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ACTIVITIES OF THE URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUPS IN THE EAST

Dear Urantians,

We hope you enjoyed your first complimentary copy of the FINALITER. Your enthusiastic letters concerning your URANTIA Book studies have indicated a growing need for news of individuals and study groups in the East.

Our mailing list since May, 1975 has grown from seventy to two-hundred and seventy, and to continue the FINALITER and improve its quality without causing undue hardship on any one individual or study group, we ask if you would voluntarily purchase a three dollar 1976 subscription. In this way you may share in the sponsoring of the FINALITER and cast your vote for its continuation. Please send your subscriptions to the FINALITER payable to Nicholas W. Scalzo.

Warmest Regards,
The FINALITER Staff

FALL EASTERN REGIONAL SEMINAR - OCTOBER 25, 1975 - SPECIAL TREATS

The Fall Eastern Regional Seminar is being held at the Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Avenue, Rowayton, Connecticut, at 10:00 a.m., October 25, 1975. Plan to be there early, and be sure you contact Kipp Alpert, Cedar Gate Road, Darien, Conn. 06820 for your pot-luck food assignment as soon as possible.

SPECIAL TREATS seem to be the guidelines for this Fall's program which will be highlighted by music and other "reversion" techniques such as Urantia inspired art, slides, humor, creative living and worship. Bring your guitar, banjo, etc. for after dinner entertainment.

SPECIAL TREATS for this fall program include the following presentations:

Mike Daly	Opening with voluntary meditation and worship.
Monica Sackett	"Urantia Teachings and Creative Living"
Charles Olivea	"Artistic Visualization Slides of Our Unseen Friends"
Robert Cambell	"Discussion on Tolerance Appreciation Acceptance"
Mary O'Keefe	"Worship and Adjuster Communication"

SPECIAL, SPECIAL TREATS: Visiting with us are two special Urantians from the west coast who have been studying the URANTIA Book and applying its teachings since the time of its first printing.

Our first guest is Julia Fenderson, the URANTIA Brotherhood West Coast Field Representative. Julia is a warm, loving person who has devoted her life to the education of children and the exaltation of family life. In 1974 she addressed the URANTIA Brotherhood General Conference, and we are honored to have her talk with us and our children on this same subject; "The URANTIA Teachings and Children".

Our second guest is Vern Grimsley who broadcasts the non-denominational religious program "ON CAMPUS" from the University of California at Berkeley. Vern's superb knowledge of the URANTIA Book is only surpassed by his wit. You will more than enjoy his laughter-provoking faculty for hitting upon a hidden truth in his presentation; "Humor in the URANTIA Book".

THE FIFTH PRINTING DUE IN MARCH At the General Conference of the URANTIA Brotherhood held in Evanston, Illinois August 1 and 2, 1975, the following was reported:

So far with no advertising or fanfare, over 50,000 books have been sold (since October 12, 1955); they are now selling at the rate of 700-1000 per month. 90% of these sales are through 800 book stores. There are 100-105 known study groups and 9 societies. 538 people are members of the URANTIA Brotherhood, 117 at large and the rest in societies.

The fifth printing will be ready in March, 1976; hopefully the price will remain unchanged. Study Aids to Part IV, The Life and Teachings of Jesus, by Ruth Renn, will be published in the fall.

CELEBRATION The 1,981st birthday of Jesus was celebrated on August 21, in Cambridge, Mass., with a remembrance supper. The Creator Son of our local universe was present as guest of honor, together with untold celestial helpers and thirteen mortals of the realm, drawn from the Boston, Maine and Paxton (Mass.) study groups.

URANTIAN INTERNATIONAL FORUM The First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma is sponsoring a "1976 URANTIA INTERNATIONAL FORUM" - June 25, 26, and 27, 1976, on the theme "Matter, Mind, and Spirit". The Forum is to be held at Fountainhead State Park and Lodge (with campgrounds) on Lake Eufaula, near Checotah (100 miles east of Oklahoma City). Three days of study "Work Shops" will be held immediately following - June 28, 29, and 30, 1976. If you or your friends are interested in attending, please send your names and addresses to - The First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma, 1909 First National Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, or to the FINALITER.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION In San Francisco this March about 300 people attended the dedication of the Werner von Braun Chair of the Physical Sciences at the Institute of Noetic Sciences. At this occasion, Dr. von Braun is quoted as saying, among other things: "...the search for God is the pursuit of both science and religion" and "...although we may be amazed by what we are learning, Jesus is not, for he understands the nature of the universe".

JULY 4TH SUMMER SOIREE The weekend of July 4th about 25 Urantians, friends and children assembled at Havenhill, N.H., for a period of informal fellowship and reversion. This "First Annual Summer Soiree" was sponsored by the Boston and Maine, N.H. study groups. "...We would like to express our gratitude to all of you who helped make our home a place of joy and friendship. Particular thanks go to Terry and Alison Montgomery, who kept things organized, and Lee Guerette, functioning as reversion director..." D.M.

