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ACTIVITIES OF THE URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUPS IN THE EAST

Dear Urantians,

We are living in exciting times. Life is pulsating with new and great expectations. You and I have had the great fortune of finding the URANTIA Book, the fifth epocal revelation to our small planet.

Have you yet paused to consider the significance of such an event as this? Future generations will look back at our troubled times and mark it as the time when Urantians once again begun their proclamation of the enobling message of Michael: "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man."

Warmest Regards
The FINALITER Staff

SPRING EASTERN REGIONAL SEMINAR - MAY 1, 1976

The Spring Regional Conference will be held at "Elbanobscot" (that's tocsbonable spelled backwards) in Sudbury, Massachusetts. Elbanobscot is a school for environmental study, which is located amidst wildlife preserves of 2,500 acres. Besides the natural beauty, the recreational facilities will be available for our enjoyment. Accommodations are also available for Friday and/or Saturday nights. See the enclosed sheet for further details and return the questionnaire before April 15, 1976.

The May 1, 1976 program will include the following presentations:

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| Trinity Concepts | An informative lecture on Trinities, Triunities and Triodities.
Nick Scalzo |
| Cosmography. | A most interesting and unusual presentation about the structure
of the universes as depicted by the URANTIA Book.
Carl Marsden, Don Kaiser
Marguerite Savoy, Beach Barrett |
| Love | Genuine and Superficial -- Cosmic and Finite
Marjorie Yougel |
| Reversion. | A surprise of fun
Allison and Terry Montgomery |
| Family Life. | A presentation covering highlights of the URANTIA Book teachings
concerning marriage and child-rearing
Dick Johnson, DeDe Scalzo
Ernest Savoy, Elaine Yatrourissis |

Note to parents: Allison Montgomery will have arts and craft supplies and board games, and is planning to organize some supervision for the children.

This 1976 complimentary copy of the FINALITER is being sent to some of you on behalf of the generous spiritual and financial support of the URANTIA Book study groups and individuals. If you wish to receive the remaining 1976 editions of the FINALITER, please send your annual subscription of three dollars to the FINALITER payable to Nicholas W. Scalzo.

TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF LOVING SERVICE

The FINALITER wishes to salute the URANTIA Foundation on marking its twenty-sixth anniversary, January 11, 1976. Their work during this last quarter century is unprecedented in the entire history of our planet, and will bear the fruit of world wide dissemination of the URANTIA teachings.

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD IN AUSTRALIA

Julia Fenderson, West Coast Field Representative, traveled for a month recently in Australia for the URANTIA Brotherhood and the URANTIA Foundation. She visited the Universal Brotherhood, 150 miles south of Perth on the west coast. This group of about 100 young people comprise a closely knit community which farms 315 acres. Julia writes, "Their major spiritual goals seem to be to become closer to the Father by living and exemplifying spiritual goals."

Julia also visited with Urantians on the east coast of Australia. She reports that 479 books have been sold in Australia, and there are 14 study groups there. A book shop in Sydney features the URANTIA Book and the Concordex. The manager says she has steady sales and a new study group is forming there.

Julia also reports about the Universal Brotherhood on the west coast: "...they now have received as gifts, URANTIA Books and Concordexes; they truly need materials, books and clothes for primary school children and clothes for babies. About half of these young folks are married with young children. Also they wish for and need music. They sing every day and every evening they gather in the large living room of the farmhouse and sing and sing. It was glorious. Here's the address so people could send things and write them (Hands across the water in URANTIA fellowship). Mr. Stephen Carthew, Director Universal Brotherhood, Inc.
% P.O. Balingup 6253
Western, Australia

JOURNAL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

The first issue of the Journal of URANTIA Brotherhood is nearing the press. Write: The URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Div-ersey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614

URANTIA INTERNATIONAL FORUM

The First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma is sponsoring a 1976 URANTIA INTERNATIONAL FORUM, starting June 25, 1976. The three days of Forum will be followed by three days of workshops. The Forum and Work Shops will be held at the Fountainhead Lodge, Checotah, Oklahoma, on Lake Eufaula.

This is your invitation to attend. Berkeley Elliott writes: "Our Forum program will be centered around the theme of matter, mind, and spirit (past, present and future), and unification. We are planning an intense program, with much time for fellowship and recreation. The Forum is being held in a vacation area - a beautiful setting of trees, hills and water - an ideal place for families to plan a vacation. We hope Urantians will come and bring their children. Supervision and baby-sitting will be arranged for all children.

