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ACTIVITIES OF THE URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUPS IN THE EAST

## SPRING EASTERN REGIONAL SEMINAR — MAY 17, 1975

The Maine-New Hampshire-Massachusetts study groups will present their topics at the Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Avenue, Rowayton, Connecticut, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 1975. Plan to be there at 9:30 a.m. Ample parking is available and arrangements can be made to meet you at the station.

REMINDER: If you are planning to attend and have not received or responded to the letter sent to you by the Darien study group, contact Dave or Marta Elders immediately (see study group list) for directions and for your food assignment. Tel.: 203-655-1059.

### Concerning the topics:

DAN MASSEY writes, "I have agreed to start things off in the morning. . . . The burden of responsibility grows in immensity as the deadline rushes upon us. Oh well, never fear, we shall be there." Dan's topic is LOYALTY. "Only after starting research did I realize the potential scope of this subject."

VIN and CYNTHIA MEYERS have chosen THE HUNGER TENSION FOR PERFECTION as their topic. "We don't have any specific pages for reading prior to the meeting. We hope to relate this concept to The URANTIA Book through our own personal experiences."

TERRY and ALISON MONTGOMERY plan to talk on MARRIAGE and/or QUALITY IN THE UNIVERSE. These two beautiful people will enhance either topic.

ERIC JOHNSON will present BECOMING A REAL PERSON. "Perhaps best by saying: Love is real, and a person who learns to love becomes real (spiritually)."

JIM JOHNSON may have a dramatic presentation, SERAPHIC INFLUENCE IN DAILY LIFE. If he receives a little seraphic support on May 17th, he may just help the others with their presentations.

## HEAVY RESPONSE TO NEWSLETTER

Over thirty sheets of typewritten and handwritten letters were received as each Urantian expressed his thoughts concerning a newsletter. Feelings ranged from "... as news is gathered perhaps, but not regularly ..." to "... yes, we should have a newsletter ..." and "A newsletter monthly or bi-monthly is a great idea if someone has the time to do it."

Taking all correspondence into account, it seems that an average response indicates the need for a newsletter quarterly, with an emphasis on having a newsletter a few weeks before each Eastern Regional Seminar. So until a more frequent publication is indicated the next FINALITER will be sent out prior to the Fall Eastern Regional Seminar.

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In response to the question of what news should be included, the following items were sent to us:

- A. Study group activity
- B. Individual experiences with the teachings, etc.
- C. Ideas/question exchange
- D. Eastern Regional Seminar news
- E. Chicago news
- F. A listing of those Urantians who do not have study groups, but wish to correspond with other Urantians.

ITEM A. In order to list study group activities we must call upon your group to nominate one of its members to write to us, informing us of the location and time of your meeting; the name, address, and telephone number of one of your contact members; the format you use for your meeting; and any other information you think is helpful.

ITEMS B. and C. Individual experiences with the teachings of The URANTIA Book would be most inspiring to all of us (see page 1107, paragraph 6). If you wish to share your personal experience, ideas or questions with us, it would be delightful. You may send them directly to us if no quotations are used from The URANTIA Book. However, if you plan to refer to The URANTIA Book by quotation, please send a copy of your letter to The URANTIA Foundation, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614, prior to sending us your article, with a short note requesting permission to use the quotes in your article.

ITEM D. It has been proposed that the Eastern Regional Seminar news be listed in two parts: First, news and summary of the last meeting prepared by the study group who had last presented the topic. Second, news of the ensuing Eastern Regional Seminar including topics and a list of preparatory reading by the presenting group. In addition, the hosting group should send us directions and information regarding refreshments, etc.

ITEM E. If you wish news from The URANTIA Brotherhood in Chicago, contact them directly. They plan to send out a newsletter of the URANTIA movement shortly. The URANTIA Brotherhood is located at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614. Any questions concerning The URANTIA Brotherhood may also be addressed to Mrs. Helena Sprague or Mr. Steve Dreier (see study groups). They are the two East Coast representatives. REMINDER: Reservations for August 1st and 2nd Study Sessions in Chicago are limited. Get yours in early.

ITEM F. If you wish to be listed for correspondence with other Urantians, please let us know.

#### EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

"I'm becoming more and more aware of the necessity for establishing the Urantian teachings in the world. . . ." — J.J.

"Maybe the newsletter idea could be discussed at the study session." — M.D.

"I have been unable to find anyone in this area (Wilmington, Md.) who reads The URANTIA Book and miss a study group very much." — R.V.B.

