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MISSOURI MEETINGS MULTIPLY

While there are not many readers of The URANTIA Book yet in Missouri, it is a state that probably can boast of more conferences per capita in its history than any other. This year's "Mid-America Get-Together," scheduled for April 15-17 in Kansas City, is officially claimed as the fifth such gathering.

There are three study groups listed with the URANTIA Brotherhood Domestic Extension Committee's log of such groups. They are located in Webster Groves, a suburb of St. Louis, and in Kansas City, where two exist.

Beverly Reed is the contact person in Webster Groves. Her group meets bi-weekly and averages five to six attenders.

Ila and Loren Hall (see "People," page 5) host the the South Kansas City group, as they have for several years. The Sunday meetings vary anywhere from eight to 16 people.

A few miles north is the North Kansas City Group, which meets in the home of Bob and Charlotte Bruyn. This weekly group averages about six.

(There are reports of a group meeting in the Ozarks, but this is yet to be confirmed.)



The two Kansas City groups ally themselves with members of a Kansas City, Kansas, study group, led by George and Judy Spoor, in planning the yearly "Get-Togethers."

This year's conference will feature speakers and small group sessions on the theme "Sharing The URANTIA Book--Opportunities and Obstacles." It will be held at the Holiday Inn City Center Hotel in Kansas City, MO. If it is like several meetings, it will attract about 100. Anyone interested in more information should contact Ila and Loren Hall, 8700 E. 110th St., Kansas City, MO 64134.

Many leaders within the URANTIA movement have commented on being amazed at the amount and quality of conference activity for an area like Kansas City which does not have a URANTIA society. Now, if only the lost colony of the Ozarks could be found!

Nathaniel Left Trace in India

It was a thrill to me, while teaching an adult Bible class in Three Rivers, Michigan back in 1974, to find in the teacher's manual this interesting statement: "Archibald Duff, a Scottish missionary, was traveling in India in 1849. Journeying to a town on the Ganges River, he came upon the largest Moslem mosque in the world. Inside was an inscription in Arabic that read,

"Jesus, on whom be peace, has said 'This world is merely a bridge; ye are to pass over it, and not build your dwelling upon it.'" In The URANTIA Book on page 1735, paragraph 6, I found that same quotation by Jesus, spoken as he and his followers crossed a bridge on the outskirts of Sidon, in their flight from the jurisdiction of

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from the editors

"The privilege of service immediately follows the discovery of trustworthiness. Nothing can stand between you and opportunity for increased service except your own untrustworthiness, your lack of capacity for appreciation of the solemnity of trust." (316)*

Trust is a quality which has its roots and manifestations in everyday efforts. It does not take moments of great solemnity to necessitate the "solemnity of trust." Trust, rather, is something that each of us should provide each time we are given any duty or responsibility, large or small.

Every project needs the willing hands and minds of each participant to complete it. And it takes courage to face and complete the tasks that are needed to make that project successful. It is easier to face the difficult moments and complete rigorous tasks than it is to faithfully perform the small, necessary--even repetitious--chores that must be done. When one member of a group abdicates his responsibilities, it simply causes those responsibilities to be dealt to the remaining workers who are willing to "discover" their trustworthiness, with the inevitable loss of esteem and trust between them and the shirkers left in the wake.

An unfortunate phenomenon we have observed to occur in the URANTIA movement is that some individuals clamor for the opportunity

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to do service and then neglect to take advantage of that opportunity by failing to show up to do that service. A corollary is the individual who expects responsibility before earning it, let alone he who claims responsibility after shirking it. Each of us might ask himself, "If I am expected to work on a project, do I show up for the work sessions? Do I complete tasks that are mine? Do I come to meetings at which I am expected? If I answered no to any of these questions, do I still expect to be president, editor, chairman, or any other position which demands the responsibility and trust which I refused to demonstrate? And if I realize where I must do more, is my response to try harder and

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letters

(Editor's Note: In the last issue of PERVADED SPACE, reader Jack Seaman (Owen Sound, Ontario) asked whether Swamy Cool really wears shades "because he has seen the light." Swamy's answer follows.)



In response to Jack's letter, like far in, man. That's cool. Yeah I have seen the light, but I always see the light--my shades are like mirrored on the inside!

