I only wish that Melchizedek had given us some advice as to how we can learn to love during a traffic jam!)

I will close with another quote from Jesus:

"While you cannot observe the divine spirit at work in your minds, there is a practical method of discovering the degree to which you have yielded the control of your soul powers to the teaching and guidance of this indwelling spirit of the heavenly Father, and that is the degree of your love for your fellow men. (1642:2/Paper 146.3.6)•

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get a reaction, they are not prompted and therefore have no opportunity to express their belief. They are often perplexed.

I hasten to offer that this action on my part is founded in love! Everyone wants to receive love and to give love. Some of us learn early that to get love we have first to get attention. Some of us take most of our lifetime to realize that attention does not necessarily result in love. Only those of us who become aware of this fact have the opportunity to change the habit of drawing attention when what we really want is to draw love.

In relating to people in this way I think I give them a chance to form a new viewpoint about what there is in themselves to be admired.

This may not be very well explained and real life situations are not clearcut. In my understanding, however, such incidents draw out the real natures of the people I become involved with and reveal much to me about the minds and souls behind them. •



SPHERES of INFLUENCE

By Giving Away



By Vince Ventola
Venice, California

The first time I saw a pair of wings was in a dream. I was flying over a vast, open landscape, and I saw a pair of wings in the distance. They were white and appeared to be made of feathers. I was drawn to them and flew towards them.

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Try Giving Yourself Away*

By David Glass
Fort Worth, Texas

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Try Giving Yourself Away is so full of innovative imagination and fulfilled spiritual adventure that it is hard to eliminate any of it. But then, I do not want to reveal all the insights and little epiphanies which are to be found in Dunn's work, because I would like to encourage you to try out the book for yourselves. It is utterly readable and its clarity lies in its simplicity. Dunn has mastered the art of communicating spiritual values in such a way that they slip easily into one's consciousness evoking the recognition of truth. The book encourages the spirit of experimentation by the reader—experimenting with the "hobby" (as he puts it) of giving yourself away.

Dunn suggests that the beginner in this hobby should start by giving on a small scale and gradually developing his knack at serving others in some relevant and appropriate way. Here is a cursory list of the basic fields of activity which he discusses:

Giving away: (1) yourself; (2) wealth; (3) time; (4) retirement; (5) tolerance; (6) interest in another's values and projects; (7) sincere thanks; (8) other modes of appreciation; (9) noticing special things of life about your fellows; (10) humor; (11) social usefulness; (12) laughter; (13) solitary liberty to one who must work out his own negativity and who rebuffs well-intentioned

friendliness; (14) influence to lift groups to higher perceptions and loyalties; (15) neighborhood service in countless ways such as encouraging neatness and friendship; (16) parking spaces to someone who might need a place closer to the door; (17) credit, appreciative recognition and praise of worthy individuals for whatever reason; (18) anything of which you have a surplus; (19) volunteer work with AA or other rehabilitation services; (20) promotion of those who will have a positive effect upon society; (21) household services

among your family; (22) your awareness of the eventual triumph of the service motive above the profit motive; (23) the fruits of the spirit: kindness, thoughtfulness, gentleness, courtesy, consideration, understanding, appreciation, cheer, thanks, compliments, encouragement, fraternal service, and love.

The reader can now appreciate the breadth to which David Dunn has gradually expanded his capacity to spot opportunities for service through giving-away. And the openness of the book is an invitation for

See GIVE on page 15.

Peace Pilgrim: Her Life and Work in Her Own Words

By Bill Lindsay
Honolulu, Hawaii

Peace Pilgrim: Her Life and Work in Her Own Words, by the friends of Peace Pilgrim, 43480 Cedar Avenue, Hemet, CA 92343. 198 pages with photographs. A donation of about \$5.00 will cover costs and postage.

On January 1, 1953, a 44-year-old woman stepped out of her Los Angeles apartment without a cent in her pocket. She placed herself at the head of the Rose Parade and off she marched, distributing copies of a peace message. She wore a blue tunic that read on the front "PEACE PILGRIM," and on the

back, "10,000 MILES FOR PEACE." Twenty-eight years later, into her 70's, Peace Pilgrim was still walking. By foot she had crossed the United States seven times, she had walked Canada, Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii, far beyond the 10,000 miles she originally intended.

