

Chicago Area PERVADED SPACE

Laborer Celebrates Anniversary

Recently, Jesus of Nazareth, known also as the Son of Man, the Son of God, the Planetary Prince of Urantia, and Michael of Nebadon, celebrated the 1984th anniversary (Urantia years) of his birth into the flesh on this planet. Though his earthly sojourn was short, and sandwiched between eons of his past and the infinity of his future, it bore special significance, both to him and to the creatures of his creation, the local universe of Nebadon. For Michael, it was his seventh and final bestowal necessary for his sovereignty in his realm. For his creatures, his exemplary life serves as an unparalleled inspiration.

Chicago area URANTIA Book readers observed Jesus' August 21 birthday in various celebrations. First URANTIA Society celebrated in its traditional program of appropriate reading and a social gathering. Orvonton Society observed the event with a picnic, while many individuals celebrated as well. Next month, the now traditional celebration on December 25 will be shared by millions around the planet.

The many varied experiences in Jesus' full and remarkable life make the facts of his more often remembered ministry and victory over death even more significant and inspiring.

During the course of his lifetime, Jesus mastered many areas of human endeavor. His abilities were first channeled as a child, under the wise guidance of his earthly parents. At an early age he was trained to assist his mother in the use of the family mill, feeding grain while she turned the stone. Soon he was responsible for the care of the vines and flowers about the house. He helped care for the animals, milking the cow at an early age. While still a youth, he learned to make cheese

and to weave, becoming an expert loom operator. By the age of nine, he had his first exposure to fishing and farming, helping his uncles during periodic visits, even with the harvest of the grain. As an adolescent he became a good yoke maker, worked well with canvas and leather, and was becoming an expert carpenter and cabinet maker. As an adult, this active working man labored at house finishing, worked as a smith, as a tent maker and a miner. He even conducted a caravan. Among his finest achievements as a craftsman was the designing of a superior sailing craft, as well as devising improved methods of boat-building.

As a child, Jesus demonstrated a highly active intellect. From the ages of 5-10 years old, he never ceased asking questions. He learned to speak, read and write three languages fluently, all as a youth. He was a keen student of nature, acquiring a detailed knowledge of flowers, plants and the stars. Early acquaintance with a mathematician led to this young man's great sense of numbers, distances and proportion. As a youth, he became leader of a group of like-minded fellows who formed a society for developing the higher characteristics of adulthood. Later he was a prominent member of a young men's club for philosophic discussion. And as an adult, Jesus worked as a tutor and interpreter.

From the beginning, Jesus experienced diverse opportunities for developing a mature sense of responsibility and capacity for decision-making. As a seven-year-old, he was allowed to administer the profits from his mother's dove cote, all extended to charity. Soon after, he made the prayerful decision to stay with the family rather than select an education in Jerusalem. He abided with his father's prohibition, in accordance with Jewish law, of some of his favorite

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from the editors

As participants in and observers of some of the early struggles of the Fifth Epochal Revelation, we find reading the descriptions of earlier revelations of special interest. The exercise yields constructive ideas as well as the pitfalls facing those who are given opportunity for service in the movement.

One theme which often appears concerns the problems of impatience. Before the rebellion, the Caligastia one hundred is commended for its wisdom in not undertaking a sudden transformation of the planet. The default in the Garden of Eden was precipitated by Eve's frustration and discouragement due to the slow progress of a backwards and isolated planet. The followers of Jesus, in their hasty desire for the rapid spread of their new religion, compromised some of Jesus' original teachings and achieved a weakened version, despite many immediate advantages for civilization.

The Revelation of The URANTIA Book could be weakened similarly if its followers are overly concerned with the rapid acceptance of the book or dissemination of its teachings. Unlike Van's followers, who, while building the Garden were not all patient during the long wait for Adam and Eve, we should be

willing to dedicate our efforts to the building of a firm foundation and a strong base for the future slow but steady growth of the Revelation of The URANTIA Book. Instead of impatiently wishing to see the culmination of the Revelation today, we should be content with the one-to-one, interpersonal expansion of the brotherhood of man.

