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ACTIVITIES OF THE URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUPS IN THE EAST

Dear Urantians,

August 21, 1976 marked the passing of the 1983rd year since the noontime birth of Michael of Nebadon, Son of man and Son of God, on this small isolated planet called URANTIA. Many on our world know Michael by the name Jesus. They love and adore Him; they accept Him as their Savior and lord, and they do so with blind loving faith.

We who have read the URANTIA Book are indeed fortunate to know so much more about our Creator Son Michael. We have learned how He, with the Holy Mother Spirit, spent trillions of years building our universe of Nebadon. We have learned about the almost infinite number of personalities in His universe family. We have been told the story of His bestowal career and His final bestowal on our world URANTIA. We have learned of His brothers and sisters in His human family and how He spent each and every year of His life here. But most of all we have learned about the enobling religion of Jesus as He lived His life in accordance to the Fathers will.

Pause to consider how many people on this world do not know what URANTIA Book readers know, and yet they love and adore Him. Their faith is more than amazing, and indicates the power of Michaels message and the ministry of the Spirit of Truth. But, also consider how much more brotherhood we could have, if these same faithful sons and daughters could know Jesus as we know Him. If they could, in addition to knowing the beautiful religion about Jesus, also know the loving religion of Jesus. Then would these same faithful sons and daughters of God turn this world inside-out with the love of the Universal Father, and truly know each other as family.

Warmest regards,
The FINALITER Staff

FALL EASTERN REGIONAL SEMINAR - SEPTEMBER 25, 1976

The Fall Regional Conference will be held at the Woodrow Community Hall in Staten Island on Saturday, September 25, 1976, and will center on the theme "Religion on URANTIA."

The program will include the following presentations:

Early Evolution of Religion on URANTIA	Mary Olivea
Revealed Religion	Ralph Zehr
The Melchizedek Teachings in World Religion	Dick Schomberg
The New Cults	Margaret Gilbert
The Dynamics of Truth	Connie Aller

The conference will include several innovations. One will be a "breakfast-warm-up" session, another will be a "between-and-after paper" comment session conducted by Virginia Varnum and Steve Dreier. There will also be experiments in new worship techniques. (cont.)

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 subscribe to the FINALITER, please send your annual subscription of three dollars to the FINALITER payable to Nicholas W. Scalzo

FALL REGIONAL SEMINAR (con't.)

On the practical side, only one sit-down meal will be served. Breakfast and supper snacks will be provided at no extra cost.

The hall has a nursery room with toys, and babysitting by community young people is also included in the registration fee.

Remember to bring your musical instruments and artwork.

For information and registration to the Fall Regional Conference write:

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Staten Island N.Y.
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URANTIA BROTHERHOOD NEWS

On July 10, 1976, the Urantia Brotherhood voted to reactivate the URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin which began as a quarterly newsletter in 1955 and was discontinued on August 14, 1973 in anticipation of The URANTIAN Journal. Now we will have both publications. They need to hear from you with your news, comments and questions.

The latest bulletin news included stories about:

- *Fifth Triennial Delegate Assembly
- *Triennial Meeting of the General Council
- *Oklahoma International Forum
- *...and much more.

The URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin may be obtained by writing:
The URANTIA Brotherhood
533 Diversey Parkway
Chicago, Illinois 60614

NEWS...FROM THE URANTIA FOUNDATION

The 1976 URANTIAN (the URANTIA Foundation newsletter) was sent out in July informing us that the fifth printing of the URANTIA Book, totalling 25000 copies, is now being distributed.

They have also announced that with this printing there is inserted a welcome message to new readers concerning the nature of both The URANTIA Foundation and The URANTIA Brotherhood.

If you wish to receive a copy of the URANTIAN write to:

The URANTIA Foundation
533 Diversey Parkway
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THE SECOND MILE A LITERARY MAGAZINE

The first exciting publication of THE SECOND MILE a literary magazine was issued in May, 1976.

So far, this magazine has been conceived as providing expression, for the vast talents among us, in the following ways:

- short stories, poetry
- black-on-white-artwork
- feature articles, songs
- texts of presentations

The magazine is a showcase for Urantian artists. It includes interviews and articles focusing on integrating the teachings into one's job and community. THE SECOND MILE is the place to express our mutual love for each other in a creative way--let them know what your ideas are.

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OKLAHOMA RECOLLECTIONS

In the last week of June, the writers, in company with about 400 other students of the URANTIA Book, converged on a beautiful resort in Checotah, Oklahoma for the 1976 URANTIA International Forum of three days duration plus an additional three days of workshops plus the always rewarding experience of meeting with, rapping with, sharing, praying and worshipping with so many diverse sons and daughters of the Father in informal and completely spontaneous eventuations, sometimes late into the night.