"In our workshops we plan to have three hours of in-depth study on 'deep' topics each morning; three hours of rest, recreation, fellowship; three hours of 'personal, spiritual, religious' study; and the remainder of the day in fellowship. For further information and registration, write:

First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma
Berkeley Elliott, Coordinator
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Oklahoma City, OK 73102

MICHAEL'S MESSAGE WORLD WIDE

The Family of God Foundation in Berkeley, California*devotes a major share of its resources, spiritual, human and material, to making and distributing tapes for radio broadcast. These are short talks and conversations with students by Vern Grimsley about the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man and other basic concepts of the URANTIA teachings.

In 1967 they set two goals which were to extend the outreach of this message to radio stations for broadcast to all 50 states by 1975 and to all the globe by 1980. The first goal had been achieved! The second is being greatly accelerated by arrangements, just completed, to have their program broadcast from Amman, Jordan, to a wide area of the Middle East. Their program is also carried by Armed Forces Radio Network.

The FINALITER sends congratulations and warm wishes to all the people in Berkeley whose teamwork is making this possible.

* Box 347, Berkeley, California 94701

STUDY GROUP ACTIVITIES

Spiritual Brotherhood requires communication. Participate in this experience by electing a member of your group to keep us informed of your activities. We also like to hear from individuals who are reading the URANTIA Book and are trying to join or start a study group.

Our Staten Island, N.Y. group recently heard from Joanne Iverson, now permanently located in Puyallup, Washington.

"...We have been going to Bible Study on Sunday morning at church; we've just finished the Gospel of Mark. Before each class I would read the lesson in the four gospels and in the URANTIA Book. It was most amazing; so much of what wasn't in the Gospels--and was in the URANTIA Book--our pastor would present in the Bible Study. I almost thought perhaps he was reading the Book. However, he just knew his Bible History and traditions very well.

"There were many questions brought up by people that he could not answer, that were answered in the URANTIA Book. At times when it seemed appropriate I would say that I was reading a book that says that "such and such could have happened." And the pastor would add, "that sounds right."

"When we came to The Last Supper, I gave the pastor the section "The Last Supper" to read. He said he found nothing wrong with it, and wanted to know more about the book. Well, to make a long story short, Pastor now has a URANTIA Book."...

There is much more, but I think she'd be willing for us to share at least this part with you. Virginia Varnum

Our Boston, Massachusetts study group continues to grow both quantitatively and qualitatively. A slow but steady increase of female readers over the past several months has begun to balance what used to be a predominantly male study group. Studying the Forward is gradually expanding our intellectual understanding of reality while recent developments in interpersonal understanding have provided many opportunity/adventures for spiritual growth. (Thanks go to one of our sisters on the west coast for the term "opportunity/adventure".) Jim Johnston

Our Paxton, Massachusetts study group has been holding its weekly meetings on schedule despite the weather. JoAnn Wiedman is a regular and occasionally we have the pleasure of the Boston Study Group joining us.

Just last night we attended the study group meeting at Dan Massey's house. Seeing Helena at that meeting made us realize just how long it's been since we've seen all the east coast Urantians. We're really looking forward to the Spring Convention. Always in Truth, Beauty and Goodness. Vin & Cynthia

The Marlborough, Connecticut study group of 6-9 people meets at Marlborough, Connecticut on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. We are at the home of Lili Vitols reading Book One. Our group is fluctuating but slowly growing. One young man in our group, a U-Conn junior, brought his wife last time and now she is reading with pleasure Book Four. Charles Olivea, at the last meeting, brought a suitcase of new and interesting books. It was another great get together which we did not want to end. Lili Vitols

In our Anchorage, Alaska study group we've been busy organizing an introductory course to the URANTIA Book which will begin Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. and continue once weekly for five weeks. We have divided the material into five major parts, starting with the Forward - Diety - Divinity - & God on down to part IV. Many of our members are outside the state on vacation and most of us are enjoying a happy Alaskan winter. We send our warmest regards to all our friends in the N.E.U.S. Hello to Dave & Marta Elders, Love to you brother.

