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Dear Readers of The URANTIA Book,
Let us hope that 1977 will be a year of significant spiritual growth for God searching individuals. We are reminded of the words Jesus said as he and the apostles paused in the shade of a Northern Galilee hillside:

"...I have called upon you to be born again, to be born of the spirit. I have called you out of the darkness of authority and the lethargy of tradition into the transcendent light of the realization of the possibility of

making for yourselves the greatest discovery possible for the human soul to make - the supernal experience of finding God for yourself, in yourself and of yourself, and of doing all this as a fact in your own personal experience..."(1731)

May all of us grow closer in God's embrace and continue to experience this "greatest discovery possible."

Warmest regards,
FINALITER Staff

SPRING EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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MAY 14, 1977

Host: The Rhode Island Study Group of The URANTIA Book.

The Spring Eastern Regional Conference of the readers of The URANTIA Book will be held at the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, Rhode Island on Saturday, May 14, 1977. The theme of this conference will be "growth."

The program will include the following presentations:

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| Fear | Helena Sprague |
| The Golden Rule | Dave Elders |
| Paradise and Havona | Beach Barrett |
| Evolutionary Growth | Dick Gabriel |
| Growth - Supreme, Ultimate and Absolute | Dan Massey |

We have enclosed for your convenience, an Eastern Regional Conference invitation which contains information, directions and available accommodations. Please fill in the attached form and mail it in today.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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NEWS...FROM URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation

The next General Conference of the URANTIA Brotherhood will be August 13-18, 1978, at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin, 80 miles north of Chicago, Illinois. The Chairman is Mrs. Carolyn Kendall. Two committees have been appointed and are already functioning.

The format now being considered is a workshop with concurrent discussion groups on various topics relating directly to The URANTIA Book; a few major lectures will be scheduled. Registration for groups will be taken at the time of arrival. If you would be available to lead a group on a topic of special interest to you, please convey this to Mrs. Carolyn Kendall, 1400 W. Salvington Place, Wheeling, IL 60090.

The URANTIA Brotherhood has just announced that the URANTIA Foundation has decided to raise the price of The URANTIA Book to \$26.00 on March 1, 1977. The price of The URANTIA Book has not been raised since 1971. The cost of printing and general office expense have made a price rise virtually mandatory.

Recently accepted from the northeast as members-at-large of the URANTIA Brotherhood: Charles Arcieri, Newport, R.I.; Shelley Hesendinger, Waterville, N.Y.; George Park, Hampton, Ct.; Peter Lawrence.

The latest publication to the URANTIA Foundation is a small leaflet titled, "Guide to Pronunciation of Names and Words in The URANTIA Book." It is available through the URANTIA Foundation. Have you wondered about the sound of Norlatiadek, univitatis, or even Urantia?

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The First Urantia Society of Oklahoma, and the Dallas and Houston study groups will host a workshop at Fountainhead Lodge, Lake Eufala, Oklahoma, July 12-14, 1977. This is the same lovely place where the conference was held last June. Programs are being planned for children of all ages. The topic is Jesus, God and Man. The fee is \$10.00 per adult over 14 yrs. of age. If you are interested in a registration blank or more information, write Southwest Regional Forum, 1909 First National Center, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

MANSONIA POINT FIVE

That's as close as one can come attempting to set a symphony of ideas to words, describing what took place at a recent happening attended by The URANTIA Book readers. It began with St. Nick (only kidding of course) planning for a local - Clinton, Conn. - study group meeting in December. Friend Charles Oliva (Watertown, Conn. study group) would come to deliver "A Perspective on Race" covering racial justice, genetic control, and racism. Nick and all his helpers ("elves") kept smilin' because they so well love the immediate world, began inviting others, and still more. When 42 people arrived for this "special" it was like a blossom SUDDENLY opening with time-lapsed speed. There was magic, pre-experienced and certainly re-experienced in an expanded and exciting way for each of us. Mansonia .5 - a literary pun, a spirit idea, a state of mind beyond this planet. Relationships and forms that glow endlessly. So much light and lively interaction conceivably gave lift to the cozy sunken spaceship-in-the-trees livingroom. Could you practically see the spirit stuff kaleidoscoping all space (and time, too)? Great anticipation and appreciation for Charlie's presentation and indescribable surprise sparked the air (made sparks visible)?

Warmly hosted by the loving Szalzo family - a large spontaneous gathering of folks coming from strange (Boston?), distant, and exotic places (Teaneck, New Jersey?). Thank Charlie, sharing generously his spirit self and the Father of course, for the inspiring and provocative learning experience which lingers and energizes more growth. Thank you dear Father for guiding us all, happily and safely as we journey-worship towards Paradise, seeking to do your will.