"I am a pilgrim," she stated. "I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the ways of peace, walking until given shelter and fasting until given food." Peace never accepted money. Spiritual truth, she believed, can never be exchanged for money without injury.

Her only possessions were a
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Concordex of The URANTIA Book

By Bill Cooper
Arlington, Texas

Concordex of The URANTIA Book, Clyde Bedell. Published by Clyde Bedell Estate, Santa Barbara, California. Copyright 1986, Third Edition. \$12.00.

The *Concordex of The URANTIA Book* has been out of print for several months awaiting the revised third edition. It is good to have this valuable study aid available once again in updated form. In its 504 pages, the third edition has 110,000 references, 10,000 of which are new.

The material has been typeset and, as a result, is easier to read.

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the reader to improvise his own imaginative perception of opportunities for such giving-away.

Dunn encourages being very generous in one's appraisal of one's fellowman. He follows his own advice when he interprets positively the protests of the young in the 1960's as manifestations of the urge to giving-away:

"In spite of the youthful turmoil of our own times, the spirit of empathy is stirring many of our young men and women deeply. Indeed, probably it is *responsible* for some of the turmoil. They are striving to break out of the mold of selfishness and broaden their spirit of service to their fellows."

One generation, Dunn suggests, must pursue the material necessities in order simply "to get through." But once that has been accomplished, their very children tend to reject that which they perceive as "materialism" in their parents and other predecessors.

Dunn includes many helpful hints on how to give effectively. For example, he explains that the delight of receiving even very small gifts can be multiplied by three

The first fifty pages of the second edition was intended as an introduction to *The URANTIA Book*. In this third edition most of this material has been retained, although slightly edited. The book has a more durable sewn binding and a sturdier cover.

Still the only index to *The URANTIA Book* available, the *Concordex* is a marvelous help to beginning readers and is of invaluable service to readers attempting to do a topical study, as well as to anyone trying to find a "lost" reference.

(See *Things to Share* for ordering information.)

techniques: giving with a friendly spirit, choosing the right moment to give, and giving with enthusiasm.

The pleasure he takes in his hobby is obvious, and he promises great benefits to anyone who takes up the hobby:

"... the reason the world often seems dull and unexciting is because we are so wrapped up in our own narrow interests and prejudices that we resist it when other people try to take us into their lives. Whereas, if we would give them our interest, they would open up realms which would prove fascinating to us."

Dunn encourages us to expand our circle of giving-away beyond our immediate family and friends. Giving away is a wonderful way to begin new friendships. He writes: "What every city needs is to be *thawed out*. When enough of us start giving ourselves, the thawing-out process will start—and suspicion and rebuffing will go out of fashion." It strikes me that this is one description of the realization of the brotherhood of man. It is possible for us to warm up to humane attitudes of cooperation and end the "cold war." Dunn gives his readers

a sense of their power as individuals to change things into what they should be.

Another name for giving away is "service." Jesus proclaimed a religion of *love and service*. As a Mighty Messenger writes: "The Father's love can become real to mortal man only through passing through that man's personality as he in turn bestows this love upon his fellows." (1289:3/Paper 117.6.10) Treating this service as a hobby, as Dunn suggests, prevents us from taking the entire project too seriously while warding off spiritual pride as well.

The Universal Father is the master giver-away of all reality. He wants to give reality and truth away *through us!* When our giving becomes truly service-motivated, we will give without any expectation of recompense. The more we learn, the more we will have to give away. The more we give away, the more we can increasingly learn and understand. We shall not successfully "out-give-away" our immensely loving Heavenly Father, but we can lead others to him through our living of a life which refuses to imprison the love and the revelation of God, but instead, wisely *gives it all away.*

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toothbrush, a comb, a pen, the correspondence through which she kept in touch with the thousands of people she contacted, and the "endless energy of inner peace that never runs out!" She also carried a little pamphlet that she gave away, "Steps Toward Inner Peace," that included her basic theme: "This is the way to peace: Overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth, and hatred with love."

Upon Peace's sudden "transition to a freer existence," as she referred to death, her friends gathered together her writings, recorded talks and news articles, and this book is the result.

