

PERVADED SPACE

MIDWEST

LOST COLONY DISCOVERED!

Editor's Note: In our last issue of PERVADED SPACE, during a look at URANTIA activities in Missouri, we mentioned rumors of a "lost colony" study group in the Ozarks. The lost colony has been found! We have even made contact with it! Here is a letter from Don and Pat Heinerikson and Garry and Jan Copeland, who have laid claim to the name, if not the actual fact of being a lost colony:

Dear PERVADED SPACE Editors,

We read your article about "Missouri Meetings Multiply" in Volume 6, #3 after its being literally placed in our hands at the recent K.C. conference by Ila Hall and a person known as Barbara Kulieke (I'm sure you must have heard of her), who is responsible, I feel, directly or indirectly, for much of the activity that has grown out of that city.

Our family and another family, Garry and Jan Copeland, who attended the conference, are from the Lake of the Ozarks. Six years previously we had been from the K.C. area, where we had had the enjoyment of a study group. But since we moved to the Ozarks, after various attempts at getting a group started, nothing materialized until the letter arrived asking if groups who had at least 3 people and met 75% of the time, that being all that was required, would like to join on a register with other groups. I really thank those people behind that effort because somehow that put enough extra force behind all the other forces that had been gathering for us, the two couples, to put our names on the line and faithfully meet once a week now.

I would like now to refer to some quotes from that article: "reports of a group meeting in the Ozarks, but this is yet to

be confirmed," and the last quote of the article, "Now, if only the lost colony of the Ozarks could be found." I don't know for sure if this refers to us, as I'm sure this article was printed before we started meeting. But I like to think it does and that perhaps you knew of our beginning even before we did. Regardless, we would like to adopt this "the lost colony of the Ozarks" as a nick-name if you don't mind. Thank you for your article.

We all send our love,
Don & Pat Heinerikson
Garry & Jan Copeland

P.S. Maybe the lost colony will be found yet.



Neal Kendall gives instructions to some of the contestants of the "Sub-Mota Bowl," a feature of the recent Midwest Conference. The conference was held at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL, where this summer's Brotherhood Seminars are scheduled for the first week in July. It will mark the first time that two URANTIA Book oriented conferences will be held at the same site within a one-month span. For details see page 3.

OR CLASSROOM USE
THE BOULDER SCHOOL

■ from the editors ■

URANTIA Foundation
 URANTIA Brotherhood
 13 URANTIA Societies
 The Study Group Fellowship
 Over 200 study groups, some highly organized
 The Dallas Fellowship
 The Boulder School
 The Family of God Foundation
 The Fellowship of Christian Students of
 The URANTIA Book
 The Second Society Foundation
 Education Uplift
 The Finaliter
 The Messenger
 Aloha
 The Ascender
 Planetary Prints
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 Pervaded Space

Without intending to judge the listed organizations, and apologizing for omissions, the editors would like to pose the following question for your consideration: "Does unrestrained organization building represent an Americanization of the worldwide URANTIA movement?"

We welcome your responses.



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Swamy Cool by G.Thorsander.

I tried to mail a letter to another universe—but I couldn't get the ZIP code on the envelope!



■ letters ■

On behalf of the Midwest Conference Planning Committee, I would like to thank all participants of the recent conference on June 3-5 for their contributions in making it a great success. Presenters, group leaders, and entertainers were all very well received. But in addition to those, every participant contributes to the good flavor of such an experience. Our thanks to all who attended and made the sessions stimulating and enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you again in Cincinnati at the Seventh Conference.

Mark Kulieke
 Winnetka, IL

We enjoyed PS--especially re the Halls. They sound like neat people. We appreciate all the time you give to keep communications flowing. That's so important to so many of us in the movement.

Sherry Zopel
 Wausau, WI

Keep me on your mailing list! PS is an excellent newsletter. Hope all is going well with the readers in the Midwest. Los Angeles is having a surge in activity--discovering readers who didn't know there were study groups!