Allison Montgomery

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS...

"...Hello, I've been a reader of The URANTIA Book for two years. Its teachings and revelations have changed my life fantastically. I would like to more closely follow the activities and developments of other readers of The URANTIA Book."

Communication and dialogue is, I feel, essential to that understanding which will surely in the future bring about the planets progression into light and life. All forms of media can be used to intelligently reassure its inhabitants of our destiny, a destiny of loving service. The responsibility rests with you and me to let our light shine. All the best to you and all contributing readers of The URANTIA Book..."

Warm regards,

Don Beauchamp

"...Greetings to my fellow Urantians. I picked your address from the latest URANTIA BROTHERHOOD BULLETIN, and it gives me much pleasure to be able to write to you and say hello."

I am a young second lieutenant on duty with the Army in Bamberg, Germany. I've been a student of The URANTIA Book for over three years now, and I've reached the point where I very much desire the mutual benefit and fellowship of a study group. Unfortunately, there are, at present, few students of The URANTIA Book in Europe. Hopefully and prayerfully that will change in the near future. I shall contribute my efforts wherever God leads.

Please extend my greetings to all of my fellow readers of The URANTIA Book who are your subscribers; my thoughts and prayers are with you..."

Charles Rayce Arterburn

"...I would like to let you know about an idea I have. What would you think of a summer camp (maybe in 1978) for about 3-6 weeks for children of readers of The URANTIA Book. The purpose of this camp would be musical education. It is just an idea so far. Let me know your thoughts on the subject. (Write Sandy to the FINALITER)..."

Sandy Garrett

Willowdale, Ontario, Canada

"...I have been asked many times how I found The URANTIA Book. It started one day in a book store in Boston. I saw this big blue book on the shelf and began to examine it with interest. As we were going to be late to our Tai-Chi class, my friends rushed me off before my curiosity was fully satisfied. Later I asked several people about The URANTIA Book, but nobody knew anything about it. My curiosity was still not satisfied. Something inside of me was just burning... I couldn't wait until the next day and finish work and get back to that book store in Boston. I bought The URANTIA Book and began to read as I continued to ask everyone I met, if they had heard of The URANTIA Book. Not until I had finished reading the book was I able to contact other readers of The URANTIA Book. (What a pleasant surprise!) I guess one would say that "I was introduced to The URANTIA Book by my thought adjuster, who was introduced to me by The URANTIA Book..."

Charles Arcieri

Rhode Island

PHILOSOPHY SECTION

"He is a wise man who regards all parts from the point of view of the whole." (11452)

What is Philosophy by George Parks

It is appropriate in this inaugural issue to consider what philosophy is. Since such a global question as this cannot be treated definitively in the space available, the interpretations presented are intended to be suggestive. It is helpful in grappling with large questions to break them up into a number of smaller ones, such as: why is man philosophical in the first place; what does he hope to achieve through philosophy; and what is the best possible philosophy to use in striving for this goal?

"Philosophy (co-ordinate consciousness) is founded on the inherent (spirit of wisdom) assumption that wisdom is valid, that the material universe can be co-ordinated with the spiritual." (1141) As philosophy originates in the highest of the adjutants, it is intended to be the dominant and controlling factor of man's mind (as distinct from the soul and the Mystery Monitor which exist in relation to mortal mind.) Man's thirst for wisdom, his pursuit of philosophy, comes from the seventh adjutant mind-spirit initially, although this desire is fed and encouraged by the Mystery Monitor when and where the personality authorizes this. See pages 402, 1176, 1186, 1187. The goal of philosophy is highest wisdom.

What is the best philosophy to be employed in this quest for divine wisdom? "The highest attainable philosophy of mortal man must be logically based on the reason of science, the faith of religion, and the truth insight afforded by revelation." (1137) Before the appearance of The URANTIA Book teachings men knew of science and religion, but there was a relatively total ignorance concerning the intervening domain of mortontia reality. Man's reasoned out substitute for mortontia meta, metaphysics (evolved transcendentalism: philosophy's attempt to describe the ultimate and the absolute), has failed to serve as a bridge between the material and the spiritual. (1135) Philosophy Co-ordination) The best philosophy seeks to correlate, associate, and integrate the material, mortal, and spiritual levels of reality into a single unified whole. Stated differently, philosophy strives to unify science, revealed metaphysics, and religion. In this respect, The URANTIA Book teachings present us with the highest synthesis of reason, wisdom, and faith.

