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LIBRARY PLACEMENT TAKES REVELATION OFF SHELF

Library book placement is a method of spreading The URANTIA Book which is unobtrusive, yet powerful in its potential. Numerous loyal readers first came into contact with the Book while browsing through the stacks. Still other new readers, after being introduced to the URANTIA teachings by friends, have depended on a copy borrowed from the local library until they were able to acquire one of their own.

Recognizing the importance of cultivating such fertile ground for new students of The URANTIA Book in the Chicago area, URANTIA societies have stepped up placement programs in recent years.

First URANTIA Society began a yearly program of seven books placed per year beginning with excess funds earned at a Fall, 1982 miniconference for readers and groups in the area. An ad hoc placement committee, chaired by David Owen of Chicago, polled society members to find out what kind of and which libraries into which they would like to see the initial set of books placed.

The books were placed personally by committee members into libraries throughout the Chicago area and northwestern Indiana, where several society members live. A sticker carrying the society's mailing address and date was enclosed. The organization plans to develop a fund the interest from which will place a yearly set of books. The sites for this year's books are being chosen now.

Orvonton URANTIA Society placed "three or four" books since the past Fall, according to member Mike Painter. The books were placed in libraries in the Western suburbs. The society meets at Mike's home in Oak Park, a near-western suburb of Chicago. The group plans to follow up its placement with checks of each book to see whether it's being taken out and if it's still on the shelf. The placement process will begin again next Fall.

Western Springs URANTIA Society has been involved with book placement, mainly in church and city libraries over the past few years. They have asked librarians to place the books in libraries where they know the book is not available. Lillian Nicholas, a former president of Western Springs Society, said that she feels that

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Foundation President Removed

A letter to the President, General Council, societies, and field representatives of URANTIA Brotherhood from URANTIA Foundation recently shocked readers of The URANTIA Book because of the unusual and unprecedented announcement it contained. It told of the decision of the other trustees of URANTIA Foundation to remove Tom Kendall first as president, after over 10 years, and then to begin the seven-month process to terminate his membership on the Foundation itself.

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THOMAS A. KENDALL

from the editors

The recent decisions by the other URANTIA Foundation members to first remove Thomas Kendall as president, after a ten-year stint, and then to begin the 7-month process to terminate his membership on the Foundation itself have at least two very disturbing ramifications, beyond whether the decisions are wise or not.

The first is a potential problem which has been possible since the superhuman helpers of the URANTIA revelation helped to set up the Foundation over thirty years ago.

The Foundation is a closed organization. It elects and (for the first time) terminates its own members with no one having any access to its decisions but the five trustees who comprise its entire membership. This provides continuity for the group which is entrusted with the all-important responsibility of publishing The URANTIA Book and protecting its integrity, copy-right, and the trademarks of the movement. As the provider of the charter for URANTIA Brotherhood, the Foundation is literally the foundation of the Fifth Epochal Revelation.

However, along with this continuity comes the ever-present danger that the Foundation will operate in a manner oblivious to the concerns of those in the movement. There is a major difference between assuming responsibility for a final decision and being heedless of general opinion while making that decision. It seems to many that this

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situation concerning Tom smacks of the latter. An informal, unscientific poll would seem to indicate that most readers who are aware of Tom's imminent dismissal are at least upset about it. But the Foundation has been uncommunicative as to its reasons. In a communication to the president, members of General Council, societies, and field representatives of URANTIA Brotherhood, dated January 16, it simply states, "For reasons known to the Board of Trustees, and specified to Thomas A. Kendall, Thomas A. Kendall was asked to resign..." No other reasons were given. A request from First URANTIA Society's president, Mark Kulieke, for further clarification netted a polite reply from the Foundation which gave no information whatsoever as to the reasons.

