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NEW YORK URANTIA SOCIETY?

There has been considerable movement in the New York City area recently toward the formation of a New York URANTIA Society. Following some informal discussions among members of the Manhattan and the Brooklyn-Queens study groups, two meetings were held in order to more formally examine the possibility of such an undertaking and consider its purposes.

The first meeting held on January 10, 1987, took place in the Manhattan home of Robin Jorgensen, where the Thursday night study group normally meets. Ten readers from various parts of New York City as well as Long Island and New Jersey participated in a discussion focused on the reason for forming a society and on URANTIA Brotherhood requirements for doing so. Since the attendance level at that meeting was relatively low, it was regarded as preliminary in nature and the group decided to disseminate a summary of its proceedings to individuals in the New York area who may wish to participate in the process. A second meeting was called for March 1, 1987.

The March meeting was much better attended. Eighteen people showed up at Rick Brinkman's home in Queens, one of the sites of the Monday night study group. The level of enthusiasm among the participants seemed high; there was no doubt about the group's resolve to work toward the formation of a society and mechanisms were set in motion that day to achieve that goal.

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DAVID ZEBEDEE AND RUTH GOES TO PRESS

The David Project, in part sponsored by USCC, announces publication of Helena Sprague's novel, *David Zebedee and Ruth*.

Approved for publication by URANTIA Foundation, the first 1000 copies will soon be available for sale for approximately \$13.00. *David Zebedee and Ruth* is a hard cover book with 325 pages including illustrations, maps of the Jewish homeland and Jerusalem, and is wrapped in a professional, two-color book jacket. If you are interested in placing an order, write: The David Project, Box 921, Farmington, CT, 06034.

Members of the The David Project Committee, formed in 1985, are: Lynn Kline, Chairperson; Beth Bartley, treasurer; George Lallas, production; Cathy Winter, sales and distribution; and, Peter Lawrence, adviser. Funding of this publication came through contributions, loans, and sales of advance orders.

1987 GENERAL CONFERENCE OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD FAST APPROACHING

Site Coordinators Seeking Volunteers

The cards and registrations are rushing into URANTIA Brotherhood offices and everyone's prediction is proving correct: the upcoming international conference at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, will be very well attended. The conference theme, "Our Relationship with God: Personal Transformation and Its Power to Transform the World," already inspires the international group of conference organizers. A reprinted flyer is inserted in this issue of the *USCC Newsletter*, which has appeared in every recent issue of *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin*. Send a postcard to receive complete conference registration details.

The conference begins officially at 4 PM on Sunday, August 2, and continues through Friday afternoon, August 7. A pre-conference spiritual retreat has been organized by a group of readers and registration for this component begins the previous Friday afternoon, July 31. Further, many registrants are opting to stay at the college or in the area for the following weekend, August 7 - 9, for organizational meetings or just for fun.

The French translations of the registration materials were completed in March and are being sent upon request. The tireless volunteers creating these translations will be working up to and throughout the conference week to bring as much written and spoken material directly to French-speaking participants. At the conference, electronic simultaneous translation will take place from English to French and other languages will be considered as more registrations are received.

A second on-site working session (35 volunteers met there last July) is planned for June 6 and 7 at Bowdoin College. You may have received more specific details already, but if you are free to attend, please join us. The Site Coordination Committee will be putting itself through a "dress rehearsal" to iron out problems and share ideas to improve our overall planning for August.

If you were waiting to find a way to be involved, now is the time to come forward and give back just a little of what you have been freely given in the past: the generous devotion of your friends in making each gathering of readers a special and memorable event. There is an unlimited need for Site Coordination Committee volunteers NOW. If you can give a few hours (or more) before the conference and/or can commit to a block of a few hours during the conference week, we will find something important for you to do. If you are between the ages of 13 and 18 your involvement is especially needed because teenagers so well bridge the generational gap, at once reminding us of our responsibilities of all who come after us and keeping our attitudes towards one another joyful, spirited, and spontaneous.