"Science yields knowledge; religion yields happiness; philosophy yields unity; revelation confirms the experiential harmony of this triune approach to universal reality." (1106) Man experiences reality in his mind, and the experiential harmony which ensues from the co-ordinate functioning of reason, wisdom, and faith is the personal proof that each is necessary for a full understanding of reality. "In the higher philosophy of the universe, wisdom, like reason, becomes allied to faith. Reason, wisdom, and faith are man's highest human attainments. Reason introduces man to the world of facts, to things; wisdom introduces him to a world of truth, to relationships; faith initiates him into a world of divinity, spiritual experience." (1141)

If the question of what is philosophy has not been fully answered to the reader's satisfaction it is hoped that it has given pause for thought to the end that he will feel motivated to submit to this column his own interpretation.

Write to George Parks, Philosophy Section, # FINALITER

In response to your requests, the FINALITER now includes sections on art, music, philosophy, science, and religion. The Tadpole will include "light material" directed toward the "young at heart." In addition, we will have photographs of study groups and regional meetings. All these sections have been included in the new FINALITER in order that a forum would be established whereby you may express your thoughts. We look forward to your comments and articles on a variety of subjects. If you use quotes from The URANTIA Book in your article please obtain a letter of copyright approval from URANTIA Foundation, and send it to us with your article.

RELIGION SECTION

The Religious Function of Emotions by Charles L. Olives

Emotions are created in reality either by the interaction of spirit and mind or the interplay between mind and body. Emotions are not matter, mind, or spirit, but are linked in different ways to each of these levels. Mind and spirit interact to produce emotions that have spiritual quality, such as love, humor, loyalty, and joy. "Mind knows quantity, reality, meanings. But quality-values-is felt. That which feels is the mutual creation of mind, which knows, and the associated spirit, which realityizes." (1219) In contrast, mind and body give rise to emotions that are essentially animalistic in nature, such as anger and fear.

What religious function do emotions serve? Moral emotions (2085) promote the actualization of spiritual values within a perceiving personality, who, through the experience of living, has felt the truth of spiritual insights. "You cannot perceive spiritual truth until you feelingly experience it, and many truths are not really felt except in adversity." (557)

By facilitating the self-conscious expression or feeling of spiritual qualities, emotions aid the human mind in its upward reach toward spirit. "It should be made clear that professions of loyalty to the supreme ideals—the psychic, emotional, and spiritual awareness of God-consciousness—may be a natural and gradual growth or sometimes be experienced at certain junctures, as in a crisis." (1099) It is true that "emotion alone is a false conversion; one must have faith as well as feeling." (1099) However, it was the extraordinary power of the emotion of friendship-loyalty that held the apostles together under the leadership of Jesus when they were all going through a difficult period of time. "And it was this human sentiment, and not his superb teachings or marvelous doings, that held them together until after the resurrection and renewal of the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom." (1546)

We invite reply and other articles on Religion for publication in this section. Send them to Charles L. Olives, Religion Section # FINALITER.

MUSIC AND ART SECTION

Creativity or abstraction by Sandy Garrick

As the human mind seeks to penetrate the origin and destiny of all things real, it looks at concepts produced by one Absolute Cause, views creativity as part of a universal circle of endless diversification and seeks absolute and infinite potentials of destiny. Since reality-totality is infinity it can never be fully comprehended by any mind that is sub-infinite in concept-capacity. Thus, rooting and inspiration are construed to be activators of creativity, and since this manner of conceptualization deals with truth rather than fact, the following analogies will be suggestions rather than definitions.

The first creative act of the Father is the Eternal Son. They then activate their combined thought-word into their creative deed, who in turn creates. Just as Deities create, so also the Seven Master Spirits and the Architects of the Master Universe combine in the creation of the Supreme Being. We try further to create in the best way we know how within the pre-existent concept frames we derive from Michael of Nebadon and our Local Universe Creative Mother Spirit. Thus we begin to see that creativity is original only to the extent of our immediate, circumscribed and circumstantial contribution upon the pre-existent frames made available to us by those who are all-wise in creating these perfect patterns.

Therefore, creativity which does not follow this perfect pattern of the will of God, cannot be true creativity, but, at best, abstractions which are feeble attempts at putting together aborted ideas that are out of the frame-concept-realm of the will of God. After all, we are dedicated to express the will of God in our individual lives. And since God's will is that man should grow materially as well as in mind and spirit each artisan should strive for constructive

creative ethics basing his art upon the most magnificent universal concept available to him at the moment of his creatively rooted inspiration.

Jesus taught his associates to be fisherman and shepherds, not magicians. All too often we make the mistake of looking for magic which we view or listen to artistry. Therefore, we cannot accept any abstraction from an artist who would dazzle us with magical supposed originality anymore than we could accept the Lucifer manifesto which was based on similar tenets of magical self-exaltation. Creative acts that thus lack the natural response creating elements of the inherent concepts of truth, beauty, and goodness, are therefore not expressive of the Father's Will; the very Will which we are constantly in search of.