Tucky Hayes

East Boothbay & Boothbay Harbor, Maine
New readers of the URANTIA Book are appearing all over New England. A study group has begun in East Boothbay, Maine comprised of several friends who began reading and believing the book at the same time - a unique but nonetheless encouraging development.

This is a small enthusiastic group meeting on alternate Sunday afternoons. Several members are active in their local churches, where they introduce ideas from the book into discussion groups.

Suzanne Colburn

The Clinton, Connecticut study group is experiencing exciting growth. We meet in the home of DeDe and Nick Scalzo at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening. Our program is divided into three parts: (1) Fellowship (2) Reading of The URANTIA Book and (3) Special topical studies.

Each week we take turns moderating with an alternate person leading his special topical study. We are now getting ready for presentations at the Regional Conference.

See you there! DeDe & Nick

STUDY GROUP ACTIVITIES (con't.)

Now over a year old, the Northern New England Study Group has grown to ten members representing a tri-state area. Attendance varies from 4 to 8, meeting monthly on Friday evenings, usually in East Parsonsfield, Maine. Format and programming are spontaneous but directed towards the complete reading of a paper

Terry & Allison Montgomery

In Putney, Vermont about 10 people, half of them high school students, meet on Tuesday evenings. This group has been in existence for two years.

Joan & Dick Newuman

Montreal, Quebec, Canada Five URANTIA readers from Montreal have joined, starting in January, in study group activities. Up to now our study group sessions have proven to be unexpectedly rewarding in spiritual growth. The meetings are held each Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:30 in a physician's office located at 1233 Mountain Street in Montreal, right in the heart of the city. Even though sessions are held in French, everyone visiting Montreal is welcome. The formula chosen is that of a rotating leadership and one where attendance relies on motivation.

Jean Desjardins

Des Moines, Iowa Weather has been fabulous here. We've been enjoying Iowa before the winter sets in. Not too much to enjoy outdoors then.

Our study group activities have started again in Des Moines. Only a handful but we're on our way. When we can get the Kansas City groups to join with us we'll have a regional meeting. Love to all of you.

Susan & Peter Sarfety

Toronto, Ontario, Canada We have a study group going in the Toronto area now and would like to receive the FINALITER regularly for the group's perusal. We are also anxious to receive all the newsletters that circulate within the URANTIA movement. Accordingly, this day I subscribed to the Agondonter from Fullerton, California. If you know of the existence of other newsletters could you be so kind as to send me their names and addresses so that we might subscribe. Joe Pope

AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are available upon request from The URANTIA Foundation at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614:

URANTIA Foundation & URANTIA Brotherhood
fact sheets
Excerpts from the URANTIA Book
Resume of the URANTIA Book
Basic Concepts of the URANTIA Book
Our Task
Concordex order blank
List of study aid text books still available
Fundamentals of the URANTIA Papers
URANTIA Foundation Newsletter
Use of URANTIA Book material, etc. (re. copyright)
Unit Not Uniformity
Declaration of Trust Creating URANTIA
Foundation

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

We have received so many letters from Urantians expressing their excitement and experiences with the URANTIA Book, and we assume the writers wish to share their thoughts with other Urantians. We have therefore, taken the liberty of printing excerpts from these letters in the FINALITER. If you wish to keep your letters confidential please let us know.

"...Thank you for sending the FINALITER to me at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, I hope you'll keep my name on your mailing list as it's nice to know where the action is.

I'm still in a 'I'm finding this too good to be true' stage. It's so wonderful to know there are so many interested people in other states..."

"...What a happy, informative paper you've created! In a time of instant worldwide coverage of all news bums, major, minor or inbetween, it is so refreshing to receive a newspaper of this type. Real News or News of Reality happenings on the east coast are important to us up here in Alaska too. As the parts grow, so goes the whole. Much happiness to you all and thanks for your contribution to our peace of mind..."

WESTCOAST NEWS - AGONDONTER

For fine news coverage of URANTIA events on the west coast of the USA you must read the AGONDONTER.