A most important lesson arose more from the totality of the experience than from the uniformly excellent individual parts of those six days. The lesson was that it is possible for a vastly diverse group of hundreds of mortals from 38 American States, plus many friends from Canada and even as far away as the Netherlands, from many vocations, avocations, viewpoints, and sensitivities, could, work, live, and study together in an attempt to help each other understand more about this fifth epochal revelation, and in the first infant-finaliter steps in the task of seeking our Universal Father and doing his will.

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OKLAHOMA RECOLLECTIONS (con't.)

Space and time limit our doing full justice to even listing the many individual personalities and situations, which, never even in eternity, leave our memories, but here are some:

The incredible manifestations of humans cooperating with the Celestial Artisans in the service of uplifting their fellow mortals. We think particularly of the powerful multimedia presentation of the Spiritual history of the planet produced by a group of hard and loving workers from San Francisco, new music of various styles from many gifted friends, the inspiring paintings of Vince Ventola, and the hitherto (to us) unrevealed dramatic abilities of Charles Montgomery, whose Lucifer skit was a masterpiece of "devil's advocacy".

As relatively new readers, it was both enlightening and inspiring to meet and share with Christy, Julia, and others who have long been about the Father's business of study and service.

A special unsung hero's award should go to Nick, DeDe, and Maria Scalzo, Linda Young, and Kathy King for the management of the Checotah Probationary Nursery, which continued to insure that children will always be an important and integral part of the URANTIA movement.

Finally, special thanks and love to our hosts, the members of the First Urantia Society of Oklahoma. Among them, Max Lawrence, our Master of Ceremonies for three days, who is gifted with a genuine bestowal of celestial humor. We are in agreement that we would definitely love working in a Finaliter Company, captained by Berkeley Elliott, who made these wonderful six days possible.

Halford Park, Sue Park, Dick Schonberg

"SPRING REGIONAL CONFERENCE"

The Spring Eastern Regional Conference was held at "Elbanobscot" an environmentally protected camp and school ground in Sudbury, Mass. From the windows of the main meeting hall was a wildlife vista that looked over the school grounds and water lowland.

The Paxton (Mass.) group made all the arrangements for shelter and meals while the Clinton (Conn.) group volunteered to provide the presentations.

Nick Scalzo spoke first presenting a very well thought out explanation of "Trinities, Triunities and Triodities". In his talk he used visual aids to depict the inter-relations of the Seven Absolutes and their various combinations. (con't.)

"SPRING REGIONAL CONFERENCE" (con't)

The second presentation "Cosmography" was the joint effort of Don Kaiser, the moderator, Marguerite Savoy, Beach Barrett, and Carl Marsden. Marguerite presented colored drawings of all the capital spheres from Jerusalem to Uversa. Beach explained two large black lit paintings, one showing a top view of the Central Universe and the other a cross section or side view of the Central Universe portraying the organization of pervaded and unpervaded space. After lunch, Carl gave a very thorough talk on the Seven Superuniverses. Using wooden models he explained the spatial layout of the Grand Universe and described the many subdivisions of Superuniverse administration.

For reversion a band called "Band X" led by Craig Peyton, with Alan GRZYB, Victor Preston, Joey Bellomo, played a series of songs dedicated love and other feelings inspired by the URANTIA Book.

The final talk on marriage and family life was presented by Dick Johnson, DeDe Scalzo and Elaine Yatroussis. Mr. Johnson spoke on the institution of family life in the 20th century as related to the URANTIA Book. Mrs. Scalzo presented a talk on the evolution of family life and Mrs. Yatroussis based her presentation on the paper "Life on a Neighboring Planet" and the possible impact of some of their practices if adopted on our planet.

Despite somewhat damp weather, the meeting was well attended and all benefited from tadpole on up.

PLANTING A SEED

Offering the Book to a Friend...

In our eagerness to share the URANTIA Book, we might do well to conjecture about our expectations. After all, this is a life changing book; most people should want to know what it has to say! Its answers to the most profound and baffling questions should attract large readership; its application to everyday life should charm a wide assortment of people!

Really?

Pause to consider those who won't read the URANTIA Book:

- a) a considerable percent of the population for reasons of intellectual limitation, and real or supposed inability to read more than very simple sentences;
- b) a portion of the population have, or will tell you they have, little or no interest in "anything religious" and have established a life style filled with activities and other dedications;

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PLANTING A SEED (con't)

c) a good number are happy with their religious framework, a comfortable church or other group affiliation, and/or devotion to some sacred writings as truth;

d) countless people won't read it because they never come across it!