As to those artisans who make magic for self-gain and divine for money, we suggest they gradually try aligning their efforts with the highest qualitative concepts of Universe realities, where all creativity, even the Gods' is rooted in the highest and perfect inspirations.

All of us should take a refined look at ourselves and our culture to develop an appreciation for creativity which is rooted in Divinity. We should get in touch with the divine qualities which would lead us Godwards. We should become souls in motion! We should become alive with the creative energy of a shadow of God's perfect pattern as did the Master, who's improvisations on his harp, in the days of his youth, must have been music of a 'soul in action.' We can but wonder how many of us would have truly recognized this to be real creativity.

We invite comments, inquiries and articles on Music, Art, Humor and related subjects. Please address them to Sandy Garrick, Music & Art Section, # FINALITER.

SCIENCE SECTION

The Fifth Epochal Scientist by Dan Massey

Primitive societies achieve progress in cultural development by the accumulation of factual experience into a traditional (oral) record and the synthesis of this experience into imaginative (theoretical) beliefs about the processes (causes) responsible for the succession-pattern of experiences. In our modern pluralistic society the same growth process occurs, but on a broad frontier, various sections of which are labeled art, science, government, philosophy, theology, etc., some terms being more generically inclusive than others. The growth process in any such domain is a spirit-incited activity; the emergence of mind supplies the mechanism by which the spirit pattern gains mastery over the physical universe. This is the effective principal operating in the growth of the Supreme Being (and, therefore, finite reality) in and for the present universe age. Cultural growth, the enhancement of meanings in the domain of human physical experience, is one important material-factual facet of this underlying divine process; scientific advancement is one aspect of cultural growth in which the spirit has been very active in recent centuries, laying the foundations to provide for mankind's future-eternal physical development and maintenance on this planet with ever-expanding opportunities for mind and spiritual growth. The earliest triumphs have come in the physical sciences, which have spawned our remarkable (compared to any prior era) current technologies. The future holds bright promise in the application of the life sciences, while, someday, the growing understanding of the truths of human brotherhood and the factual lessons of history will yield a political science able to work with the spirit to help make light and life manifest as a social phenomenon.

We who know with certainty of the truth of the URANTIA Book find our scientific thinking (as well as much of our other mental activity) operating in two different modes—evolutionary and revealed. On the evolutionary side, we know

that thousands of faithful and honest men have devoted large parts of their lives to observing, under the best possible circumstances and in the greatest practical detail, innumerable facts about the behavior of material reality under carefully controlled conditions. This is the factual heritage of experimental science on this planet. Still other thousands have sifted and sorted and collated these records of factual events until a channel was opened for spirit to illuminate truth in the emerging domain of mind associations of facts. From such insights are born the mathematical, logical and mechanical theories which are so valuable to engineering, the application of synthesized factual knowledge to overcome material difficulties.

Now we find a new element has entered the scene—direct cultural uplift through culture-oriented revelation—The URANTIA Book. While mankind's evolutionary strivings in scientific advancement have often been spiritually aided in the past, on a personal basis, as individual scientists have experienced truth illumination of ideas, now scientific understanding is uplifted on a broad front. Our current level of understanding of material reality is synthesized for us from the divine viewpoint.

Because of the great limitations on our human experience of material reality, we cannot readily understand and apply the scientific truths to directly expand our technical control of the physical universe. The divergence of viewpoint of the truths of revealed science from the theories of evolved science presents a challenge to us for the future.

In future issues of the FINALITER this section will undertake to present ideas and articles to help us reinterpret our evolutionary knowledge (science) in the light of the revealed wisdom of The URANTIA Book. We welcome correspondence and/or contributions for publication.

Send your letters to Dan Massey, Science Section # FINALITER.

S T U D Y G R O U P S N E W S

S T U D Y G R O U P S I N T H E E A S T

Columbia, Md....Our study group has met on the second Monday of each month for the past five years. We are studying, in sequence the papers in Part II, (we started with the Forward), and we are currently reading Paper 47. About two years ago, we also started meeting on the fourth Monday to study Part IV of The URANTIA Book, and we are now on Paper 158. Our format is informal but we all read the papers of the evening ahead of time. This prompts searching and satisfying discussions for the two hours from 8 to 10 P.M.. We are about 10 people with six regulars constituting the continuing core. One of our members also participates in the relatively recently established Washington, D.C. study group.*

Paxton, Mass...."All's well in Paxton." Nick Scalzo is right now doing the structural needs of our new Urantia room and loft for the Paxton study group. Jim Johnston has worked fast, hard and well doing the design and building. It will be heated by a modern German coal stove and cooled by the ancient winds descending Annabumakette Hill. We will be raising the roof this spring and summer to add light and height. May it be a high place!