Perhaps the decision on the part of the trustees is a wise one in this case, perhaps not. But the controversy surrounding their decision underscores a fear many have had about the Foundation that at some point in the course of the movement's progress, a crucial decision or course of action would be made that could drastically alter--even damage--the Revelation and no one outside the Foundation would have access to their decision. This possibility--even inevitability--is inherent in the nature of the structure of the group. There seems to be only one solution: the willingness of the trustees to make their decisions realizing that their responsibility is final, but that it does not exist in a

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Conferences Abound

The 7th "Heart of America Get-Together" is being sponsored by the Kansas City area study groups and students of The URANTIA Book on May 4, 5 & 6, 1984. The theme of this year's conference is "Our Unseen Friends". It will focus on the nature and ministry of our invisible helpers as we sojourn on Urantia. For more information, write or call:

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8700 E. 110th St.
Kansas City, MO 64134
816-763-2008

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Plans for the 1984 Midwest Conference are under way by the Ohio URANTIA Book readers. The theme for this conference is "What the Heck Is the Father's Will?" It will be held on October 5, 6 & 7, 1984 at the Marydale Retreat Center in Erlanger, Kentucky. The site is about 8 miles from Cincinnati. Conference planners Don and Mary Ann Krell, Jim and Chris Johnston and Ted and Vicki Blaney report that plans are moving forward. Information about the conference will be mailed out over the next few months. Contact Don and Mary Ann Krell for more information.

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The Central Coast Conference of Students of The URANTIA Book will present a Thanksgiving conference on November 23-25. The name will be "Fifth Epochal Planetary Service." For information, write:

Central Coast Conference
P. O. Box 357
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-0357

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Francyl Gawryn and Eileen Lawrence are collecting names of people interested in forming a madrigals singing group to possibly perform (or at least to practice) at the Green Lake General Conference. If you're interested, contact:

Francyl Gawryn
578 Mt. Dell
Clayton, CA 94517

If interested in information about an 11 x 14 color reproduction of an oil painting of Jesus, contact:

Artlight
4424 Willow Lane
Boise, ID 83702

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The regional meeting of Québec readers of The URANTIA Book will be held at Camp St.-François on L'Île d'Orléans, Québec, Canada. The dates are August 24, 25 and 26, 1984. The theme has not yet been announced. For more information, write:

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vacuum; the opinions of other readers should be at least listened to.

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The other major concern, beyond simply questioning whether Tom's removal is justified, is whether, as many suspect, the trustees' decision is based on ideological differences. Tom's notice of termination came shortly after he did not sign as president a letter to the mailing list of URANTIA Brotherhood concerning the Foundation's position--a negative one--toward Vern Grimsley's claimed communications regarding an imminent global war. The letter was signed by then-Vice President, now President, Martin Myers. If his termination was due to any position Tom had regarding Vern, which did not cause him to act in any manner detrimental to the movement, then it came down to a differing point of view. Unfortunately, too often are individuals in the URANTIA movement judged by their opinion regarding the hot issue of the movement, rather than by their ideas, creativity, knowledge of the book, record of productive involvement, or even integrity. Then when the next issue comes up, the liaisons change.

There should be room within the Foundation for a differing point of view. Unity without uniformity should be possible within URANTIA organizations.

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placing books is important but also that one needs to follow up after the placement. She suggests leaving The URANTIA Book on a table in the library or checking it out to show it has been used.

Members of Glenview URANTIA Society have been involved in book placement both as individuals and as a society. Gloriann Harris, a long-time member of the group, reported that approximately six books have been placed during the last two years. They also have five more to be placed soon.

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On the level of URANTIA Brotherhood, library book placement is a long-standing tradition. The Gift Book Fund has existed almost since The URANTIA Book was first published, and is supported by contributions to URANTIA Brotherhood in which the donor specifies that the money is for the Gift Book Fund. An individual or group may, after contacting a library where they would like to have a gift book placed and obtaining the consent of the acquisitions librarian, write to URANTIA Brotherhood and ask for a book to be mailed to the library from headquarters. According to Marian Rowley, gift book requests seem to be on the increase. Last year, 230 books were placed in libraries through the Fund, and 80 more have been placed this year to date. In addition, Marian reports, many individuals and groups purchase books on their own and donate them to libraries. A letter to Headquarters notifying her of such placements is always appreciated, she adds.

