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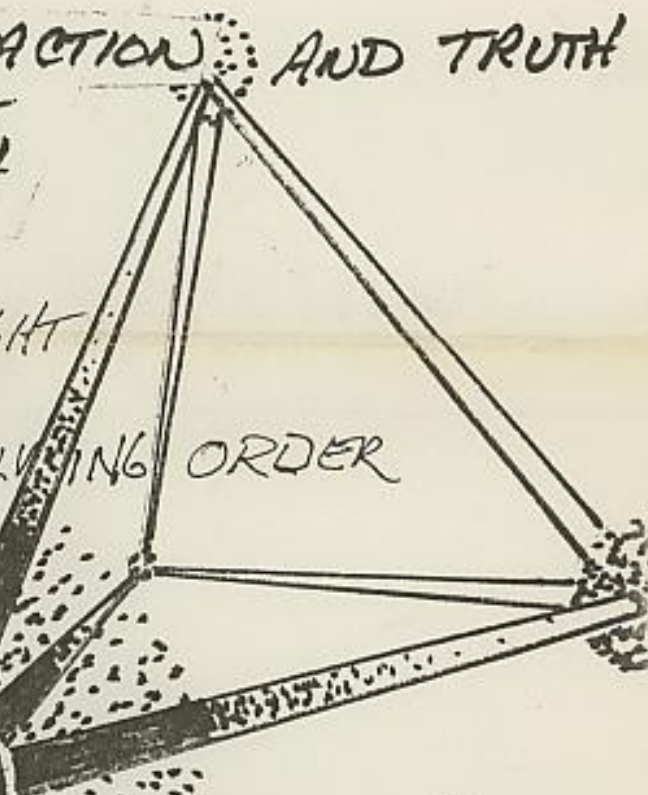
URANTIA BOOK STUDENTS

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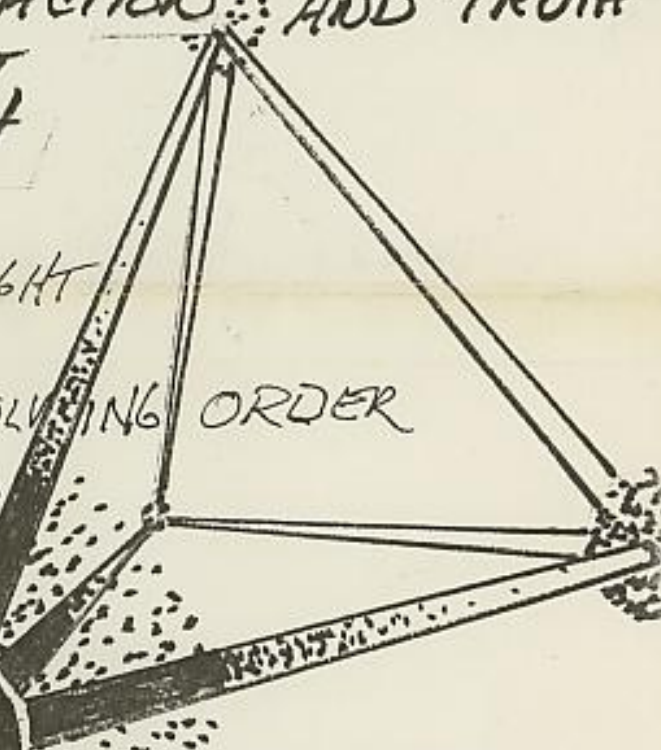
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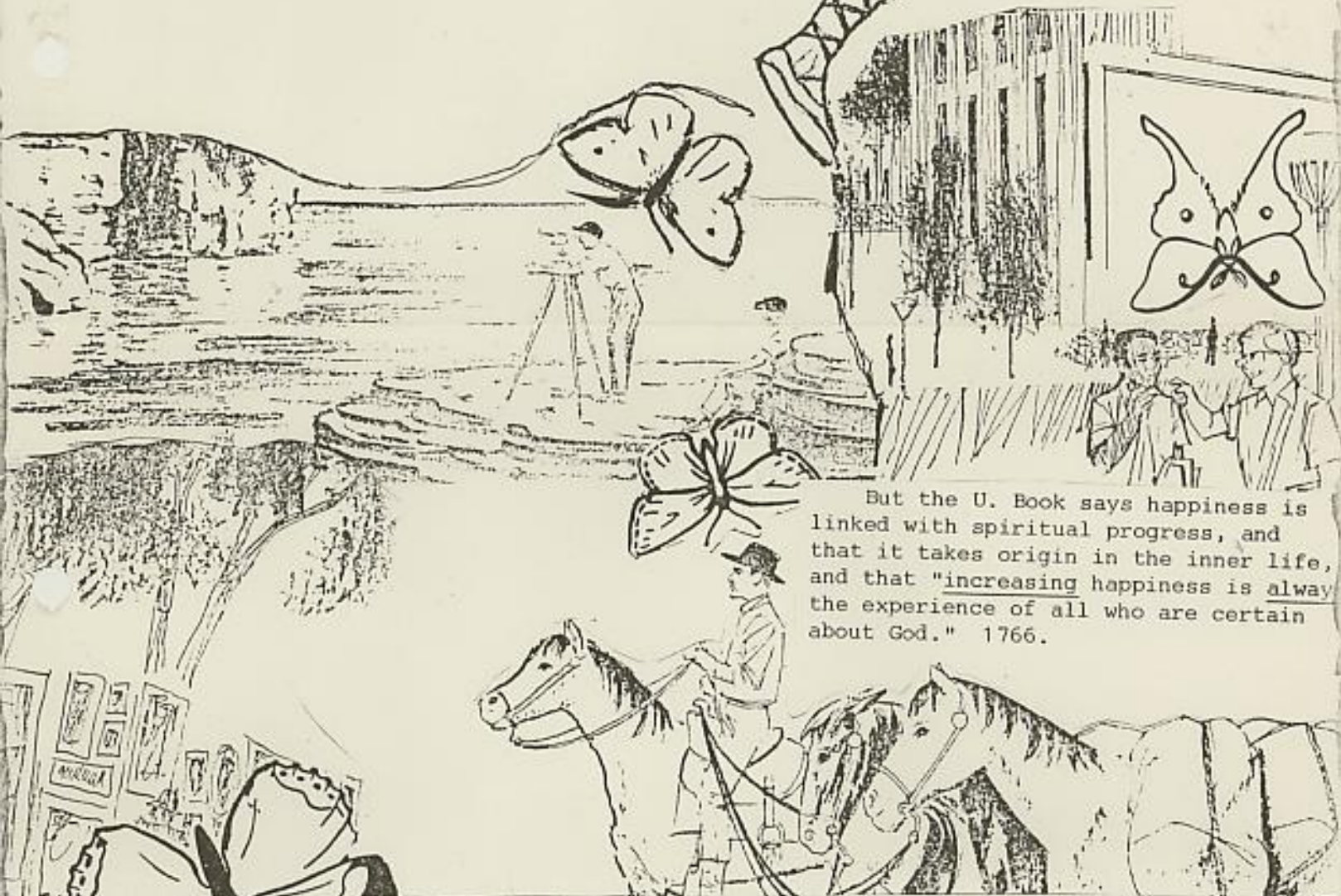
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The Pursuit of Happiness