We have a few potential joiners of our group who have begun to read The URANTIA Book. We hope they'll be joining us soon at our Monday night meetings. These are at 8:00P.M. We always have reading from The URANTIA Book, food and social, prayer and friendship."

Staten Island, N.Y....We're reading weekly from the history of Urantia. Interestingly enough, the groups we've visited, Long Island and Teaneck-New York groups, are also reading this section. Meeting weekly, we're just a little ahead now; it makes for a good review!

We have a copy of the tapes issued from the Oklahoma meeting last June, going the rounds now. Thrilling to hear, or re-hear, the presentations."

Rhode Island...We have resumed our meetings after a short break for the holidays. Our group has enjoyed traveling and visiting our Urantia brothers and sisters in other New England study groups. We look forward to making more visits in the coming year.

Our meetings begin with several minutes of silent prayer and meditation. This we feel brings us to a greater awareness of Michael's presence.

Plans for the spring conference are being finalized. We are praying for your attendance and support for what promises to be a great day.

Boston, Mass....Dan Massey writes, "We have been averaging about seven per meeting--continuing on Monday nights. Lee Guerette is attending grad school at Boston University and has rejoined us after about six months absence. We have held a joint meeting with the Newport group down there, and hosted a visit from them as well. We celebrated Thanksgiving with some of our friends in Worcester and Christmas at my place in Haverhill, New Hampshire with a few fellow readers of The URANTIA Book.

We continue to read the URANTIA Book from the front. Our Christmas week paper was "Paradise Creator Sons"--How seraphically opportune! By the time the FINALITER hits the stands, we will probably be through Part I.

Our friends Gene and Bernadette have left us for Chicago, enroute to California. Our loss was compensated by the arrivals of Eric Snee from Duluth and Ron Ellert from St. Louis. Among Boston's student community, we seem to have acquired a preponderance from Berklee College of Music. Band X, which played at the conference last spring, is flourishing as usual, and has produced a record, called "The Best of Band X." Our group closed out the month of January with a visit from Roger Mason, traveling the Enophilia Circuit putting new corks in old bottles. He has promised to return."

Washington, D.C....In the Washington, D.C. study group, meetings are held every other week. Attendance ranges from four to eight, usually including Dianna Padgett and Mary and Mike Daly. At present the group is proceeding through Part III in direct order, with Papers 71 and 72 the next assignment. Members of the group rotate in leading the discussion.

Clinton, Ct....We meet every Thursday night at Nick & DeDe Scalzo's home. Our meetings begin at 8:00 P.M. and end at 11:00 P.M.. We recently made presentation to each other on the Life Carriers. One half of our group presented "The origin and nature of the Life Carriers", and the other half of the group did their presentation on the 9 papers authored by the Life Carriers. All this took us about a period of two months to do. It worked out very well and we'd like to do it again. If any study group is interested in coming together to listen to our presentation, we welcome you. All we ask of you is to also present to us.

Atlanta, Georgia...Cap Van Walkenburgh and his wife, Louise, report that their study group meets Monday evenings. First they met (for two years) in the Atlanta Art College Faculty Lounge, now they meet in private homes. Last fall at one of their meetings they welcomed Jim and Eunice Mills. Jim is a Field Representative from Pensacola, Florida.

Central Connecticut...This group meets the first and third Friday of each month, rotating their meetings among the four regular families. They paused in reading Part I to allow each person who had not finished The URANTIA Book to select a paper. In November they were delighted to host the Newport, R.I. group. "On December 5, we enjoyed renewing our acquaintance with many of the Urantians in northeast at an evening in Clinton, Ct., and we would like to thank Charles Olives for his enlightening and interesting presentation on race. Welcome to any who can visit us." (See article "Manscias 5" in this issue)

Putney, Vermont...We hear of struggles with weather, loss of members who are traveling, and anticipation of a reassembly when Rick and Joan Neumann return from Germany, where Joan, a language teacher, has a fellowship for a year.

Tri-State...A group formed last spring for the purpose of serious study of the difficult portions of The URANTIA Book and continues to meet every other month. Members come long distances and there is homework: no meal, just snacks, and usually a long evening. There are now 12 members. "It's our hope that others will try this kind of group; there are both demands and rewards." The meeting places rotate among three homes in central Connecticut. One person serves as a coordinator, just to remind about time and place. One member has undertaken to develop study questions and divide them among the group, a focus for homework.

Farmington, Ct....A small new group meets every other Tuesday in Farmington, Ct. They are still dipping here and there in The URANTIA Book, to give tentative members a chance to decide if they wish to pursue further study.