One problem the planners have uncovered can use your help immediately. Make sure that readers in your area, who are not on

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LETTERS

Two Dynamic Yet Supportive Societies

As we are frequently reminded in our day to day lives, change is an ever-present and often challenging reality. At this time USCC is experiencing a change that affords us a new challenge and an opportunity to renew our commitments to this aspect of URANTIA Brotherhood organization.

The emergence of the early stages of a new society based in New York City arouses mixed thoughts and feelings. On the one hand, it's exciting to perceive growth within the movement and witness the birth of a New York society, making available a level of involvement to readers for whom USCC is not a viable route. However, we each are aware that several USCC members will be actively involved in the New York society and their ongoing contribution and support of USCC will be sorely missed. Therein lies the challenge and the opportunity—in what ways can each of us renew and deepen our commitments so that in the near future there are two dynamic, mutually exclusive, yet supremely supportive societies in this area? How can each of us function to bring about a living situation of USCC and a New York society rather than a situation of USCC or a New York society?

Marta Elders
Darien, CT

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URANTIA Brotherhood's mailing list and therefore not receiving the quarterly *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin*, learn about the conference. An informal survey revealed the fact that these readers may comprise as much as 80% of some long-functioning study groups! Urge these readers to send a postcard to the Chicago offices — both to get the conference registration materials and to get on this central mailing list for communications in the future.

The Site Coordination Committee, comprised of readers in the Northeast US and Eastern Canada, looks forward to greeting you in August and sharing with you the experience of the best worldwide conference ever held.

"Australia is ever growing in the knowledge of the URANTIA revelation."

The following are excerpts from a letter from Leslie and Jo Thackwray, dated December 17, 1986, Kuranda, Queensland, Australia. Jo is an Australian citizen with family there and in the United States.

"... Things have been great. We got off our (bi)cycle trip about five months ago after traveling some 7500 kilometers around Aussie. We got to see the best of sights including Ayers Rock, The Olgas, and many more. We've conquered many miles with enduring physical stress, patience, courage, lack of stamina, and a times defeat in some of the mountain ranges. We're stronger than ever now and are ready to head back to the States for a new challenge: To cycle from Vancouver across Canada on Route 3 to Brunswick, Maine, for the international conference.

"We will be leaving here early in March for Bali for one month, Guam, Honolulu, L.A. ...

"... When we arrived up here in Kuranda there were no readers. Now there is a small community of about seven. Joe and I hold new reader study groups every two weeks and so far have sold ten books. There are people from all over the world that travel through Kuranda because of the markets where people get together and sell their goods; so we have sold a few books to people from other countries (too). At the moment we are slowly turning on a man from New Guinea who is very interested in the geographical parts (discussions of the book).

"It is so hard to keep (a supply of) books up here; there is no outlet so I have to order them from Melbourne and there are limited amounts down there. At times it's a hummer because so many have become interested."

"I have kept most of our study groups open to people's questions, helping them find those parts of the book that interest them most. It has been an incredible experience for us and we are ever thankful for being led here to further this epochal revelation."

"On our bicycle tour we made sure all our new friends would inquire about this big book we were pushing in our small packs on our bikes. We were able to inspire and give cheer to all we came into contact with. Jo and I love spreading this revelation together. We have become a strong unit in these last few years."

Australia is ever growing in the knowledge of the URANTIA revelation. Jo and I were able to travel to the major cities here visiting with various readers and attending study groups and gatherings. At the first conference we attended we gave a speech on the Boulder School and the movement across America. When we get to the 1987 conference in Maine we would like to do the same about the happenings here in Australia."

USCC YOUTH GROUP NEWS

by Sarada Winter

The USCC Youth Group originally decided to assign reading to each member and discuss the various topics at the next meeting. We have since decided to pick one main topic for the whole group to read about and discuss. We find that this way the topics are discussed in more detail and more is learned about each.

At the USCC meeting in January in Farmington the whole Youth Group participated in the main meeting which had to do with worship through art (music, poetry, etc.). Each member of the group did his or her part in the program. We experimented with bells, listened to poetry, and read passages from *The URANTIA Book*. The program was enjoyed by all.