According to the Declaration of Independence, we consider the "pursuit of happiness" one of our unalienable rights. Whatever that means, and whether it's true or not, we know we all want to be happy. But it seems we haven't got very far. The U. Book says on page 1098--of happiness he (man) has truly realized very little."

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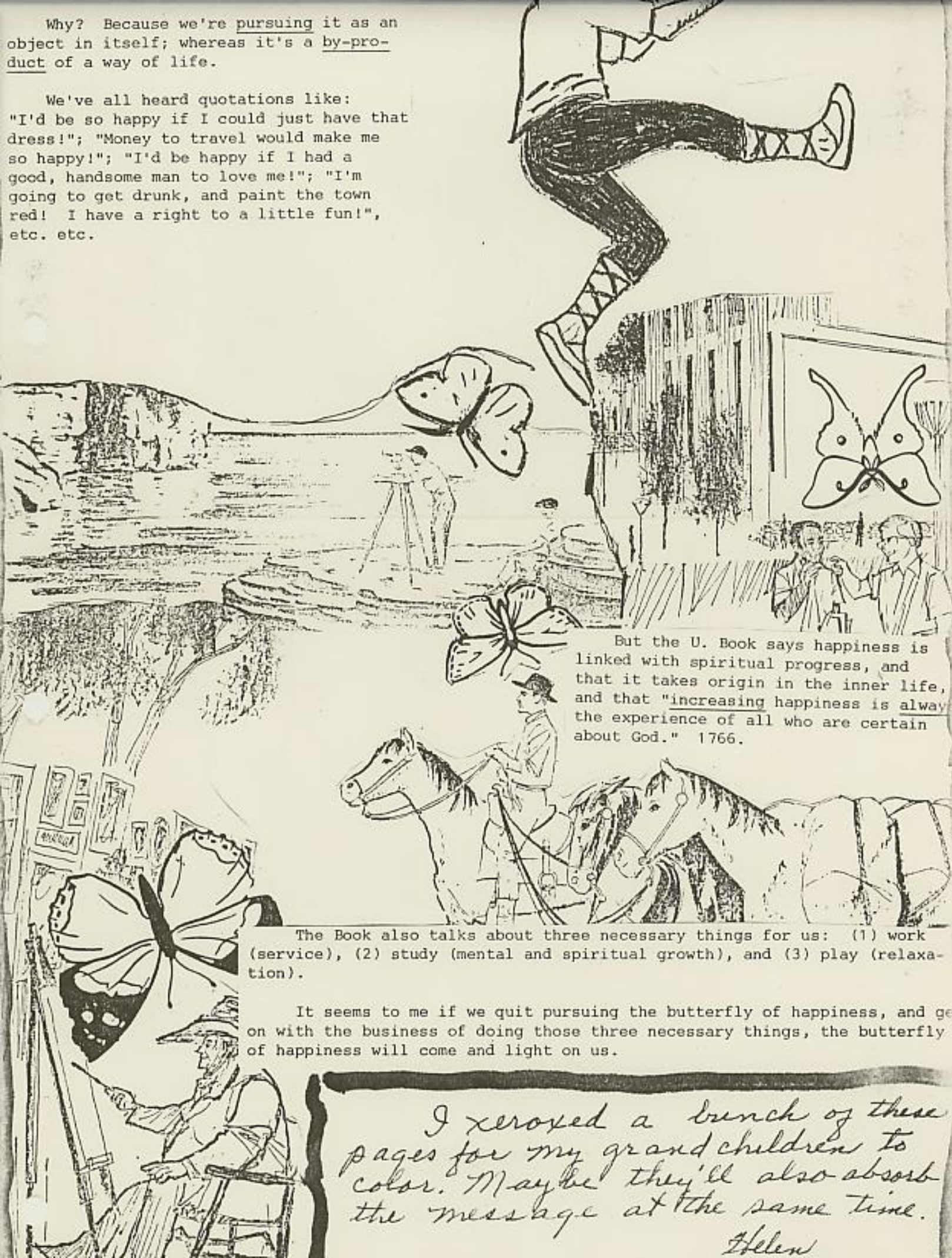