Here we are, trying to reduce the size of these groups, especially the last one. And most of us have at one time or another wanted to shout about it from the housetops, write about it under banner headlines, buy radio or TV time. And then came recognition that this isn't the way.

So what remains? To be sure that every person we know or meet is aware that such a book exists. THAT'S ALL, at least at first. With trials and disappointments, many dedicated Urantians have cultivated a technique of graciousness, a skill at offering the book with empathy for the recipient. One touches tender nerves when asking, even by inference, "What is your relationship with God?"

Among us we can let our enthusiasm spill out; our assurance is attractive to another who is equally sure. But it may be a threat or an affront to someone who is a stranger to the URANTIA teachings.

"I've been reading a beautiful and unusual book." "This book is different from any other I know." "A friend gave me this book and I am enjoying it." "There are some surprising statements in here about astronomy (or government or marriage)." Then stand back and wait. When questions come, use the book for the answers, (even about the authorship!). Restrain opinion, offer few interpretations, beware of even a hint of coercion.

Take each chance to help friends to "come across it", with willingness to go slowly, and modest expectations about results. And say, in whatever way is yours, "I love you anyway, even if you don't read my book."

Because this is what reading it tells us.

The Seed Planter

FROM THE DESK OF...JULIA FENDERSON

I am developing a presentation with slides entitled Study Groups Around The World and I want to include the study groups in the East. I really need your help on this. Could you please get a couple of slides of your study group and send them to me.

I tell a little story about each study group, so please list your names and where you meet--leader, etc. This is a real contribution to the Father's work as it builds unity, communication, and real understanding of our mutual goals and work. So please help.

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EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

Dear FINALITER,

I certainly enjoyed your last issue of the FINALITER, and look forward to many more interesting issues.

I am sure your conference will be a great success and only wish I could be there to fellowship with you. I'm hopeful that next year my wishes will materialize.

Many thanks for keeping us abreast of what's going on in the East.

Fondly, Lynne Kulieke

I wanted to thank the Clinton Connecticut Study Group for the great series of presentations that were given on May 1, 1976. They really made the conference a memorable one. Of course the experience of fellowship is always memorable but when the quality of prepared discussion is so high, it makes the whole experience replete.

I'm glad that our last minute substitution of Band X for Terry and Allison didn't cramp the schedule too much. Many thanks again to you and your study group for such a mind-expanding day.

Jim Johnston

The FINALITER received a heartwarming note from the Alaska Study Group (Pat & Tuckey Hayes and group) which when folded revealed a gold star with the date August 21, 7BC and a note inside saying "By faith Jesus achieved the knowing and the doing of our Father's will, and that was his highest purpose. Let us honor him with our living love for our Father and our brothers."

A note from -- Berkeley

...We have had a lot of feedback on the Forum, with much encouragement for a repeat at the same place. We may consider having a small, perhaps southwest Forum from time to time. The work all seemed worthwhile, since we all had so much fun, and I feel intellectual and spiritual growth.

We are still having trouble settling down and may still be floating for some time.

Love, Berkeley Elliott

(Editors Note: You must be experiencing a spiritual high!)

Fine Work on your FINALITER

I received the Brotherhood newsletter the day before and I am expecting an "Agondonter" any day.

I want you to know that we really appreciate what you are coordinating.

Jim McNelly

LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE

Praise God our Father, and greetings to all Urantians! Our group, which meets every other Sunday, continues to grow (we have nine now) in a spirit filled atmosphere of grace and humor. Jesus and his Spirit teach us, lead us, reveal to us the never ending truths of our Father's love for us, His children.

We have very little structure in our meetings, it became evident to us that the Spirit would lead us to the URANTIA paper which would coincide with the personal religious experiences of the group.

We seem to have a "theme" evolve during the course of each meeting, the evolution of which is a joyful experience in itself. Into the Spirit gravity circuit we each put our own personality facets to create a unified, unique fellowship - an entity in itself. Upon learning, the members each take home another's insights, thus adding to the development of each personally. It is lovely! The adventure and excitement of experiencing the teachings of Jesus with him and with ones fellow Urantians is uplifting, filling, enlightening and produces a wonderful desire to serve!

From East Booth Bay Maine Study Group
Suzanne Coburn

The following is a letter received from our good friends in Alaska at the beginning of the year that we would like to share with you at this time.