The USCC Youth Group is planning a weekend trip to New York City. We plan to go to the Museum of Natural History, the Hayden Planetarium, and, possibly, the Statue of Liberty. We will be staying at the Dogin family's home in Brooklyn.

The Youth Group is having a good year!

NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The new series of programs began in September with "Wholeheartedness: Doing the Will of the Father." The level and energy of the laughter suggests a good start.

The November program was "The Fruits of the Spirit." In this program, participants took an accounting to determine just where he or she thought he stood vis-a-vis the manifestation of these indicators of spiritual progress.

This January Cathy Winter organized a program called "Art and Meditation as a Worshipful Experience." Dale Ann Lugin conducted the worship session, Eileen Laurence led the group to experiment with bell-ringing, and the Joel Winter Brass Ensemble (four French horns) performed.

Our most recent program, in March was "Happiness: What is it and are you?" We explored many individual views of happiness as well as *The URANTIA Book's* statements on the subject in an effort to arrive at our own understanding of what happiness really is and if, indeed, we can honestly call ourselves happy.

Future programs will include "The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God," "The Ascendent Career," and "The Six Great Decisions." As chairperson of the Program Committee, I invite and welcome anyone with any suggestions or ideas regarding future programs to get in touch with me. We truly appreciate the contributions and participation of all USCC members and friends of the society in putting together lively, stimulating, and enlightening programs.

Thank you.

Gary Falk
USCC Program Committee Chair
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THE TASK BEFORE US

by Charles Laurence Olivea

A Divine Counselor has noted that the "religious challenge of this age is to those farseeing and forward-looking men and women of spiritual insight who will dare to construct a new and appealing philosophy of living out of the enlarged and exquisitely integrated modern concepts of cosmic truth, universe beauty, and divine goodness." (43:4)

Surely, the chance to study and disseminate the teachings of *The URANTIA Book* must count as an opportunity of a lifetime. It is an adventure in time and space that links us with the spiritual government ministering to our world.

As I see it, *The URANTIA Book* was given to our world as a planetary textbook, notwithstanding the fact that there are many other ways to know God and to know something about his divine plan. Our work in the URANTIA Brotherhood has a God-centered, planetary/universe orientation with scientific, philosophical, and religious concerns. If our efforts have, or will have, any particular and lasting significance it will be due to the degree we discern and act in truth upon the "Good News" presented so well in *The URANTIA Book*.

It seems to me that the desire to really learn and to spread the Fifth Epochal Revelation is the essential difference between the URANTIA Brotherhood and other organizations interested in God and man. Certainly, we are not in the business of prescribing the best way to discover God. Each individual mortal must find God personally for himself or herself through living faith. Rather, *The URANTIA Book* extends to God-knowing persons new and vital truths and facts about God the Father, his different universe levels and dimensions, this planet, and "the ennobling message of Michael, unencumbered by the accumulated doctrines and dogmas of nineteen centuries of contact with the religious of evolutionary origin," (104:15) as expressed by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.

To be sure, the task before us is a difficult and exciting one. In my opinion, our number one priority at this time in history ought to be the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of thousands of study groups. By moving forward on a person-to-person basis, while building an ever-growing network of small groups, we can realistically expect to have at sometime in the future a leavening influence upon the evolutionary flow of human society. Let us strive to safeguard this revelation, while we quietly spread the word. Do we dare do less in light of the past failures and partial successes of the first 4 planetary revelations.

We need always to remember that God commands the consequences of our actions. None of us can evaluate fully the true meaning of our lives. For example, even with the perspective he had at the end of his life, could the "young man who was afraid" (1437-1438) have guessed that almost two thousand years later we in the twentieth century would be reading about his uplifting encounter with Jesus? I am moved to consider what Jesus accomplished "as he passed by."