Swamy Cool

Lake Forest Is Conference Site

The Sixth Midwest Conference will be held on June 3rd to 5th, 1983 at Lake Forest College, in Lake Forest, IL. The theme of the conference is "Evolution Working with Revelation: Spiritual Applications and Modern Life."

The program will include large group talks, discussion groups, multimedia presentations, and time to socialize. The keynote talk is entitled "Spiritual Priorities in Modern Life." Carolyn Kendall will speak on "Epochal Revelations and Modern Society," and Meredith Sprunger will close the conference with a talk entitled "Outreach and Modern Day Ministry." Two special presentations by David Kantor, who is from Castro Valley, California, and Dan Massey, from Sherborn, Massachusetts, will be included during the conference. David's presentation is a stimulating multimedia entitled "Genesis." Dan will talk about current day science and its relation to The URANTIA Book.

Information and registration forms have been sent out to midwest URANTIA Book readers. Any other individuals who might be interested in attending the conference may contact conference chairman, Mark Kulieke, at 415 Birch Street, Winnetka, IL 60093; Telephone (312) 441-7876.

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Less than a month after the Midwest Conference, Lake Forest College will again be the site for a URANTIA gathering. The URANTIA Brotherhood Seminars will be held there during the first week of July. Information about the seminars will be mailed soon.

Quad Cities Report

(Editor's Note: The following report from Tim Young, secretary of the Quad Cities URANTIA Book Study Group, details his group's activities.)

We meet on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Hauberg Civic Center, 1300 24th St., Rock Island, IL. We have been meeting there since September, 1981, except for August of each year when the center is closed.

In January of 1982, we began a cover to cover reading. We have just started Part II. We read as far as we can in the time allowed, taking as much time as we need for discussion. We deviate from our sequential reading if we have someone new attending, or if a member of the group wishes to present a special topic.

Over the past year we have had as few as two and as many as 15 at a meeting. Our number has increased from nine to 13 active members since we began publicly meeting, and we have had 10 new visitors over the past year. Five of the original group have moved out of the area since the first meeting in September, 1978.

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17 Quad City Study Group goers meet for their Thanksgiving supper at their Hauberg Center meeting place. (Photo provided by Tim Young)

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Herod. Since Nathaniel is the only one of the twelve apostles that The URANTIA Book mentions going to India, he must be the person responsible for that inscription. (See p. 1559.4.)*

I have always felt defensive regarding Nathaniel. He is completely ignored in the history of early Christianity. In the New Testament even his name is uncertain, being given as Bartholomew in the three Synoptics, and as Nathaniel only in the gospel of John. He must have been a most delightful person. He is described in Section 6 of Paper 139 as a philosopher, poet, humorist, and the best storyteller of the twelve. "Jesus greatly enjoyed hearing Nathaniel discourse on things serious and frivolous." (1558.5)* He got along splendidly with all the apostles except Judas--which is a bit ironic since it was Nathaniel who chose Judas to be an apostle.

After Pentecost, Nathaniel increasingly disapproved of Peter's emphasis on the final events of Jesus' life, the crucified and resurrected Christ, eloquent and effective though that was, instead of proclaiming the teachings of Jesus, the former gospel of the kingdom. Thus, Nathaniel had no part in the founding of the early Christian church. Presently he withdrew to Philadelphia and in about a year went on to Mesopotamia and India, preaching the gospel as he understood it. (2058.4)*

That inscription of Jesus' words in the great Moslem mosque in India is sure evidence that Nathaniel was an effective missionary, and that, unknown to Christendom, "he also was a great man in the kingdom, and did much to spread his Master's teachings." (1549.4)*

Do you suppose that the Mohammedan temple with the inscription of Jesus' words inside is still there?

Ruth Burton
Chicago, IL

■graduations

Arthur Born, of Glen Ellyn, IL, completed the Urantia portion of his ascendant career in January. Arthur served as a URANTIA Foundation trustee, a Brotherhood Executive Committee member, and a charter member and president of First URANTIA Society. A memorial service was held following that society's meeting on February 27, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, headquarters of the Foundation and Brotherhood. The memorial was sponsored by URANTIA Foundation.

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I. Margaret Sperry, of Kansas City, died on October 9, 1982. She was a long time URANTIA Book student in the Kansas City area. A tribute, by Donald Dunn, of Kansas City, MO, follows:

Her name was India Margaret Sperry, but she was mostly known simply as Margaret. And if all the Margarets of the world but knew her, they would carry their name with a little more pride, because she added a special luster to the name. She was a grand lady; she was Margaret.