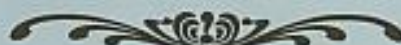
Some of the book placement projects Marian knows of are conducted by a study group in Seattle, another in Alaska, a man in southern Arizona, and a group in California which concentrates on prison libraries. URANTIA Societies involved in book placement from their own funds include URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut and First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles.

In recent years, the Domestic Extension Committee has become increasingly involved in library book placement, with funds included in the Committee's budget for that purpose by the Brotherhood. Tom Allen of Oklahoma City, OK is coordinating a project whereby books are mailed to volunteers throughout the country. These individuals visit libraries in person and let Tom know

when a placement has been made. In this way, all-important personal contact is maintained in placing library books and making sure they remain available to readers, while central coordination provides the impetus for this important service project, ensures that duplication is avoided, and targets areas that may need more attention.

Currently, the committee is working on a project to identify smaller, more specialized libraries, where The URANTIA Book may have a better chance of "finding" new readers.

A new possible study group may be forming soon at the State Correctional Facility at Michigan City, IN, as a result of First URANTIA Society's book placement program. When Mike Ferree and Mike Mason, both of Hammond, IN and First Society members, visited the institution to present the gift book, they were told by the librarian there that several inmates might like to start a group if the Messrs. Mike would be willing to come out and help. They are now waiting for approval to be given at the Facility.



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The Foundation, which publishes the book and protects its copyright, is a closed organization which makes its decisions outside of the organizational influence of other readers or URANTIA Brotherhood, whose charter it grants. Nevertheless, many readers have had strong opinions when they found out.

Shortly after the January 16 letter about Tom, Glenview URANTIA Society sent a letter to the Foundation expressing its "support, appreciation and spiritual solidarity with URANTIA Foundation for its recent courageous stand in its continuing task of protecting the integrity of the fifth epochal revelation..." The society's letter did not specify what actions it was supporting. Before other expressions by societies were sent, the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood requested that individual societies withhold their opinions, either

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people

If dependability, reliability, responsibility, painstaking attention to detail and loyalty are essential factors in an individual's contribution to the URANTIA movement, then Cece Forrester's importance to the movement must be nearly unparalleled. On every level of the movement, not the least of which (to us) is her hard work in the production end of PERVADED SPACE, she has demonstrated skill and integrity, along with an active knowledge of the teachings of The URANTIA Book.

Cece Forrester was the first of four children born in Chicago to Cecilia and Clyde Forrester. When she was 3½, Cece and her family moved to Glenview, Illinois, which has been her family home since then.

Around the age of four, she discovered the joy of reading, and has not been able to put down a book since then. Her family vacations, both at a summer home at Pistakee Lake in Illinois, and camping around the country, are some of Cece's fondest childhood memories.

After skipping one grade during her elementary school career, she attended Glenbrook South High School in Glenview, and graduated from Rockford College in 1972 with a B.A. in Humanities.

It was during her freshman year at college that she discovered The URANTIA Book. Cece and her college roommate were experimenting with a Ouija board. They would ask it questions about religion and got some semi-coherent and cryptic responses about different categories of angels. This piqued Cece's curiosity, and during her spring vacation she went to the Glenview Public Library to get more information about angels. She ran across The URANTIA Book in the religion section and checked it out. She later checked it out again and finally, two years later, after getting up enough nerve, she wrote Brotherhood headquarters in Chicago and ordered her own book.

After graduation from Rockford College, she went to work at Albert Jay Rosenthal & Co., an advertising agency in Chicago, and is presently employed there as a Media Planner.

After spending a few years being uncertain about the validity of The URANTIA Book, she later contacted Christy and eventually began attending First URANTIA Society study meetings in the fall of 1974.