Patience, discretion, and trust in our unseen friends and allies will continue to serve us well in the work ahead. We are not alone in our labors. Undoubtedly, our organizational efforts have been, and will continue to be, aided by the seraphic Social Architects, who "do everything within their province and power to bring together suitable individuals that they may constitute efficient and agreeable working groups on earth . . . But not always do these seraphim attain their ends; not always are they able to bring together those who would form the most ideal group to achieve a given purpose or to accomplish a certain task; under these conditions they must utilize the best of the material available." (432:7) Of course, we always have the opportunity to cooperate with the angels in the form of greater tolerance, understanding, and forbearance of fellow members of the URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation.

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STUDY GROUP PROFILES

These are the first in a series of study group profiles. If you know of a group to spotlight or want to add a group to the study group list and map, please contact the editors of the USCC Newsletter.

Jack Schmedes Reports from Cape Cod

The Cape Cod Fellowship for the Study of *The URANTIA Book* is our official collective appellation, but we are known as the Cape Cod Study Group and have been functioning as such since the spring of 1976.

At first we were meeting at a different residence for every meeting which soon became confusing for anyone who missed a meeting and unreliable as to which night and what time the meetings would be held. After two years of trials and changes, and in consideration of the nomadic nature of our Cape population, Sandy Rogers and I decided that in the interest of stability and continuity we should host the weekly study group at our home every Wednesday evening at 8 PM (except for vacations and/or illnesses), and we expect to continue doing this for the foreseeable future.

We spent a number of years reading with a variety of formats. We read selected papers chosen weekly at the meetings. We selected current issues and searched the book for pertinent material, and we read topically. All of the readers were relatively new to the book and whatever we read was challenging and interesting. But we found that without making the determination in advance no one was able to prepare or study for the next meeting, so we decided that reading a whole section sequentially would allow for preparation reading. We felt that we should try to complete a paper every week, and we found that frequently the meetings were running too late past 11 PM. Some felt that the discussion time during the reading of the paper was subordinated to the clock, so we decided to abandon the idea of a paper week and just 'let it happen.' We try to hold everyone to reading a section or about a page so that we all get a chance to read.

After about four years the group made the unanimous and momentous decision to read *The URANTIA Book* from cover to cover. It took us the next five years and seven months to accomplish that feat. We had a dinner party to celebrate that rewarding and edifying experience.

We have since read the first section again with much more in-depth discussions than the first time, and now have sort of an open format again. Of the nine members who made the decision to read the revelation from cover to cover, only four were still in the group when we finished. During those years we had numerous opportunities to digress for special occasions and for new seekers or friends to learn what our study group was like and to discover *The URANTIA Book*. Some did, and came back for varying periods of time. Others came randomly or seasonally, and still do. All know that there will be a meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. "Let the Spirit of Truth do his own work," is our watchword.

Currently there are four regular readers. Although our group has been as large as 28 on a few occasions, and we could expect from eight to twelve for periods of time, most generally we enjoy the fellowship of five or six. At times, we ponder the desirability of attracting new members and how that might be done. But we are somewhat reluctant to run out with a net or a hook to increase our ranks. We have discovered interesting viewpoints regarding the validity of such pursuits and practices.

The complexities of study groups are numerous and multi-leveled. Our experiences, during nearly eleven continuous years, seems to indicate that study groups are mis-named. In considering the appellation "study group," which is used to describe the multi-level weekly phenomena, brings me to the conclusion that the title is negative, misleading, and non-descriptive of the occasion. "Study" is a part of weekly function, but there is far more going on in our lives that is shared in the fellowship of the occasion.

News from The Hempstead, New York, Group

The group was formed in the late 60s and while no one any longer comes from Hempstead (once known as the Hub of Long Island), tradition dies hard and we are loathe to change the name. Time has taken its toll in the intervening years and several of our members are now experiencing the morontia worlds, while the rest of us are gradually attaining the higher realms of senior citizens.