The Agondonter is published by the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles, PO Box 563, Los Angeles, California 90053

PLANTING A SEED (A conversation between silent Joe and the Seed Planter)

Hi Joe, How are you?... Oh, this book, why its the URANTIA Book... Well, its hard to explain what it is... Well, its just as difficult to explain who wrote it... Maybe I could explain it this way:

Two thousand years ago when Jesus was here he (being who he said he was) had the capacity to teach the people of his time all that there was to know. He could have taught them about T.V's, airplanes, atomic energy, that the world was round or that one could walk on the moon, however, the people of that time had only evolved to where they could understand and comprehend just so much. So, Joe, he only taught them concepts that they could comprehend. For instance, when he taught about his Father's universes the highest concept that the peoples of his time could understand was that in his Father's Kingdom there were huge places to live, giant houses (planets, spheres) or as he put it "In my Father's house there are many mansions." He also taught them about things and personalities which they could not understand, namely, angels, seraphim, cherubim, sanobim and so on.

Well now, Joe, two thousand years later when we humans on this planet have evolved to where we could understand and comprehend much, much more, these same angels, seraphim and a host of other universe personalities were given a mandate to further teach us more about our Father's Kingdom or universes. Yes, Joe, you see the name URANTIA means the planet Earth and this book contains the story about this planet URANTIA and its relationship to all that exists (to the highest concept our mind could understand). ...Yes, Joe, it helps you understand who you are, what you're doing here and where you're going afterward... that's right, Joe, they even tell us who God is and how loving he is to us.

Joe, I tell you the universes are teeming with life, unseen friends who exist just to minister to our needs. The universes are our home, the angels are our family... yes, Joe, God's Family... and we have the same inheritance rights with the universes as we have with our own family here on URANTIA.

Imagine the adventure of learning eternally more and more about God our Father, his universe kingdom and our universe family. Joe, God's so loving that He made all the universes for us, for you. He loves us so much that He has given us a fragment of Himself to live in our minds, an actual piece of God living in us...

Actually Joe, he has no commandments, the Father would never tell us what not to do. He is so positive that if He was to give an order He would tell us what To Do. Joe, He loves us so much he would not command us; however, He does have a wish for us, as all loving parents have wishes for their children. He wishes we would be as perfect as He is... that is why He created the universes, so we could learn through experience in His universe kingdom all there is to know about Him. I tell you, Joe, from what I have learned of our Universal Father, I can think of nothing else but that I LOVE HIM.

I know it is a heavy book Joe, but its heavy in value, it contains truth, beauty and goodness. It reinforces all the values you always felt were true; it builds you up so you could carry the weight of the universe. It gives you answers to questions you've always wanted to know and answers to questions you've never thought of.

...O.K. I'll see you Joe, but remember it isn't necessary to know all that is in the URANTIA Book; its only necessary for you to realize that you are a true son of God and that he wants you to come home to His family.

Seed Planter

LITERARY MAGAZINE

Coming soon: The Second Mile - a literary magazine of, by and for Urantians - the first edition to be distributed on May 1. For this issue, or the next, send us (*) your prose and poetry, black-on-white artwork or cartoons, short stories, feature-type articles, how-you-found-the-book or the book found you anecdotes and, in general, material too long or big for newsletter publication. *A. Montgomery, Box 5 E. Parsonsfield, Maine 04028

(Editors Note: A.M. & T.M., You are both invited to be Literary Editors of the FINALITER)

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NOTE

Note to study groups:
Assign a member of your
study group the task of writing
to us about your activities.
Without your news we are lost.

Please note August 1, 1976
on your calendar. It is the
deadline date of the next
FINALITER.

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April 1, 1976

GEMS FROM THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

"... 'It could be all so beautiful,' she said as we turned to go, 'if people were just so kind.' I said she was very wise. She laughed and tugged my ear. 'Ah,' she said taking my hand again, 'what is more wise than to be kind? And what is more kind than to understand?..."

(Thosmas Tryon : Lady)

"...At our first halt we enjoyed the hospitality of a famous sheikh who had established a sort of mystical university in that obscure corner of the world. We found him a courteous host and most enlightened scholar. One of the advantages of spiritual development is the confirmation of one's results which one obtains from similarly disposed people whom one meets. There is a real freemasonry among such men, which does not depend upon formula and dogma. The instinctive sympathy proves that one has done right to climb beyond conscious conclusions. In the kingdom of spirit is freedom.

(A. Crowley : Confessions)

LOVE

Love to me
is running free.

When doves go by
and horses fly
and squirrels scamper up trees
And when all living things are free
It will be the end of this life
and the beginning of a new one
called freedom.

(Maria Scalzo age 12)

Did you hear the one about the Urantian
farmer who was outstanding in his field.
(V.M.)