Distant Day

I envision a distant day when
all mankind will live in a world
without:

war,
nationalism,
language barriers,
envy, greed, and jealousy.

A day in which our children have
a dawning realization that this
material world is but a fleeting
shadow of Spiritual Reality.

A time of light and life
when we have conquered:
birth defects,
mental illness,
crime, and insecurity.

A world of trust, where
simple faith and goodness
are valued as beautiful.
And hands are ever extended in
brotherly love.

A world that works for everyone.

Char O'Brien
La Junta, Colorado

come in the moments when we are faced with a choice to be selfish or consider the needs of the other person. In that second of time when we make our choice, do we give up our selfish will and seek God's? If we do, God will help us to find a way to be loving.

If in that moment we choose selfishly to do our will (to get angry, to manipulate the other person, to use him in some way--whatever the selfish choice is), then we've missed a chance to make progress.

The heartfelt desire to be loving is an essential element of learning to love, but even further, that desire must be translated into action, the act of cooperating with our ever-present tutor in love--our Father. Once we view our lives as a classroom and our relationship problems as God's provisions for our growth, it becomes easier to stop struggling against the circumstances and start cooperating.*

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that it is contagious. It spreads, it propagates, it grows and the world is changed for the better just because you live life lovingly. And, slowly, as the benign virus of love is spread, error and evil are conquered, just as in an earlier era the wild beasts of the forest were conquered by the progress of civilization. It is interesting that the contagious quality of love makes it possible for those of us who are willing to study and practice ways of living lovingly to be able to teach love even to those who would reject any formal teaching of love. Therefore, it is extremely important for us to study and practice living the loving life. God has provided the revelation of love to us all. The next step is for those of us who can to imitate the revealed examples. When this is done, love will have enough carriers to spread the contagion even to those who would refuse to work at living more lovingly. It is an important service we all can do for our Father and in the process we can have a large measure of spiritual joy and happiness as byproducts.*

CLASSROOM from page 4.

God has equipped us chemically and emotionally with these almost undeniable urges which compel us to seek circumstances in which we must grow or be miserable. That might seem like a dirty trick--except that having done it, God then committed himself to go with us all the way. We have his constant presence to depend upon, his guidance to teach us the lessons of love. He has used these external circumstances and our own needs to show us the treasure of his presence within us, his watchcare about us.

Learning to love is a confusing, bewildering, painful and wonderful process of seeking his subtle presence within us to know how to love. As we increasingly learn to feel his gentle influence within, we find his love flowing through us ever and ever more naturally.

Learning to love requires foremost our *desire to be loving*. God will help us progress as fast as we want to. Our desire to learn to love is subject to our free will choice and God respects our will. You see, we may have developed a general desire to be loving, but the small steps of progress toward that goal

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transforms him by living out portions of his *never-ending* love through our universe careers and eternal destinies. We learn how to love and how to live as God loves and lives through us.

LOVE IS OUR GIFT TO GOD

Love is the only gift that the mortal child can offer the Infinite Creator. "The affectionate dedication of the human will to the doing of the Father's will is man's choicest gift to God; in fact, such a consecration of creature will constitutes man's only possible gift of true value to the Paradise Father." (22:5/ Paper 1.1.2) Seeking God's will is the natural result of our love for him. In finding that will, man gains an insurpassable insight into *how to live* now and forever. This is another way love teaches man how to live.

This one gift of willing to do the Father's will is truly limitless even though it is but one gift. This is true because our love for God is continually increasing and the opportunities to express love to the Father are ever-expanding. The more we love the Father, the more loveable we become and the better we perceive the way of life that leads to eternal perfection. The more love we give to the Father, the more our capacity for receiving his love experientially increases. Learning to love leads to the endless expansion of our capacity for personal spiritual life, because love is the secret of progressive self-realization and spiritual liberation.

LOVE DRAWS US TO GOD

Since the source of love is an infinite one and since man's capacity to respond to the Father's love (through Adjuster fusion) is also limitless, the ever-widening spirals of the mutual love bestowals of God upon man and the worshipful love offerings of man to God will continue to expand forever.