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34% of the subscriptions to PERVADED SPACE are from outside the Chicago area, including many from the Midwest. This fact, together with various suggestions we have received, has prompted us to enlarge our scope. Though we will still focus on the Chicago area, we will also carry information about events, groups, and activities in other parts of the Midwest (see opposite page). Readers anywhere are likely to be asked to contribute material.

letters

Your August publication was especially interesting... Perhaps PERVADED SPACE will help us to know each other better.

Grace Walker

I like it.

Virginia Mellencamp

(Ed. note: It's not that we're trying to pat ourselves on the back, folks; this is the kind of letter we're getting. But here's your chance to give your opinion. We'll even print criticisms!)

Could some of the events in our Toledo-Ft. Wayne-Indianapolis area be included in your newsletter? We tend to think of Chicago as the western hub of midwest activities, and perhaps we could be included.

Dave Schlundt

(Ed. note: See above editorial.)

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M I D W E S T P A G E

Careful consideration preceded our decision as to what constituted the Midwest (Hawaii seemed a little far-fetched). We finally decided on the following nine states: Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. Other than the study groups described in the last issue, and one other in the Chicago area which was not mentioned (Wilmette), here are the locations of the known study groups in the nine state region:


Duluth, MN	Louisville, KY
Minneapolis, MN	Lexington, KY
Des Moines, IA	Bowling Green, KY
Kansas City, MO	Flint, MI
Hazelwood, MO	Lake Orion, MI
St. Louis, MO	Indianapolis, IN
Gravois Mills, MO	Akron, OH
Wausau, WI	West Chester (Cinn.), OH
Stevens Point, WI	Cleveland Heights, OH
Normal, IL	Toledo, OH (2)
Moline, IL	Columbus, OH

FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF FORT WAYNE, IN.

A URANTIA Society exists in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This society has about 30 members, with an average attendance at weekly meetings of 15-35 people. The group meets on Sunday evenings from October 1 to the end of May, usually in the basement of the Sprunger home, but sometimes at the library of the Indiana Institute of Technology. The book is studied paper by paper, although not always in strict sequence. Various members of the group take turns as leaders. The society has several picnics, among other activities throughout the year. For further information, contact the Sprungers (219) 745-4363 or the Schlundts (219) 344-2194.

The number of URANTIA Books sold in Illinois in 1976 was 451.

Efforts are being made to form a board or committee to coordinate regional and subregional conferences and seminars as they develop in the near future in the Midwest.



Even as this issue of PERVADED SPACE is being distributed, a conference is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio. The dates of the two-day conference are November 12-13. Approximately fifty people were expected to attend. The theme of the conference is "Personal Growth."

PERVADED SPACE will attempt to publish news of upcoming events in the Midwest, as well as conferences both in this region and throughout the country.

conference

URANTIA Book readers from throughout the country will converge on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin next summer.

The 1978 URANTIA Brotherhood General Conference will be held from August 13-18 at George Williams College at Williams Bay. The college is situated on the oak-studded, rolling land which composes the shore of Lake Geneva.

Carolyn Kendall, chairman of the planning and expediting committees, said that the theme of the conference will be an emphasis on The URANTIA Book and the many ways of studying it. Each society and many study groups will be invited to send teaching representatives prepared to demonstrate their style of study in their own groups drawn directly from the book. These will compose the morning sessions. The afternoon sessions will be devoted to in-depth studies by individual speakers of various topics. Evenings will be given to entertainment.

The first announcement to individuals will be sent in January.