She treated the scourge of her physical infirmities with a pleasant contempt. She used a wheelchair as little as possible, but when she had to use it you hardly noticed. There was a quiet calmness and dignity about her--and she seemed to treat monumental problems as if they were petty nuisances.

She was Margaret.

She not only could dream of an island home--she could and did draw a creditable blueprint for one. She could solve crossword puzzles--and seemingly with equal ease she could and did construct and sell them as well. She could and did make a beautiful coat in a few hours and made the task seem rather simple to casual onlookers.

She was a useful person, who dreamed of a cleaner and safer and more delightful world. What made her a little different was, she did what she could personally to achieve these goals, and to nudge other people to do the same. She helped in the planting of trees and flowers in the family yard; and she

* The URANTIA Book, URANTIA Foundation, 1955, Chicago, IL.

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people

The life of Loren and Ila Hall can be characterized by service--to their family, to others, and to the spread of The URANTIA Book teachings in Missouri.

Loren Hall was raised around Stockton, Missouri and Ila was raised in Butler. Ila lived on a farm during the Depression years where she milked cows, shucked corn and shocked wheat. "That is," she says, "I did all those things that you do on a farm." She and Loren met when they were small and neither of them was able to get a high school education because they lived so far from a town. "The Depression was so bad, one couldn't afford it," says Ila. "When it rained, the roads were impassable."

Loren joined the Navy when he was eighteen years old and got his high school diploma by correspondence while in the service. He came home just before World War II started and they were married in Baltimore, Maryland December 1, 1939. Ila and Loren had four children: Everett (the oldest), Bonnie, Marlene and Beverly. Everett, who had polio, was left unable to move any part of his body except his right arm. They cared for him until 1960, when he passed on.

Ila and Loren's first encounter with The URANTIA Book was in 1958. The family had driven down to the southeastern part of Missouri to attend a three-day UFO convention. Ila found the big blue book on a shelf along with some other books that had been brought to the convention. She opened it up to Paper 12, "The Universe of Universes", and then glanced through it. The twelve dollar price tag was more than they could spare at the time, so she copied down the name and address of the person who had brought it. After returning home she "nagged at Loren for the book" and it wasn't too long before they ordered it. Ila spent every moment she could reading the book and finally convinced Loren that "it was the Greatest Book Ever. I still think so today."

Loren and Ila have been active in URANTIA Book activities in the Kansas City area. They are organizers and in addition to sponsoring a Sunday evening study group, they have been active in sponsoring the



ILA AND LOREN HALL

"Mid-America Get-Together" each year. They are currently preparing for the upcoming conference.

In addition to their URANTIA Book activities Ila cares for three small grandchildren five days a week. Ila's ninety year old mother, who recently broke her hip, and her father have been cared for by Ila and Loren during the past year.

Ila writes, "there are so many people who have done so much more than we have. So many deserve so much more recognition than we two." But it is in the unselfish and unassuming service of Ila and Loren Hall that lies divine dignity. As The URANTIA Book states on page 316: "Service--more service, increased service, difficult service, adventurous service, and at last divine and perfect service--is the goal of time and the destination of space."*

* The URANTIA Book, URANTIA Foundation, 1955, Chicago, IL.

commentaries

The topic for these commentaries is the following statement on page 966:

"...even the restatement of the religion of Jesus must develop a new and appropriate symbolism. Modern man must find some adequate symbolism for his new and expanding ideas, ideals, and loyalties."*

Christianity and all other religions are replete with symbols. These symbols range from the simple crosses found in nearly every church to the elaborate stone, glass and jewel-encrusted precious metal ornaments that are truly the finest works of visual art. These symbols serve to remind, provoke, encourage, soothe, inspire, humble, and, hopefully, transform the adherents of that particular religion. They work well for, without them, no religious thought can reach man's perceptive mechanism nearly as effectively.

What new symbolism can serve to accompany the "reinstatement of the religion of Jesus"? We have as yet very little to offer, at least in quantity of symbols. The three blue concentric circles will, in my opinion, become an enduring representation of Urantian thought. The cross will always remain as the greatest reminder of an act of love and sacred service not only for Urantia but for a universe. (See pages 2018 and 2019.)*

Do we need more symbolism than these? Yes, because the religion of Jesus will ultimately come to be a component of every human institution, aspiration, event and activity. The symbolism must be representative of religious ideals that transcend current beliefs. But we simply cannot plan the new symbols as we plan a building. They must evolve from the consciousness of untold individuals who will strive to understand the Jesusonian ideas and ideals, and who will thus be inspired to create a symbolism which, as of now, we cannot imagine.