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STUDY GROUP ACTIVITIES

"Our Central Connecticut group meets first and third Friday, in Marlborough, Ct. We are reading from the beginning. (There were 9 of us last night.) We hope to soon place a book in the Wilber Cross Library, U.Conn. at Storrs." Helena Sprague

"We are glad to see this newsletter come out. There will be much interest and participation in it from our group. This group started in Alexandria, VA. by Susan and Peter Sarfaty. Now moved in to Washington, D.C. to be closer to more members. We meet every other Wednesday and Sunday but we're still undergoing changes. Three of our members attended the Seminar in Chicago and brought back all the joy and love their hearts could carry to share with us. That made it a wonderful experience for all of us. We are now looking forward to the fall meeting in New England." Dianna Padgeh,

"Our Thursday night meetings in Paxton, Massachusetts have been more varied. Dan and friends have made a few of them. We had them pumping the player piano last time. Last Thursday a Mennonite came laying hands and all - even talking in tongues. That sent us back to the URANTIA Book fast". Vin Meyers

"We have another reader visiting us from Queens, N.Y., named Irene, a new dimension to our study group. At the beginning of each week we join in a moment of silence; afterward someone reads a paragraph or two from the URANTIA Book. We have been studying the URANTIA Book consecutively and are now on Paper 45. We are now considering studying some themes in the book as well." Kipp Alpert, Darien, Connecticut Study Group

"At first we just skipped around the book, but now we in Somerville, Massachusetts, Methuen, Massachusetts have started to read it from the beginning. We read a paper every night. We meet every Monday night at 8:00p.m. at Dan Massey's apartment, there are usually 6-11 people, a core of regulars with visitors each week. We take turns reading the weeks paper, and discuss it as we go along. (The discussions get pretty lively at times, too.)"

Mary & Peter Carrier

"We meet at 8:00p.m. in Columbia, MD. every 2nd and 4th Monday. Our 2nd Monday meeting we discussed the "Jesus Papers" from Paper 120. We are next scheduled for Paper 146-47. On the 4th Monday we have started from Paper 1 (about 3 years ago) with the goal of eventually covering the book. Our Paper is 36 now. We are not striving for speed and we occasionally deviate from a consecutive paper in order to explore some area of mutual interest. We'd like to have a few more." Ray Shrode

"Our Staten Island study group has nearly completed reading the Jesus papers aloud. The sheer drama of these words, their poetry and pace, reaches beyond their familiarity as words and phrases; the cumulative whole is superb as literature, as well. This last meeting Margaret Gilbert asked us if we'd write out for her what we each think is the meaning of p. 1096 on concepts of supreme value. Would anyone out there like to contribute?"

Virginia Varnum

Does your study group have news? Send it to the FINALITER.

"Our Clinton, Connecticut study group has been meeting each Thursday evening at 7:30p.m.. We recently began studying the book from Paper 1. We have progressed to Paper 3. Each evening we have a different moderator and we study the papers for an hour and a half then one of us has the opportunity to present a topic of his or her choice. Nick Scalzo

"After a summer of quiet relaxation the Hempstead, (Long Island) group is looking forward to the resumption of meetings and the warm fellowship and spirit of camaraderie always present at Urantia get-togethers. Usually the group meets on the third or fourth Saturday evening of each month." Rhoda Van der Clute

"We in Quebec, Canada have mostly encountered people who prefer to study the book by themselves, and strive to live it. Since the majority of the people we know speak French and have suffered from the influence of the church, they are quite reluctant to study a book on a new religious movement. We have no more books in French, so it is very quiet on the French side. On the English side, there is a growing amount of people buying the book, and we know a few interested people who may gather to study, but this process, we feel, should not be accelerated. Because we have the names of the people to whom we sell books, we organize small meetings to help and encourage them to meet on a regular basis. In Quebec, there are very small groups existing (2 to 10 people) in French and in English, people who stay rather quiet, in a closed milieu, and who prefer it that way for the moment. Daniel & Denise St-Laurent

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS: "There once was a certain Urantian, who, along with his wife and their baby son, attended a regional study gathering. Came the close of the meeting and the time for farewells. After waiting some time for the husband to be ready to leave, the wife finally stated she would wait for him with the baby in their car. Well, eventually this Urantian decided it was time to go and went out to his car. As he approached, he observed a young man seated behind the wheel, who turned as he reached the car and said, 'Hop in Dad, and I'll drive you home'. --- D.R. Norristown, Penn.

"During the last few months I have become quite interested in the Urantia Book. As a result of my first encounter with it, I wrote to the Foundation with my many questions. I am anxious to attend a study meeting and to increase my understanding of the organization as it now exists. ---G.D. Providence, R.I.

Father's Day 1975 Rashkousky

He provides
not only for our needs
but also for our pleasures,
how Knowing
how Gracious a Host is
Our Father to His Creation
how Smiling, how Benevolent
how fondly does He Cherish
His Sons and Daughters. M.S.

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