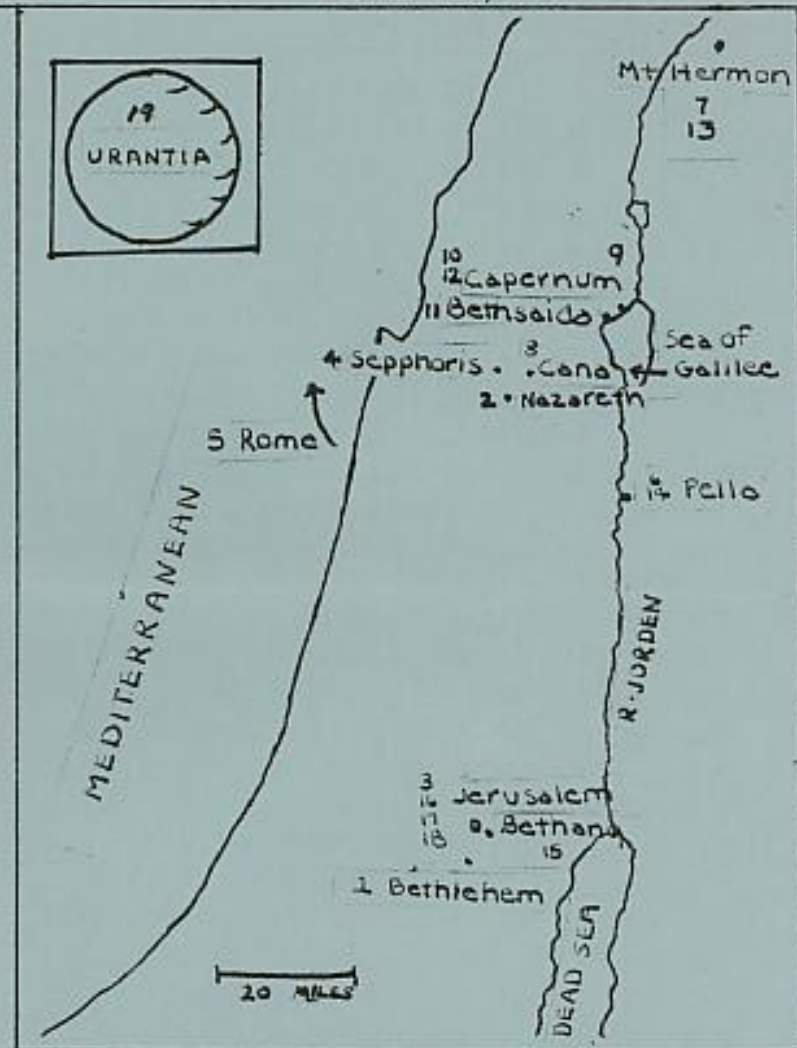
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 activities, those of drawing and modeling in clay. He was given responsibility for managing his own earnings from his first constructive efforts in the carpenter shop. At age 11 he assumed the duties of a first born son, prematurely, due to his mother's illness. And at age 14 he became the sole support for his widowed mother and seven brothers and sisters, plus one on the way. During the succeeding years, he provided an atmosphere of hope and encouragement despite the family's struggle with poverty.

Through all, this man among men managed time for wholesome recreation, becoming a skillful harpist and a master storyteller.

Jesus' primary purpose in his seventh bestowal mission on Urantia was to gain the experience necessary for his universe sovereignty. As can be seen, his full and vital life more than fulfilled these expectations.



Despite the fact that the upcoming season is not technically that of Jesus' birth, perhaps we can use the good cheer, festivities, and religious significance of the December 25 observance, together with what we have learned in *The URANTIA Book*, to renew and revitalize our relationship with Jesus and our fellow man.