There is one element in the religion of Jesus, aside from the cross, which must be paramount and that is the "religious significance of the home." (P. 966)* We have

not yet evolved the representational symbols that vividly portray the meaning of the home in religious thought and activity. This void presents a fairly immediate, creative challenge.



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Given today's mind-set toward the words cult and symbolism, it is striking to note the use of them in the statements on page 966 of The URANTIA Book, q.v.

A review of the etymology and accepted definitions of cult and symbolism revealed the following:

"...Latin, cultus, noun of action, f. colere, to inhabit, cultivate, protect, honour with worship."

"cultivate ... to protect and encourage the growth of:... to improve by labor, care, or study: bring to culture, civilization, or refinement.

"symbolism ... artistic imitation, or invention, that is not an end in itself but a method of revealing or suggesting immaterial, ideal, or otherwise intangible truth or states...."

Is it not a valid observation that the pattern of the new cult and symbolism is already manifest, albeit largely unrecognized, in the as yet infant forms of the study group, the workshop and the seminar? Enthusiastic participatory consciousness would release the divine potential of this universal pattern.



Marjorie Reed
Lake Forest, IL

THE BANNER OF MICHAEL: Three azure circles on a field of white...now here is a great symbol with history and a lot of class. No symbol yet devised connotes so freely or elegantly the harmonious unity of total reality, its nature, and makeup. It has an arresting and stimulating gravity about it that draws the attention, and one just

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 Readers why no one has thought of it before now. In fact, as we know, this is the material emblem of the Trinity government of all creation and the only real symbol given by the Fifth Epochal Revelation to a truth-hungry world.

The human mind and will stray easily. The loving beings who created us were well aware that it was a short and easy leap from worshipping the GREAT SPIRIT to venerating HIS SYMBOL. Hence were we given only that which reflects the truth, beauty, and goodness of God--the real emblem of the Paradise Trinity.

Rodan says "only a glimpse of the circle of eternity can inspire man to do his best and can challenge the best in him to do its utmost." (1776)* Symbols temporarily arrest the attention, allowing higher levels of consciousness to invade awareness. If one adds motion to this symbol, as a pebble is dropped in a still pond, additional circles appear from the center in circular simultaneity. In motion toward you, concentric circles become a time tunnel to eternity. In the ascent from animal to spirit to God, newly appearing levels of reality attainment continually and forever appear to challenge and inspire the children of eternity--through Havona, on Paradise and in their transcendental future.

The Banner of Michael is a good symbol that is bound to come "into its own" on Urantia, given time. If we are patient and faithful, some day Michael's banner will fly over Urantia, as his light is shed abroad in people's hearts, as the world comes to know his Father.



Bill Martin
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correct such deficiencies, or is it to quit with a rationalization like, 'It wasn't that important, anyway?'"

Before we can enjoy the "privilege of service," before we can indulge ourselves by telling ourselves that we truly love, we must have trustworthiness. Then each opportunity to cultivate trustworthiness becomes an opportunity for service--and for love.

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The editors of PERVADED SPACE welcome long-time staff member Cece Forrester to the status of editor. This step confirms in name what has been true in fact for some time, for Cece works as hard and contributes as much or more than anyone to the newsletter. She has earned our trust, respect, and affection.

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planted ideals in the minds of her friends and relatives.

She was a good wife and mother and grandmother, yes; but let it be said once more that she was a grand lady. She was a woman of high vision who had ability--and durability.....

She was Margaret.



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OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO PRISON

For over a year the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma has been sponsoring a weekly study group at the Federal Prison at El Reno, OK. They began this project by donating a URANTIA Book to the prison library and after being contacted by one of the inmates they worked through the chaplain to begin a study group. The study group attendance varies from around 8 to 12 weekly with members of the Oklahoma Society going out to the prison each Sunday afternoon.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about the project and might be interested in pursuing this type of outreach in their area, the Oklahoma Society would be most anxious to assist in any way possible. They feel that the study group has helped the prisoners in their relationship with God and given them hope for a better, responsible life when they are released.

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