Our enthusiasm for *The URANTIA Book* is nonetheless undaunted as we eagerly await our twice-a-month meetings, and it is interesting to know how some of our group first encountered the book:

Hank Nowicki said that he and his wife, Dorothy, can't pass a Tag Sale, and at one there was this beautiful, brand new book on the table for \$4.00. They read the Table of Contents and when they saw the papers on the life and teachings of Jesus, Hank said that that was the clincher. They were ready for the book, Hank said, because they were members of the Association for Research and Enlightenment (the Edgar Cayce Foundation) and were convinced communication with supernal beings was highly credible.

Betty Towner's daughter was browsing through a large bookstore and came across the book. She thought it had unusual appeal and showed it to her mother. "That was the last time she saw the book," said Betty. "I couldn't put it down." Later, Betty's husband, Steve, a well-known and gifted artist, attended our group - not to read the book, he said, but as a protector for his wife against what he thought might be potential "kooks." Gradually he became interested and was amazed how much he could relate *The URANTIA Book* to the teachings he received as he was growing up in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. He now has a book of his own and Betty bought another book for her daughter.

Nat (now deceased) was a chiropractor and heard of the book from a patient, Peter Sarfaty (also deceased). Being open-minded and very receptive to new concepts, Nat bought the book but because of his busy practice, had no time to read it. Mildred, his wife, started reading and at mealtimes and odd moments would try to paraphrase and pass along to Nat the gist of the revelation. They both became well-informed readers. Mildred still attends our meetings.

Through Nat and Mildred, the book spread to John Scott, a fellow chiropractor, and he has remained a faithful member of our group.

Rhoda Van der Clute "found" the book in the dentist's chair. Between cotton balls, drills, scrapers, etc., she managed to speak about *There Is A River*, the well-written book of Edgar Cayce's life and his amazing "readings." The dentist's nurse (Helen Fleming) said, "if you think Edgar Cayce is so great, you should read the book I have. We're having a meeting in Connecticut, why don't you come?" That was in 1971 and *The URANTIA Book* still has the same euphoric appeal as the day I acquired it at the Connecticut Regional Conference," said Rhoda. It was a foregone conclusion that Van, her husband (now deceased), and her mother, Rhoda (now a sprightly and alert 93), would become avidly interested.

Marie FitzPatrick is a newcomer to our Hempstead group and heard of the book when she was a "captive audience" in Rhoda's car for an hour-and-a-half. "Rhoda never stopped talking about it," recalled Marie, "and I just had to find out for myself what it was all about."

Amba, a lay preacher in Unity and a Yoga teacher, was introduced to the book by Hank and Dorothy. She says the concepts of *The URANTIA Book* are not hard for her to understand as she is predisposed to accept many of the revelations through their similarity to Unity's teachings. She often brings her friend, Agnes, to the meetings.

A consistently dependable time and place at which a number of the Father's children gather can become more like a spiritual event at a planetary way station than a study group. Reading and sharing the revelation together is usually the highlight of the meeting but the tea time, the talk and socialization time, is the more attractive drawing power which provides that which cannot be enjoyed elsewhere.

Discovering the uniqueness of personality, both our own and those with whom we share, is a very rewarding experience. We are all so different that it takes time to get to understand our sisters and brothers. Every relationship is a living entity that requires the nourishment of frequent contact and association in order to grow into the brotherly love our souls need to experience. Reading *The URANTIA Book* together becomes a bridge to the socialization process which is a morontia requirement that begins here and becomes finalized on Edentia. So, if you should find yourself on or near Cape Cod, we would truly enjoy your fellowship.

The Brooklyn-Queens Group

The Brooklyn-Queens Study Group, "The Big Apple Corps," has been meeting regularly for about ten years. It budded in the spring of 1977 in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn and grew to include residents of Queens and Staten Island.

The Group meets every Monday on a rotating basis in participants' homes. Sections from *The URANTIA Book* are read sequentially and discussion is often lengthy.