"I've read the entire book once: Part 4, then Part 3, then 2, and finally the Foreword and Part 1. I've begun again, this time from the beginning. . . . The thought of living forever, always learning something new, has helped me to 'become as a child,' so that I may enter the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. I recognize that I know very little about the universes and that by faith, someday I will learn the truths." — E.J.

"Don't forget to bring the cow bell on May 17th." — B.D.



## STUDY GROUP ACTIVITIES

The Watertown, Connecticut, study group usually meets on a Friday evening. All readers of The URANTIA Book are invited to attend. Contact Charles Olivea for the date of the next meeting.

The Darien study group meets each Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. This group has been studying The URANTIA Book from Paper 1 and progressed through the papers to Paper 42 (editor's comment — WOW). Several young people have joined this group including one who is using a book from the Darien School Library. From Dave Elders we hear that Alan and Tim Saunders have moved to Manhattan, Montana, where they hope to organize their own study group.

The Clinton study group meets each Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. Each week one of this group prepares and reports on one of the papers. They are currently studying Papers 107 through 112.

The Boston (Somerville) area study group seems to be progressing quite well. All five are serious readers of The URANTIA Book with a positive and growing comprehension of what it is about. They have a desire to apply its teachings and meet each Monday at 7:30 p.m. "We are just reaching the point of effectively studying together — allowing our varied insights to complement each other."

The Hempstead (Long Island) group has had as many as 20 members and has progressed from page 1 through Paper 38 (editor's comment — WOW). They rotate homes and endeavor to finish a paper each time they meet. At the recommendation of one of the group, Merrick Library recently purchased The URANTIA Book for its religious collection.

The New Hampshire-Maine study group is off to a sound start. Although they are just getting to know each other, there is unmistakable excitement and anticipation of good things to come. A big part of this is that they plan to meet with the Boston study group every four weeks.

From Paxton, Massachusetts study group Vin tells us they meet every Thursday and are expanding. They recently had Charles Montgomery from L.A. (not movie star) as a guest.

A new study group has formed in the New York City area. Meetings are alternate Sundays at 11 a.m. A topical format has been used and recently included consideration of the Thought Adjusters, God the Supreme, the Seraphic Hosts, and the Spirit of Truth. Contact Steve Dreier, 201-836-0084.

A Philadelphia area study group is now in the process of formation. Meeting time and format are uncertain as yet. Contact Steve Dreier.

Sue and Peter Sarfaty have announced that not only have they united together as husband and wife (congratulations) but they have also united a new study group in Alexandria, Virginia.

We believe a small group of very new readers is meeting in Gloucester, Massachusetts. No other details.

Lee Guerette in California. Lee visited the Berkeley study groups and spent some time in northern California with old friends Bob and Cheryl Boden who are originally from Fullerton. "We folks who lived on Glenwood Street and were studying The URANTIA Book referred to ourselves as the Glenwood Gang. It was a time of great change and Julia Fenderson (now West Coast Representative of the URANTIA Brotherhood) was an inspiring influence in our lives." Lee also visited with the Celestial Seasoning people in Colorado, which, incidentally, is going great guns. She closed her letter with "Namaste" which is Hindu for "I salute the light within you."



### SPECIAL JULY 4th WEEKEND INVITATION

Under the joint sponsorship of the Boston-Maine-New Hampshire study groups, an informal long weekend retreat for Urantians will be held July 4th to 6th at Haverhill, New Hampshire, in the Connecticut Valley-Vermont border edge of the White Mountains. Travel time from New York City is about five to six hours by interstate highways.

Schedule: You are welcome to arrive the evening of July 3rd. Weather permitting we shall have some informal out-of-doors activity on the 4th and 6th — perhaps even a small hike. Presentations and similar study session type activities will be limited to Saturday, July 5th. Accommodations: A large number of people can be bedded indoors dormitory-style. If you have camping equipment, we urge you to bring it, since there is much more space outside than in. If you prefer the privacy of an inn or motel we will help you find one nearby. Children: Kids are welcome. Depending on the number and age we shall try to help occupy them; however bring toys, games or other entertainment appropriate for your own. Food: We will supply food with a nominal charge based on the number of meals you have with us.

R.S.V.P.: We need to know how many of you to expect in order to plan accommodations and food. Please plan on coming. We shall ask for commitments on May 17th. For more information or to announce your intention to come, call or write: DAN MASSEY, 108 Bristol Road #8, Somerville, Massachusetts 02144. Phone 617-625-2833.

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**WE NEED HELP!** If you would like to participate in publishing the FINALITER, please let us know. We sure can use you.

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