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It seems to me if we quit pursuing the butterfly of happiness, and go on with the business of doing those three necessary things, the butterfly of happiness will come and light on us.

I xeroxed a bunch of these pages for my grandchildren to color. Maybe they'll also absorb the message at the same time.

Helen

How do we become readers of the Urantia Book?

Ours is probably a unique case, but it actually happened and we would be interested to know how others first became aware of the book.

We were given a gift copy of the Urantia Book in 1975 by some dear friends from St. Louis, MO. who like ourselves have been searchers for truth for years. We knew there was an important message for us within the pages, but our first several attempts to read it with understanding were frustrating. The concepts and vocabulary were unfamiliar and we had no one with whom to share our thoughts.

In 1980 another very good friend, also fellow searcher, passed on to the Mansion worlds, almost suddenly, at a young age. His untimely death left his family in extremely precarious circumstances. Some months later his still distraught widow was a house guest of ours. She needed some concerned ears to hear her problems. She brought with her a written message which had come to her by means of automatic writing, through a good friend of theirs who was a psychic. (Some of their searching had included Psychics.)

She mentioned that her deceased husband, in the message, had acknowledged that he was aware that she needed help and was expecting him to reach her with answers to her dilemma, but he was not allowed to give her advice in that way. He did, however, suggest several books that she could read that would give her some directions to find her answers. She was able to secure all except one of the list. She did find some helpful thoughts. Her efforts to find the last book produced nothing. Even her Psychic friend knew nothing of the book and could be of no help.

During the afternoon visit the subject of current reading materials came up. We mentioned that we had a book which we knew we needed to be reading, but couldn't seem to move into the contents with understanding. We placed the book on the table while we talked. Suddenly her eyes fell upon the title of the URANTIA BOOK. She became very excited and said, "That is the book that Ken wants me to read. He said that where he is now, he will be studying Urantia for awhile."

From that day forward we have studied the book and with only finite human limitations have been able to find messages and the answers to so many of our life long questions. Our widow friend is now a reader and belongs to a group of readers in Georgia. We have also been able to introduce the book to several of our children and other friends and family members.

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Alvin and Helen Smith

* The Smiths and their son and his wife have been faithful and valuable members of our group for about 1 1/2 yrs. Often we've discussed the fact that the V-Book (436, 1230) says that departed loved ones don't communicate directly. I have my own theory of what happened; some being (midwayer or angel) knew the widow needed encouragement, so he imparted the things she needed to hear and the psychic and widow just assumed that Ken sent the message; just as Jesus let his family assume that he had been somewhere other than on the Mediterranean tour. J.B. Phillips (Bible Translator etc.) had an experience when he was in "the dark night of the soul" in which the dead C.S. Lewis appeared and said a few words, it helped him recover. He didn't know Lewis very well, and I think he just thought that was Lewis. An account is in Guidepost's Treasury of Faith. H.A.A.

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We've been reading Julia Fenderson's booklet about how 17 people found the U-Book.

We've decided to write a series about our finding of it. The above is the first in our series.

Will artificial organs and transplants be the wave of the future? Doesn't the breeding out of the defective and degenerate make much more sense? And prevent much suffering and misery? What do you think?