THANKYOU

The following is a poem I wrote for a person who gave me a tremendous gift. I'm sure my meeting this person was through the guidance of the Seraphim. At any rate my friend is moving to California, and I wanted to give her a gift, i.e. the poem.

For All you've given me
I Ask / The
Love of God
Angel of Enlightenment
Wisdom's Guidance
Friendship's Warm Rays...
To gather within your being
Truth, Beauty and Goodness
In your travels
of eternity's ascending pathways.
(S.H.T.)



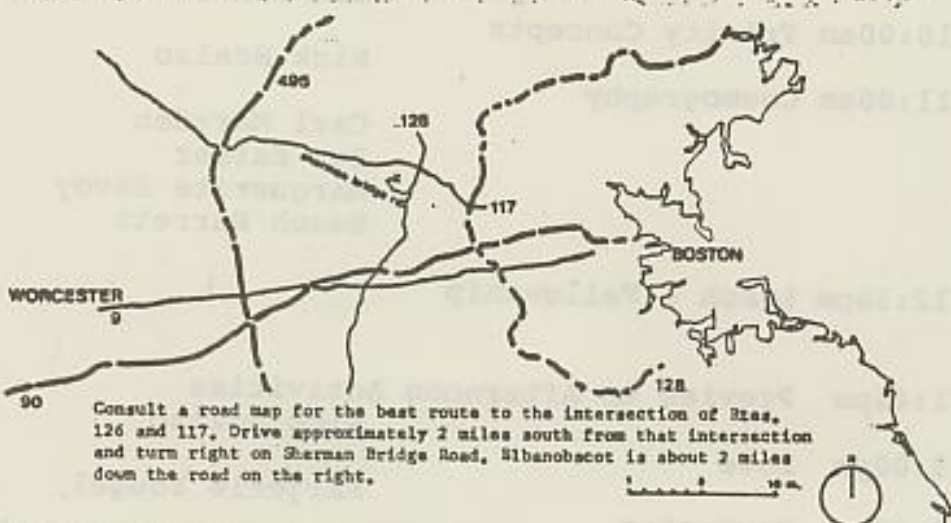
"I think we're about to witness a significant breakthrough!"

SPRING REGIONAL CONFERENCE

TIME: 9:30 A.M., May 1, 1976

PLACE: Elbanobscot School for the Environment
Sudbury, Mass.

PROGRAM: The Trinity
Cosmography
Marriage and Family Life
Love



The spring eastern regional conference for students of The Urantia Book will be held at Elbanobscot in Sudbury Massachusetts. Please pass the word. Elbanobscot is an environmental school and camp site which offers indoor meeting, eating, and sleeping rooms and lots of outdoor acreage for fellowship and recreation. Beds (without linen) in 4 and 8 bed dormitories are available for those who would like to stay overnight. Meals can be provided or you may bring your own food. It is important that we know how many people to expect for meals and beds by April 13. Therefore we are asking that you register in advance. Please fill out the registration form below and return it, with your check for the appropriate amount, to: James Johnston, 14 Gray St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

The registration fee of \$3.00 is required of each adult whether or not you need eating and sleeping services.

I(we) will need the following services:

1.) bed(s)	Fri. night	2.) meal(s)	Sat. lunch	(no meal charge
(no linen)	(\$3.00/pers.)		(\$3.00/pers.)	for children
	Sat. night		Sat. dinner	under 3 years)
	(\$3.00/pers.)		(\$4.00/pers.)	

Name and address: _____

If more than one individual are attending, briefly describe your group. (family? number of men, women, boys, girls?) _____

SPRING REGIONAL CONFERENCE

"And all this is ever true, where two or three believers are gathered together, there am I in the midst of them." p.1763*

9:00am Coffee and Get Acquainted

9:30am Preview of Days Activities

Don Kaiser

10:00am Trinity Concepts

Nick Scalzo

11:00am Cosmography

Carl Marsden

Don Kaiser

Marguerite Savoy

Beach Barrett

12:30pm Lunch & Fellowship

1:45pm Preview to Afternoon Activities

Nick Scalzo

2:00pm Love

Marjorie Yougel

3:00pm Reversion

Allison Montgomery

Terry Montgomery

Break

3:30pm Family Life

Dick Johnson

Elaine Yatroussis

Ernest Savoy

DeDe Scalzo

5:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Fellowship

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