Cathy Winter's Look at The Watertown Group

We have a study group that meets on Friday nights as often as there are people who wish to attend. We met at our house in Watertown, although this is very flexible. We start at 7:30 PM. Although the group is small and fairly easy-going, we try to have a minimal structure; that is, we start (most times) with some kind of informal worship and then we read from *The URANTIA Book*. We started out with the idea of reading the book from the beginning. Due to various conflicts and some laziness in coordinating with everyone, we haven't had too many meetings in the last year. I have set a "rule" for the meeting; that is, if anyone who was not at the last meeting would like to attend a meeting, it is his/her responsibility to call me to express their interest and to make sure that a meeting is scheduled and where it is. I will not wait at my house on a Friday evening if no one is planning to come. (I have been burnt by that too many times!) But, if only one person wants to come to a meeting, barring any scheduling conflicts, there will be one.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ONE OF THESE STUDY GROUPS OR OTHERS? REVIEW THE LIST AND MAP OF NORTHEAST STUDY GROUPS FOR READERS OF THE BOOK, AN INSERT IN THIS ISSUE.

We all enjoy the camaraderie the book elicits, the undeniable awareness of being "kindred spirits," and, above all, the exciting euphoria experienced from exploring Urantia's great Fifth Epochal Revelation.

Rhoda Van der Clute, Merrick, N.Y.

REMEMBER THESE DATES!!

June 6-7, 1987

Site Coordination Committee's On-Site Working Session

All volunteers welcome

Call Alison Gardner (617/653-8850) or Jacques Tetrault (514/471-3783) for details.

July 11, 1987

USCC Social in Darien, CT

All members and friends welcome

Call Steve Dreier if you have any questions; (201) 224-7548)

August 2-7, 1987

General Conference for Readers of *The URANTIA Book*

All welcome

Call or write to URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614, (312) 327-0424.

June 26-30, 1988

Intensive Study Seminar, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL

Contact URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614, (312) 327-0424.

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Troy Bishop, Box 7188, Silver Springs, MD, 20907

The Circles

Journal of the Dallas Fellowship for Study of *The URANTIA Book*
Bill and Kay Cooper, 2001 Woods Drive, Arlington, TX, 76010

Fort Sanders Faith Sons

Publications of Tennessee readers
Helen Hutchinson, 1638 Highland Avenue, Knoxville, TN, 37916

Good Cheer Times

Publication of the Jesusonian Foundation
Jesusonian Foundation, 620 12th Street, Boulder, CO, 90302

Harmony

Semi-annual Journal of the Southeast
Dana Poole, 621 Forrest Avenue, Griffin, GA, 30223

The Messenger

Publication of Florida readers
Daniel Amyx, 13133 N. 20th Street, Apt. #209, Tampa, FL, 33612

Pervaded Space

Publication of the Chicago and Midwest US Areas
David & Marilyn Kulicke, 320 Forrest Bluff, Lake Bluff, IL, 60044

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Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society, 13095 W. 64th Place, Arvada, CO, 80004

Six-O-Six Newsletter

Publication of readers in Australia
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The Synergist

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The You-Be

Journal of readers in the San Francisco Bay area
Matthew Rappaport, 127 14th Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94118