Greetings Urantian Friends,
1975 has been a happy and growing year for our "tadpole" Alaskan study group. In addition to our regular weekly meetings, we have had workshops, socials, dinners, mountain hikes, and weekend trips. Three of our members attended the General Conference in Chicago, while others visited with study groups in Hawaii, California, and Oklahoma. One of our greatest pleasures of this year has been communicating and personally fellowshiping with you; our "Outside" URANTIA friends.

Some of our study group members have been absent at intervals this year while working on the Alaska pipeline. We certainly see and feel the "boom" effects of the pipeline all around us in our pioneer state's accelerated material growth. We are presently planning a program for discussion sessions to introduce the basic messages of the URANTIA Book to individuals who have expressed interest. This will provide us the opportunity to disseminate the teachings and to practice our abilities as student teachers. We hope the efforts will pave the way for the formation of new study groups here in the Northland.

Our thanks to all of you who help to keep us informed of our "family" activities;
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individuals, the Brotherhood, the Foundation, the Family of God, The Agondonter, and the Finaliter.

The Alaska Study Group

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. STUDY GROUP

Greetings! Here is a report from our Hempstead Group:

While URANTIA studies were not forgotten on a personal basis, as a group we took time out for summer activities and meetings were temporarily suspended. However, we were well represented in Oklahoma and are looking forward to attending the Fall Regional Meeting on September 25th with the Staten Island Group as hosts. Hempstead Group meetings will resume in October.

Christ's Birthday on August 21, was celebrated in two ways. First, we received a surprise birthday card from the Alaska Group -- beautifully executed and worded; and secondly, we got the news that Spiritual Renaissance Broadcast: (Vern Grimsley and company) are to be heard in our area every Saturday at 6 p.m. on Station WWDJ, 970 AM, starting August 21st. Would the URANTIA Book consider this date strictly coincidental?

Rhoda Van der Clute

CLINTON, CONN. STUDY GROUP

The Clinton Study Group has met regular at the home of Nick and DeDe Scalzo. At the beginning of the summer break we had read up to Paper 19. Regular meetings will begin starting September 9. The group is continually growing and changing. Our meetings are fairly well structured but there is plenty of time for free exchange and coffee and cake. All are welcome (203) 669-4900.

Beach Barrett

P.S. A loving Connecticut hello to our beautiful friend Eileen Heldt and Malaia in Hawaii, (paradise). The Kona coffee was great and shared by all.

****NOTICE TO STUDY GROUPS - IMPORTANT****

The FINALITER was organized and published to aid the study groups in growth and in inter-communications.

If you wish the FINALITER to continue, you and your group must support it with you news, stories, etc.

Please arrange for one or two members of your group to be the liason between your group and the FINALITER. Let us know about you.

The FINALITER

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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TADPOLE

SEPTEMBER 1, 1976

TRINITY

Trinity is God-union, fission and fusion,
Actualizing in potential postulated
Beyond simple realms that we've created.

Hammonizing three, duty calls to thee
Work as one body whole
Unite on a still higher goal.

Three starts out as one I am
Then burst into the paradise plan
Our Paradise Trinity never-began.

A supreme being becomes of us
Our actions mirrored in the Just
Reflecting, our actions go to God
Delivering us from where we've trod.

Ultimate trinity does realize
Personality power actualize
And Ultimate Deity, people of three
Architects, Creators, Supreme being be.

The trinitizing universe leads us further on
To absolute potentials, personalities in throng
As ultimate leads to absolute goal
and further beyond our thin mortal soul.

For what lies ahead we scarcely see
Trinity of Trinities, are you a Christman tree?
Or is this simple attitude a child's glimpse of a dream?
In God's eternal vision, we will come to know the scheme.

Brendi

SPRINGTIME

Springtime is when all the love of heaven
is bestowed on earth.
It is a combination of bright full of life
colors, mixed with warm sunlight, sweet fragrances
of flowers and greens of the hills and sea
It is the splendor of life's five senses
combined to yeild the buds of new life
and the fruits of warmth and passion.

for cassandra a touch of glossy
perfect repose
so lithe and agile it need not leap
the breath of spring
you could feel on your arms only if you ran
heliotrope mounted the three-legged stool
her hands were anointed:
we hand you these sounds, your color ray
we have instructions.

UNIVERSE OF LOVE

Road Weaver, Who's lips joint
every wind.
Creamy morters in the assumptive
gesture,
Mother,
Who's soft steps, subtend the
capitals of royal stanzazes.
Your many children turn down
the blue starry slopes,
His to transject.
Errupter of the wood's
Weinous grain.
Who's messengers present
The temporal decoction.
From the kiss of a banner,
Over the arrism sessions of
true seasons;
The orchestration of that glance,
facet alive,
Of the visage of the Supreme.
And the loam sighing amid the
crystal keels.
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