SOME MAJOR EVENTS IN JESUS' LIFE

- 1) Birth
- 2) Childhood
- 3) First Passover
- 4) Father Dies
- 5) Trip to Rome
- 6) Baptism
- 7) 40 Days in Wilderness
- 8) Wedding in Cana
- 9) Ordination of the 12
- 10) Healing at Capernaum
- 11) Establishment of Bethsaida Camp
- 12) Capernaum Crisis
- 13) Transfiguration on Mt. Hermon
- 14) Establishment of Pella Camp
- 15) Resurrection of Lazarus
- 16) Jerusalem Entry
- 17) Last Supper
- 18) Crucifixion and Resurrection
- 19) Pentecost

commentaries

The subject for these commentaries is "Maintaining One's Spiritual Outlook and Values in the Business World."

I try to look at each business day as: an opportunity to progress in the arts of teamwork, problem-solving, decision-making, diplomacy, and especially remaining calm in the face of deadlines, details, distraction and doubt. The busier you are, the more you need to take a break now and then to regain your perspective, and to leave business problems behind when the day is over.

Getting along with ones associates is at least good business practice; so is doing ones best. But you must look to yourself for approval; rather than simply meeting other people's expectations, do your work to satisfy your own high standards.

Power in the corporate world ought not to be regarded as an end in itself--the kind of status which can be achieved by shortcuts and is therefore meaningless--but as the ability to accomplish objectives by honest and intelligent effort. The respect and responsibility thus earned are much more satisfying, being the result of genuine growth.

Cece Forrester



There is much to guide a person in his day to day business relationships. There are forms, laws, ethics, and, of course, ones own invaluable experience.

On the other than practical side is the application of ones moral and spiritual revelation; tact, tolerance, patience, compassion and especially love for ones fellows are certain and true guides.

However, there are those times when faced with new and unusual situations, opportunities and even crossroads appear, where the usual standards and principles may not seem to apply or cannot be interpreted in normal ways.

Doing business to me is nothing more nor less than personal economics. That which you do and the way

you do it affect people. You would like the game to be played whereby all are winners, but this cannot always be the case. There are competitors, suppliers, buyers, sellers, users and materials to be manipulated and exploited. The consequences of our actions are not necessarily first or even second person in scope.

It is at these times, when I seek our Father's will, that I recognize my weaknesses. My decisions can not be other than subjective (although most often I seek advice). Even the application of Jesus' teaching as embodied in the Golden Rule does not always yield a clear-cut decision, due, of course, to my inability to discern His highest meaning. It is at this point, when I have exhausted the "all of my everything," that I pray, "Lord, lead your child."

Larry Posner



We must decide what is important in our lives and in the goals we want to attain. Success in the business world and what it can provide in our material lives should not be frowned upon. Nor should we harm our fellow man in our desire to be successful. When in doubt about a decision or what path to take, ask what Jesus would do in a similar situation. We may not like or agree with the answer, but man has been given free will and we make the choice, right or wrong. Hopefully, we learn from our mistakes and errors, and it is from experience upon experience that we try to make our lives more meaningful and spiritual.

Marion Oestmann



The business world, despite such shortcomings as wasteful competition and lack of principle, does facilitate bringing us face to face with the very real sobering and tempering demands of economic necessity, giving us, however, the opportunity to serve both ourselves and others in a constructive way.

Whereas we can appreciate that one function of the business of earning our daily bread is the negative force of compelling us to learn to cooperate with others, there is also the affirmative possibility of using it as a medium for our own self-realization while concomitantly developing the ability to wisely influence our economic endeavor's operation, practices and direction. This does not mean that we

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all must be captains of industry, but it does promise us the chance to actualize our personal potentials, and by doing so, to enrich the lives of those around us, contributing to society much as our spiritual decisions contribute to the development of the Supreme.

Business as spiritualized by the sincere believer can serve as one effective avenue for helping to transform the degradation of the past from the inertia of the present to the progressive betterment of the future, thus setting the stage for a new age on Urantia when the teachings of Jesus will rule in the hearts of all mankind.

Martin W. Myers

(Ed. note: This has been excerpted from an eloquent and more comprehensive essay which Martin wrote.)

books

Whole Child/Whole Parent, by Polly Berrien Berends; Harper Magazine Press, 1975; 302 pp. \$6.95

This "spiritual and practical guide to the first four years of parenthood" is not the ordinary handbook on pediatrics, witness chapter headings such as "Spirit," "Freedom," "Unity," "Beauty," and "Love."