The love of the Heavenly

Father, once comprehended and appropriately responded to, kindles a divine flame of love in our hearts which he progressively nurtures. His love unerringly guides us up through the universes to his Paradise Isle, at each step of the way instructing us in the new ways of living in harmony with ever-higher orders of intelligences which we will encounter on the long journey Godward.

As we experience and learn about the love of God, we instinctively and consciously but sometimes unconsciously live differently. The delight of living the spiritual life

helps to mature each personality, to stabilize him, and to provide him with a broader base from which he can rise up into a further finding of the love of God. And thus man's learning to love and learning to live play leap-frog with one another. Man experiences first personal expansion and then self-consolidation, first growth and then synthesis; personal advancement and then social service; loving others individually and then assisting to unite them in the love of God. In all of these, and in countless other ways love illuminates and defines the best ways of living.*

Dear Friends,

The update of The Circles mailing list has been completed. We'd like to thank each of you for expressing your interest in The Circles. Our special appreciation to the many readers who wrote us loving notes. We really enjoyed your comments.

Please continue to send us the addresses of friends who might want to take The Circles. We'll be happy to invite them to be on our list.

We hope that many of you will be sending articles, poetry, or art work in the future. One of the strengths of The Circles lies in the variety of insights and experiences which it contains.

With warm regards,

The Staff of The Circles

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are co-ordinated in the eternal ascent Godward. I think it is especially intriguing that things as well as beings are part of the living spiritual interrelationship. This gives me new respect for the spirituality even of rocks, mosquitos, snakes and bad smells. Now I find it interesting to ponder how they fit into the eternal ascent Godward.

(11) 1459:4/Paper 132.3.4

Personally discovered truth is the supreme delight of the human soul. It is true. An insight into truth is a joy. It is like a personal valentine from God and it makes you feel loved and cared for.

(12) 1731:3/Paper 155.6.5

The religion of the spirit leaves you free to follow the truth wherever the leadings of the spirit may take you. Truth may be hidden from your view momentarily, but you are totally free to look anywhere and everywhere for its revelation. And there is fresh truth to be found. The Spirit of Truth will forever be revealing new truth to us.

(13) 2018:1/Paper 188.5.2

Jesus admonished his followers to love as he loved because such divine (completely unselfish) love works a miracle on evil-doing and sin. Through some spiritual mechanism, divine love destroys evil and hate. Perhaps divine love is the only antidote for evil and hate. If so, our delay in learning how to live for the greatest benefit for our fellows is delaying the destruction of evil and hate.

(14) 2018:2/Paper 188.5.3

Divine love for the evil-doer breaks the hold of sin and evil over him and sets him free to choose better ways to live. When love is admitted to the human heart, it destroys the charm of sin and the power of evil. I know that is hard to believe--absolutely shocking that the reliable way to make friends of your enemies is to care for them and be their reliable friend--especially when they don't deserve it. Why especially then? Because if you are a friend then, your friendship is genuinely unselfish--it is love and it is invested with recognizable truth.

(15) 2064:3/Paper 194.3.11

Unfailing forgiveness, matchless good will, abounding love and courageous and living faith in truth are described as the "spiritual weapons" that the Spirit of Truth provides for the conquest of the world for the kingdom. This suggests the availability of virtually untapped spiritual power resident in these modes of behavior. Who needs mind over matter when such spiritual power is waiting to be discovered and exercised!

(16) 2064:4/Paper 194.3.12

Pentecost endowed us with the power to use the spiritual weapons.. You don't have to be born holy or trained to devoutness. Apparently, we all have the ability to harness this spiritual power if we want to. We can't say we don't have the talent to do it even though we haven't learned to use these weapons yet.

International Citation System

The Circles has added an international citation to its usual page and paragraph references. Readers who wish to locate the references in translations of The URANTIA Book will now be able to do so much more easily. The international citation follows our usual page reference and is separated from it by a slash. The citation "Paper 100.4.4" refers to paper 100, section 4, paragraph 4 within the section.