Lee Armstrong
 Burbank, CA

LFC Proves Popular Site

The first of two URANTIA Book conferences to be held at the same site in less than a month occurred June 3-5 at Lake Forest College along the shore of Lake Michigan north of Chicago. Not only was this the second time the Midwest Conference was held at that college--the previous time being 1980--it is also the location for last year's URANTIA Brotherhood Workshops and this year's Brotherhood seminar (see box below).

The Midwest Conference is one of the more enduring traditions of the movement. This year's gathering was the sixth annual such get-together. Next year's conference is already planned for Cincinnati, but with two unusual features. As was the case in 1981, next year is the year for the General Conference (Green Lake, WI). So the 1984 Midwest Conference will be scheduled in the fall, as was the 1981 version. The other unusual aspect to next year's conference is that it will be planned by two different groups. Ted Blaney of Cincinnati will chair the planning committee, and the Cincinnati group will be the site coordinator. The Toledo group, which hosted the '81 affair, will be the Program Committee.

About 100 adults and 20 children attended the 1983 Midwest Conference. They came from all over the Midwest, as well as from as far away as California, Massachusetts and Canada. They came away generally pleased with what they saw, commenting on the planning, presentations and fellowship.

The theme, as reported in the last issue of PERVADED SPACE, was "Evolution working with Revelation." As a part of that theme, Dan Massey, of Sherbourne, MA, and David Kantor, of Castro Valley, CA, were invited as guest speakers because of expertise that related to the subject. (Several conference attenders contributed to help pay for the expenses of Dan and David coming so far.) Midwest speakers included Carolyn Kendall, Barbara Kulieke, Dave Renn, and Meredith Sprunger. Features included a Sunday morning worship conducted by Lisa Carr Renn, and group discussions, "Tasks for the Coming Age," wherein small discussion groups each dealt with different topics and then reported a summary back to the main group. Moderators were Jim Johnston and Mary Schlueter.

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The URANTIA Brotherhood Seminars, which are held annually except in years when a General Conference is scheduled, will be held this July 4-8 at Lake Forest College, site of the recent Midwest Conference (see adjoining article). The meeting, which heretofore has been referred to as workshops, will devote its study to the topic of Prayer and Worship. This is a surprisingly controversial subject within the URANTIA Movement, with a wide variety of opinions and attitudes, particularly as regards group prayer and worship. PERVADED SPACE will report in depth on the Seminars, how the topic was arrived at, and some conclusions drawn from the meeting in the next issue. The topic of prayer and worship throughout the URANTIA Movement--and how various groups and individuals view it--will also be discussed. We invite our readers to participate by answering the following questions and returning the answers to PERVADED SPACE:

- What forms of group prayer or worship do you find valid?
- What have you found to be effective in your groups?
- How can groups studying The URANTIA Book deal with the evolutionary religious backgrounds of their members when incorporating prayer and worship into their meetings?
- How can evolution work with revelation in creating (or conserving) methods of prayer and worship?
- Do you have any other thoughts about prayer and worship you would like to share?

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A unique feature of the conference was the Saturday night entertainment, entitled "Foibles and Follies on Urantia." The audience knew it was in for something unusual when Laura Hauck, dressed engagingly and appropriately, brought the first title card out for the Vaudeville-style show. The appropriate first act was a Burns and Allen routine wherein Gracie (Meg Richards) confounded George (David Kulieke) with her explanation of The URANTIA Book. This was followed by the "Zopel Family Strings," Paul and Sherry Zopel and their four young children, also playing violins, "Eine Kleine Kindermusik," the children of the conference singing, and then the "Sub-Mota Bowl," a current events style game show with questions from The URANTIA Book. Neal Kendall was the scurrilous host who prodded the contestants, including Dan Massey, Tim Young, Lynne Kulieke, David Kantor, Cece Forrester, and Carolyn Kendall. The entertainment concluded with a slide tape by David and Sue Kantor. It was followed by a party.

Mark Kulieke, chairman of the Planning Committee, commented, "This recent conference appears to have been a very positive experience for all. Many remarked that it simply went too fast--it was over before they knew it. We had positive feedback about the presentations, the discussion groups, the entertainment, and the college facility. All in all, it seems to have been an unmitigated success."