East Boothbay, Me....Our meetings continue to flourish--we meet every other Sunday with 13-15 people in attendance. Due to our involvement with the traditional churches in our area, and the resulting "persecution" of The URANTIA Book, we have had many new people come to us out of curiosity, a backwards form of "advertising," but as usual our Father uses all for good, and consequently many are coming regularly now. Apparently it is the "atmosphere" that The URANTIA Book fosters, one of unqualified trust, that so many are after, as well as enlightened intellectualizing. Our format remains much the same--fellowshipping first, study second, closing with prayer and meditation and worship. As to the papers we read, the Spirit of Truth still makes the choice.

Maine Study Group...This group is meeting again on alternating Monday nights. Contact Terry Montgomery.

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and begin their own news letter wherein they could report on items of their special interest and increase the communication between readers of the URANTIA Book. In the mean time we are at your service and would enjoy your comments on this matter.

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Lexington, Kentucky...The Lexington, Ky. group is planning a spring get-together with people from Louisville and Bowling Green, Ky. at the home of Mary Greene just outside of Lexington. This will probably be in April. If there's anybody who'd like to make this pleasant drive out to Mary's beautiful country home in the heart of the bluegrass, and meet some great people, you are most welcome to come. This is still in the planning stages, so direct inquiries to Mary Greene, R. 1, Pisgah Pike, Versailles, Ky. 40393.*

New Orleans, Louisiana...First, thanks for sending the complementary copy of the FINALITER. It's always a pleasure hearing about the expanding activities of readers of The URANTIA Book as they gather together to help spread the news of this incredible revelation. And it's also somewhat reassuring to those of us who have only recently become involved in the organized work of study groups, et.al., to hear of so many varied things happening all over the country.

The New Orleans study group has been in existence a little over one year now. For the first six or eight months we followed a haphazard approach, but recently we have decided to start at the beginning and read it paper by paper straight through until the end.

(New Orleans Con't) It's been slow going at times, since the front of The URANTIA Book is difficult to digest in a mind accustomed to lighter concepts, but then we have forever and we're certainly in no hurry. We meet in the homes of members on Wednesday evenings, and our number varies from eight to an all-time record high of twenty-four. We find that there seems to be a core group of serious students, surrounded by a larger number of others who are familiar with The URANTIA Book but not yet willing to commit themselves to an in-depth study...All things in their own time! We would like to extend an open invitation to all readers of The URANTIA Book to visit with us when y'all are in New Orleans...we always love it when we have a chance to spend time with our relatives!

John Lincoln

Salt Lake City, Utah...This study group is just forming. They are meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the home of John & Jane Roper (see last page). Jane and John write:... "It was great hearing about the September Eastern Seminar (Regional Meeting) as we studied with Ralph and Betty Zehr. Also we are quite thrilled to hear reactions to the birthday card (of Jesus) sent from Alaska as we were 'in on its creation'. We would love for you to publish a notification of our study group and are praying that one evolves."

C A N A D I A N S T U D Y G R O U P S

...Joe Pope is host on a morning TV show in Winnipeg. He is also, for this issue, our "Canadian Editor", and we thank him for the following news from across our northern border:

Toronto Study Group... "Sandy Garrick reports that this group continues to meet at his apartment on Sunday afternoons. Six members regularly attend, including my cousin, Bob Pope and his wife, Linda. Sandy says he recently posted a small notice in the Fifth Kingdom Book Store, one of two stores which regularly carry The URANTIA Book in Toronto, (the other is the University Of Toronto Student Book Store), inviting any reader of The URANTIA Book who would like to participate in a study group to contact him. Sandy said he received about five replies.

Calgary, Alberta ... "Word from Joyce Forst in Calgary is that her study group of long standing continues to meet at her house Sunday nights. Joyce says she has six regular members. The group proceeds through The URANTIA Book, paper by paper, covering one or two papers each Sunday. And her loving message to any reader of The URANTIA Book who chances to be passing through Calgary in the future still remains, 'The coffee is always on...'"

Victoria, British Columbia... "From Gordon Bellamy, who has been a reader of The URANTIA Book since 1970, writes that he has been able to gather together about twelve people living on Vancouver Island who were interested in a study group, and about eight attend regularly. The group meets at 2:00 P.M. the first Sunday of the month, and then decides when and where each subsequent meeting will be held that month. Visitors and newcomers are welcome to contact him.

White Rock, British Columbia... "Nathan Zadden, a founding member of the Toronto study group and member-at-large of the URANTIA Brotherhood recently moved to White Rock, British Columbia, a small town about 30 miles from the city of Vancouver. Nathan and his wife, Cassandra, found another reader of The URANTIA Book, Gunther Ostermann, and they have been meeting regularly on Monday nights. Nathan would be delighted to hear from anyone visiting or moving to the Vancouver area.