DAVID ZEBEDEE AND RUTH A DERIVATIVE NOVEL

The URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut announces a derivative novel based on Part IV of *The URANTIA Book* written by Helena Sprague. *David Zebedee and Ruth* closely follows the history of the families of Zebedee of Capernaum and Joseph of Nazareth, especially the relationship that developed between David, Jesus, and Ruth--Jesus' sister/daughter. David is portrayed as a young man preoccupied with girls and earning a living who shows rare competence in organizing time, resources and men's labor and great loyalty to his boyhood hero, Jesus.

Around many readers of *The URANTIA Book* are family and friends, teen and adult, who find the book formidable, but who would enjoy some of its teaching in a lighter presentation, such as *David Zebedee and Ruth*. Life style and political/economic conditions of the time are described in detail, while many of the *URANTIA Book* teachings are woven into the story.

The book will be about 400 pages long with illustrations and will be hard bound. The URANTIA Foundation has granted permission to print a limited edition, which will be a non-profit endeavor. Publication is planned for late summer, 1986. For further information write to:

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Central Connecticut
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Farmington, CT 06034

THINGS TO SHARE

"FRIENDSHIP IN MARRIAGE" BOOKLET AVAILABLE

Because of reader response to the "Friendship in Marriage" article in the Spring-Summer, 1986 issue of *The Circles*, reprints are being offered. They will be reproduced in 8 1/2 by 7 inch booklet form. Among other uses the booklets may be shared with friends or family who do not read *The Circles*. The booklets are offered free of charge; please feel free to ask for as many as you will be able to use. (Anyone who wishes to help with costs is welcome to do so.)
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Theme: The URANTIA Book—
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Dates: October 24-26, 1986
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CONCORDEX OF THE URANTIA BOOK

The new, enlarged third edition of the ConcordeX of The URANTIA Book is available. This invaluable index has been upgraded to contain over 10,000 new entries. As an introductory offer, a case of five ConcordeXes may be purchased for a one-time special price of \$40 per case (includes shipping). Multiple cases may be ordered. The introductory price for individual books is \$10.00 each (includes shipping). The regular retail price will be \$12.00 (plus \$1.00 shipping). A set of URANTIA Book and ConcordeX is available for the subsidized price of \$27.50. Order from (and make checks payable to):

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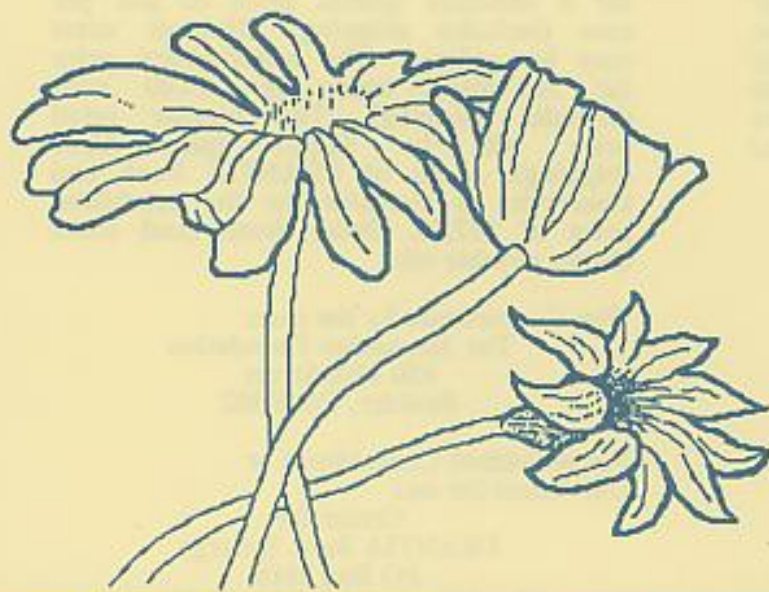
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(See Spheres of Influence for a
review.)



Has anyone ever touched your soul with a gift of their love? Perhaps a teacher cared enough to help you discover your special talents. Maybe a friend was there to listen when you were too burdened to continue. The gift of love may have been a day-after-day service such as a parent who gave you your special view of life. Whatever it was, please share it with us.

The Spring-Summer 1987 issue of The Circles will have as its theme GIFTS OF LOVE. Share your experience (or experiences) with us. It can be short or long. (Typed and double spaced if possible.) Send articles (on this theme or for Potpourri), poems or art work by December 15, 1986 to:



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Gifts of Love

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