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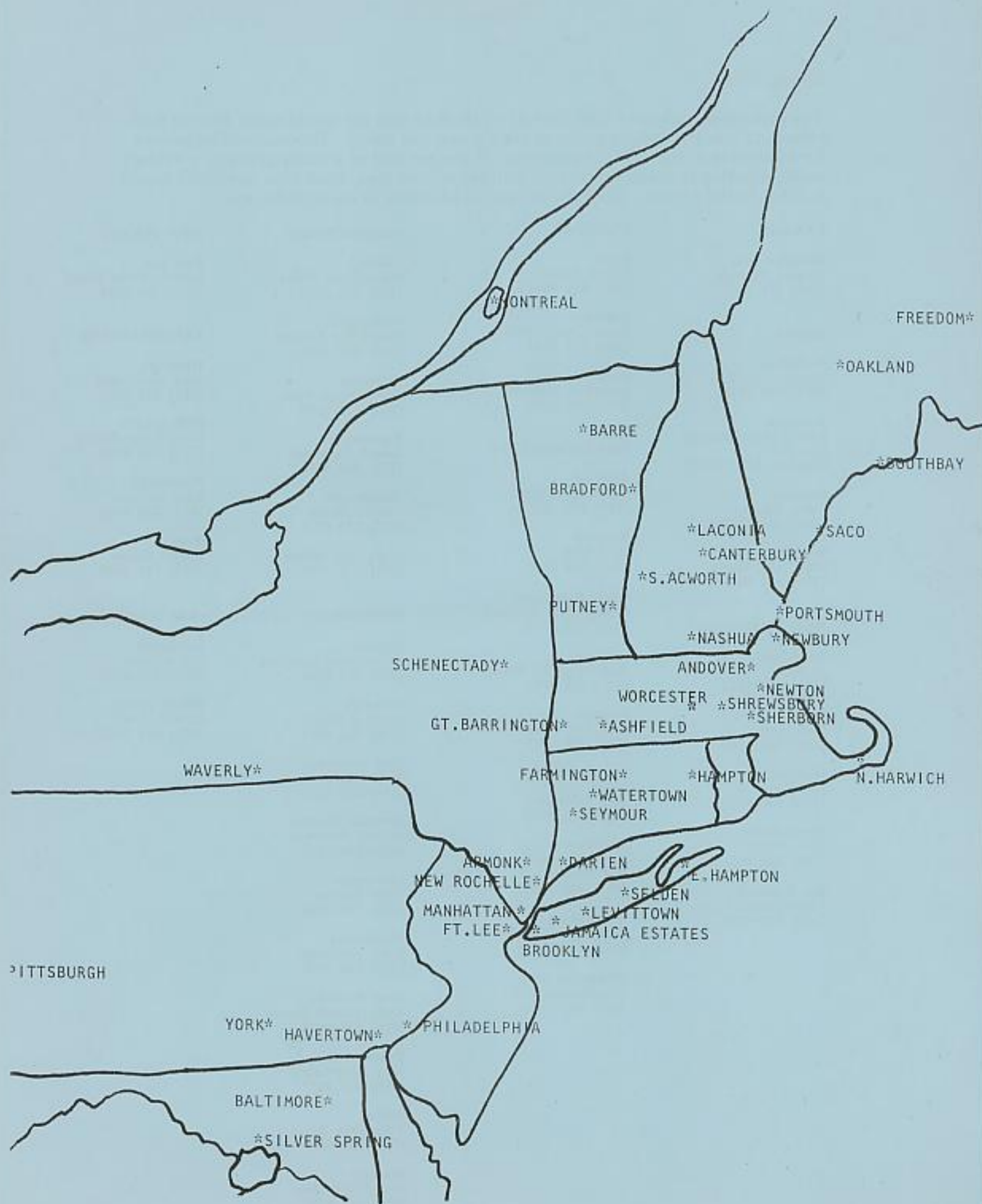
We are reminded by an Archangel of Nebadon that "One of the functions of humor is to help all of us take ourselves less seriously. *Humor is the divine antidote for exaltation of ego.*" (549:3) Humor also has great healing powers: a Chinese proverb notes that "A single joy can cure a hundred cares." I think we will go far on an individual or group level if we temper the work of our fellowship by taking that work seriously, but not ourselves; and, then, balancing this attitude with a good, healthy sense of humor.

We have accepted an important cosmic duty: to consciously work with the emerging Supreme Being even as the Grand Universe of time and space evolves. This relationship is a reciprocal one -- we need each other. All the while we are down here doing the work of the fellowship of *The URANTIA Book*, we are jointly engaged with the Supreme to achieve "Light and Life" for our world, our universe, and even the universe of universes. A Mighty Messenger underscored the reality of this interplay when he said that "into the keeping of mortal man has been given not only the Adjuster presence of the Paradise Father but also control over the destiny of an infinitesimal fraction of the future of the Supreme. For as man attains human destiny, so does the Supreme achieve destiny on deity levels." (1285:2)

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