Next year's seventh Midwest Conference promises to continue the tradition.

M I D - A M E R I C A

G E T , - T O G E T H E R H E L D

The "Mid-America Get-Together" was held in Kansas City on April 15-17. Approximately 100 people attended the conference. Barbara Kulieke commented on the conference, saying, "the speakers were very good and the theme worked out well. People left the conference feeling motivated to start study groups. The Halls and Bruyns did a great job organizing the entire conference."

O T H E R C O N F E R E N C E S

The Central Wisconsin Study Group is sponsoring a gathering near St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. The campout will be held at Interstate State Park on August 12, 13, and 14. They have invited two other study groups to join them; one from Minneapolis and another from Iowa. If you would like more information about this gathering, contact:

Vicki Arkens
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Clintonville, WI 54929

The Dallas Fellowship is sponsoring a conference for readers of The URANTIA Book on July 29-31 at Fountainhead Lodge on Lake Eufaula in Oklahoma. The theme of the conference is "Living in the Kingdom." For more information about the conference write to:

Dallas Fellowship INC
2001 Woods Dr.
Arlington, TX 76010

First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles is sponsoring a two-day special event on September 3 and 4 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Culver City, California. The topic for these sessions is "The Media and the Message: Is There a Place for The URANTIA Book?" For more information about this event contact:

Joanne Larson
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Santa Monica, CA 90405

A weekend celebration with Christ Michael and friends in Santa Barbara, California on August 19-21 at the University of California Santa Barbara is being sponsored by the Santa Barbara Study Groups.

The theme of this gathering is "The Art of Living: Applying The URANTIA Book Teachings in Our Lives." For further information call:

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people

Some of life's most rewarding associations happen not at leisure, but in the midst of hard work and dedicated service. Martin Myers has personally experienced this truth.

Martin was born in Kansas in 1941 "just before Pearl Harbor Day." His father was an M.D. in a small farming town, and his mother an English teacher. Martin's summer work experiences included traveling with an itinerant harvesting crew of German Mennonites working their way from Oklahoma to North Dakota.

After graduating from high school in Newton, Kansas and spending a year at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, Martin entered the University of Kansas. There he happened to pledge the same fraternity (Sigma Chi) as Richard Keeler, Hoite Caston and David Gray, all of whom were eventually introduced to The URANTIA Book by another fraternity brother, Vern Grimsley. Martin recalls happening on a book that Rich Keeler had purposely left lying open and experiencing a real thrill while going through the table of contents. "That was probably the happiest day of my life--or one of them."

Starting in 1961, Martin visited Chicago several times and met Dr. Sadler, Christy and many "old-timers". Soon, Martin interested his parents and his brother, Kendall, in the book.

Martin majored in political science and "lots of philosophy." He found that the broad picture The URANTIA Book presents gave him a better appreciation of some of the imperfect and partial views encountered in his studies. He went on to law school, also at KU, and after graduating came to Chicago to join the trust department of a major bank, where he is still employed. While he was interviewing for the position--the weekend Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated--Christy urged Martin to leave his Loop hotel and stay at 533 Diversey in the third-floor apartment. After graduating and taking the job, Martin came back to 533 for a temporary visit while looking for a place to live, but was asked to stay by Dr. Sadler and Christy, "a grand lady," with whom he spent "14 most wonderful years." Says Martin, "Things really began to happen and haven't slowed down since."

Almost immediately, and especially after Dr. Sadler's death in the spring of 1969, Martin began working as an agent for URANTIA Foundation, and later became a trustee. There was (and still is) a tremendous amount of work to be done, but he found it "an invigorating, happy association." The only sad part, he adds, has been witnessing attempts to do harm to the revelation.

In addition to his URANTIA Foundation duties, Martin has been a member of the Judicial and International Fellowship Committees of URANTIA Brotherhood, and served on the Executive Committee for six years. He is also an officer of First URANTIA Society, where in addition to presenting papers for discussion, he contributes his talents for parliamentary debate, leading group singing, and making terrible puns. Martin's travels for the Foundation, the Brotherhood, and on personal business have taken him all over the U.S., and to France, Finland, the Netherlands, and Canada.