Kingston, Ontario ... "It was quite by accident that I sat beside Patrick Yesh on a train to Windsor, Ontario. Patrick is a portrait artist who a few years ago abandoned the daily pressures of Chicago to retreat into the mountains of British Columbia with a copy of The URANTIA Book. Today he lives near Kingston, Ontario, and he would be delighted to hear from anyone passing through.

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We are studying our way through part III - The History of Urantia - and are now at Paper 65. This study has required us to look into the subjects of astronomy, zoology, chemistry, physics, archeology, geology, and geography. A set of appropriate maps is helpful, even essential, to the study of these papers. In addition, reference texts in the various subjects, or perhaps an encyclopedia, are very useful.

Every fourth meeting is open to visitors who wish to see a study group of The URANTIA Book. For these meetings we move to Part I of The URANTIA Book - The Father Papers.

These topics are more comprehensible to persons lacking a general acquaintance with The URANTIA Book. In this way we do not overwhelm our visitors with concepts and terminology entirely unfamiliar to them. The procedure seems to work out quite well.

The North Jersey Study Group of The URANTIA Book meets three times each month, on a Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:00. Meetings last four to six hours. Chairmanship of the meeting is rotated among the participants. Our format generally involves reading the paper and raising questions or making comments as we go along.



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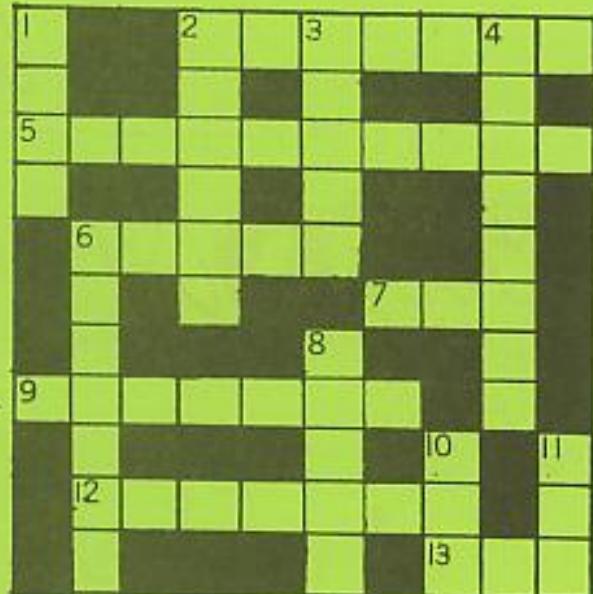
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A C R O S S

- 2. Our planet
- 5. The URANTIA Book constitutes the 5th
- 6. Bestowal Son
- 7. Jesus quote: "____not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (1955)
- 9. Fallen and deposed Sovereign of Satania.
- 12. Headquarters of our constellation.
- 13. Leader of rebellious planetary staff.

D O W N

- 1. "The ____our God is one God." (115)
- 2. Capital of Orvonton
- 3. Material Sons of God.
- 4. Urantia is a quarantined or _____ planet.
- 6. Headquarters of Satania.
- 8. Universal Father, Eternal Son and Infinite Spirit.
- 10. _____descended from Adon and Fonta
- 11. _____formulated first alphabet.



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My Prayer by Lewis Celentano

I believe:

In God, the Universal Father and in his thought, the Eternal Son and in their action, the Infinite Spirit.

In Paradise, the Deities' abode and their creations, the Havona worlds and the seven superuniverses.

In the Universal Father's and Eternal Son-Mother's offspring, the creator Sons, the order of Michael Sonship.