Mrs. Berends says that parenthood is the world's most intensive course in love, that love is the substance of our being, and that the qualities of this love are perceivable in the purity of infancy. Her goal is to discover the underlying principle at issue on every level, from the mundane to the lofty. "Truth is either supremely practical or it isn't truth," she says.

Included are comprehensive guidelines for everything from safety pins to nursery furniture, toys to buy, and playthings to make. There is an informative index of over 400 books for young children, and imaginative suggestions for learning activities and play.

Numerous quotations from the Bible, Buddhism, Taoism, and poetry "are intended to show the

relevance of the great mystical teachings to the practical experience of childrearing and... to bring to light the far-reaching spiritual significance of even the meanest momentary details of our experience as parents." The book concludes with the supreme parently prayer of Jesus (see John xvii:6-19).

The reviewer commends this book to parents and non-parents of all ages.

Marjorie Reed

The Story of the Other Wise Man
by Henry Van Dyke

Many are familiar with this exquisite story of about 70 pages, but to those who are not, I must recommend it above all.

This is the story of a fourth wise man, Artaban, who, like the others, also set out to greet and worship the young child Jesus. Artaban was "one of those who, in whatever age they may live, are born for inward conflict and a life of quest." We learn of "the great desire of this fourth pilgrim, and how it was denied, yet accomplished in the denial; of his many wanderings and the probations of his soul; of the long way of his seeking, and the strange ways his finding, the one whom he sought."

This little story must be savored. Like a great piece of music, appreciation grows with each hearing; its poetry speaks anew with each reading. This story truly captures the heart of the teachings of Jesus.

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Mark Kulieke

Patience is one virtue that's helpful to have even while you're trying to achieve it.

people

One of the truly significant figures in the early years of The URANTIA Book Revelation is William M. Hales, who was the President of URANTIA Foundation for the first 23 years of its existence.

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Bill was born in Oak Park and has lived both there and in Winnetka, his current residence. He attended Oak Park-River Forest High School and subsequently graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. Now retired, Bill was chairman of the board for the firm of Hales and Hunter, which manufactured animal feed.

All of the members of the Hales family are URANTIA Book readers. Bill's wife, Mary Lou, whom he married in 1933, is Chairman of the Brotherhood Charter Committee. They have two children, a son John, and a daughter, Lynn, as well as five grandchildren. John is Secretary-General of the Brotherhood.

Bill learned of the URANTIA Teachings through his parents, and he heard the teachings read when they were still in manuscript form. He was a founding trustee of URANTIA Foundation and a charter member of First URANTIA Society. He has since served on the Brotherhood Executive Committee, chairing the Finance Committee, and he is still a General Councilor.

Although a man of quiet reserve, Bill expressed enthusiasm when remembering highlights of his tenure as President. These included the original publication of the book and the translation into French. "It was a thrilling experience to watch the sales grow and see the book spread," he said.

Among Bill's favorite passages in the book are those referring to the Thought Adjusters, which he finds particularly inspiring, and the "Inevitabilities," which he says give him hope and courage. He enjoys Part III, because it deals with Urantia, and Part IV for being "close to home." But he added that he really had no favorite section, for "each is unique and informative."



Entries to the PERVADED SPACE contest "Guess the Distance between Chicago and Edentia" are pouring in (two, to be exact). But there's still time for yours! Winners will be determined by such considerations as accuracy, the reasoning behind contestants' answers, neatness, and editors' whimsey.



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The editors wish to express their grateful appreciation to all those who took the time and effort to create items used herein.

Since PERVADED SPACE next comes out in February, we wish you Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah (did we miss any?), and, if the next issue misses its deadline, Happy Valentine's Day.

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