Martin Myers and E. L. Christensen
(photo taken in 1981, one year
before Christy's death)

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commentaries

The topic for these commentaries is:
"Other than URANTIA Brotherhood activities, what can one do to disseminate the teachings of The URANTIA Book?"

We've gotten involved in a church's fellowship group. The group slowly lost its original political-spiritual discussion focus and increasingly became a social time for friends. Vicki and I again felt the need for spiritual discussion and stimulation. We were not alone.

We discussed this need with two other couples in the large group and formed a small group of six with the exclusive purpose of discussing spiritual ideas. Soon another small group was formed. They both meet in their members' homes on a rotating basis. The hosting couple is responsible for finding a reading, duplicating it, and distributing it to the other members.

These groups deal with one's personal relationship with God. This focus has brought on a great deal of sharing and learning. Vicki and I have been enriched by others' viewpoints and have been able to share our understandings of some ideas in The URANTIA Book. A few people are interested in the book as we mention it to them personally. But what is really exciting is the nodding heads and smiles when we can share an idea of ours which we first learned from The URANTIA Book.



Bob Arkens
Clintonville, WI

I would have to say that on observing differing natures of URANTIA Book readers, I am left with the feeling that they should "tailor their ministry" to suit their own desires for outreach.

In Part IV of The URANTIA Book, we see time and again the important use of one on one individual personal contact and the "fruits" of this powerful method.

As I work and live in my area of the social strata, I am heartened many times by learning to know and understand different people of widely differing backgrounds.

Understanding others' wants and feelings takes me a long way toward knowing whether or not they need or want The URANTIA Book message.



Michael Mason
Hammond, IN

Imagine my surprise when asked to "write" this commentary! After all, while I'm certainly interested in The URANTIA Book and its effects on Urantia (such concerns are my job, you know), there is not a great need for the book here. We eat Mota for breakfast (you might call it food for thought).

Nevertheless, I chose to respond--since I could do no less--on the basis of how to convey the spirit of the book and its ideas though not necessarily the book itself. We do find the topic of God the Father, Michael cosmology, etc., of no small interest here. One might say we have dedicated our lives to such ideas. But we do not need The URANTIA Book to convey such teachings. Amid the variety of creatures and background (and you think America is a melting pot!), one must teach or communicate in as many ways as individuals with whom he comes in contact. We use any tools we might have available. For you, The URANTIA Book is one of the tools that you have. The paths to worship of The Great Teacher are many! Take the one which you can climb!

By the way, I am aware of the magnificent cities you have built of late on Urantia. And they say the Orange Race is extinct!



Porshunta
Jerusalem

graduations

Dr. Bob Myers, father of Martin Myers (see page 5) and a longtime member of First URANTIA Society, died this year. Services were held in Newton, Kansas, with Vern Grimsley officiating.

books

When Bad Things Happen to Good People

By Harold S. Kushner

"Why me, Lord?" Which of us has not said that? Drawing from personal experience, the author looks from various perspectives in order to show us why we should not hold God responsible for the bad things that life hands us. God has set us and the laws of nature free from his direct control. What results is that our lives become unpredictable, subject to a randomness that pervades the universe. In order to cope, we should look to God and to each other for the love, understanding and support that we all need to repair and heal our lives.

Fred Novak
Chicago, IL



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Looking back on his experiences with the Fifth Epochal Revelation thus far Martin reflects, "It's been a wonderful opportunity and privilege to be involved from this perspective. There's so much promise for the future in this movement."



SEEDS OF TRUTH

The time of the Awakening is near--
"Near," by cosmic time, it is indeed,
Aroused are many souls, while some do fear,
But all will see God's fully flowered seed.
The seeds of truth await their sacred hour
When they will grow to bless a garden wide,
Unfolding all their beauty through
 each flower
From inner chambers where the buds do hide:
But once they reach fulfillment of their
 selfhood,
A spiritual flowering will start,
To lead aspiring pilgrims into brotherhood
And draw them faithfully to Gods own heart.
When human destiny is comprehended
Our world will bloom as Father God intended.

David Glass
Bradenton, FL

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