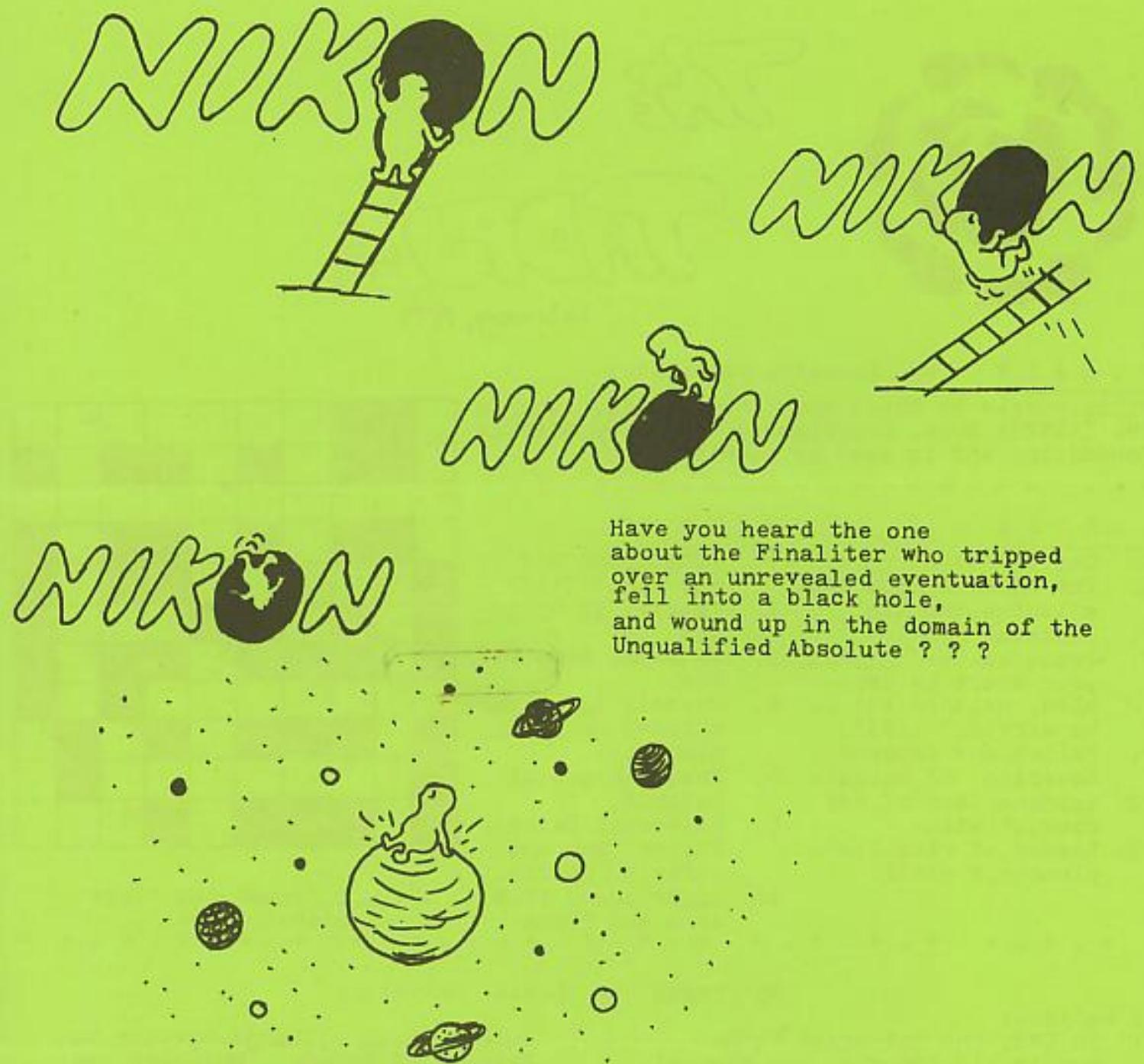
In the Infinite Spirit's offspring, the Creative Spirit Daughter, who with the Creator Son Michael embarked on their local universe adventure to create and govern their vast administration of spirit beings.

In our local universe Creator Son, Michael of Nebadon, who bestowed himself as Jesus of Nazareth or Josuha Ben Joseph, the babe born of Mary, the wife of Joseph.

That our local universe is part of one of the seven superuniverses known as Orvonton. The name of our local is Nebadon.

In the teachings of The URANTIA Book, which is the fifth epochal revelation presented to us mortals, and that I abide by these teachings of Jesus and the vast administration of the Deities and spirit beings.

That Michael chose to go through his seven bestowals to experience that which individuals of his vast creation experience.



Have you heard the one
about the Finaliter who tripped
over an unrevealed eventuation,
fell into a black hole,
and wound up in the domain of the
Unqualified Absolute ? ? ?

The latter, through a unique coordination of superimpossibilities said to this Finaliter, (Nikon by name), "My son, you know you are welcome, but you may not rush things, so go back to the quest for the ultimate." So, Nikon went back, posthaste,

And his fellows rejoiced greatly to know he was still among them! (At least for the present universe age.)

by Dick Schonberg

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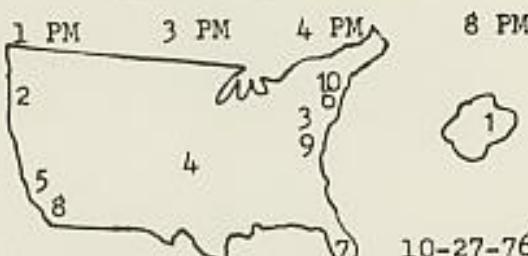
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