Since her involvement with the URANTIA movement, Cece has been extremely active in all aspects of the movement. She joined First Society in 1976, and has served as its capable secretary for seven years. She also chaired the 1982 Chicago area miniconference sponsored by First Society. She has served as secretary of the Domestic Extension Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood. Other activities include being a member of the 1980 Midwest Conference planning committee, an editor of PERVADED SPACE, a presenter at workshops and an attender of various area study groups. Cece characterizes her involvement with the URANTIA movement as "noblesse oblige. I felt from the beginning that, having been given the Book, I should make some contribution in return. Living near headquarters gave me a natural opportunity to be of service."

Cece finds interests outside the URANTIA movement as well. She enjoys baroque music and science fiction and is fond of cats (she owns one, named Wendy). She is also a member of

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Cece Forrester, in traditional Life Carrier garb, at a 1978 Halloween party.

■ commentaries ■

The topic for these commentaries is:
How can we augment spiritual unity in the URANTIA movement in the presence of ideological diversity?

Spiritual unity in the URANTIA movement is probably close to the top of the list of the Most Highs. A high degree of spiritual unity certainly must be important for the survival of this revelation.

Unity among URANTIA Book readers must always be augmented by all associated organizations. One of the best methods to my way of thinking is through personal contact. Plenty of socializing is good, but also working together in informal and formal gatherings for any good purpose is excellent. Close association with fellow readers near and far is of great value to each of us.

It is inevitable that there will be diversity of ideals, but if we can just stay in relatively close contact with each other, this closer association will help us strive for better understanding of our fellow. With better understanding, wisdom and love we can bridge these ideological separations with higher spiritual unity.



Harold Schomas
Park Ridge, IL

Achieving and maintaining spiritual unity while allowing free-thinking concerning religious ideas and beliefs is one of the greatest challenges facing URANTIA readers and URANTIA organizations today. Religionists before us have only partially succeeded in doing this. Jesus taught that the only uniform thing about us is the indwelling spirit (p.1672), that in our teaching we should always appeal to the spirit within, and that our harmony with others will come from this awareness of truth.

One way unity can be maintained is to adopt the practice of placing principles before personalities, that is, agreeing upon desirable principles which all are to be applied without favor to all individuals within our social groups. Jesus gave us authority concerning the temporal affairs of the kingdom on earth (p. 1747) but we must do this in ways that preserve spiritual unity. One principle some of today's civil governments

recognize is due process--insuring individuals a fair process of judgment concerning wrong doing. This would seem to be one principle that would help maintain unity; the due process we recognize could be the "Jesus grievance procedure" (p.1747) for handling differences of opinion.

Perhaps the most valuable principle we could follow is to treat all our brothers and sisters with respect even when we disagree with their ideas and opinions. Cymboyton's school at Urmia was founded on this principle: there was but one doctrine teachers had to accept--some sort of supreme Deity; otherwise teachers were free to discourse about their beliefs without intolerance, a contentious spirit, or any other disposition to interfere with the smooth running of the school. Any teacher who attempted to make his teachings dominant over the other beliefs was immediately dismissed and replaced by another teacher. When Cymboyton died, his successors failed to follow this practice and within five years internal fighting had destroyed the school. Perhaps we can learn a lesson from this and maintain our organizations and activities more successfully.



Barbara Kuliecke
Winnetka, IL

In considering how we can augment spiritual unity in the URANTIA Movement in the face of ideological diversity we must immediately distinguish between personal and organizational possibilities and realities.

Our goal on a personal basis is to love one another as Jesus loves us. Our ability to function on a group basis, however, is limited by the social realities as well as by our personal limitations.

Jesus' teachings were directed to the individual; he avoided social pronouncements leaving each successive generation to its respective on-going challenge of adjusting its ideals to the then extant realities of a demanding and far-from perfect world.

In loving one another especially in the context of the family Jesus pointed out to John Mark that love is to be guided by wisdom in its bestowal, that is, as Rodan emphasizes, the ideal as well as the fact must be considered and melded together.

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books

Stones For Ibarra'
by Harriet Doerr

Motivated by a romantic dream of re-activating his grandfather's once prosperous copper mine, a young North American and his wife cross all the frontiers, geographical, cultural and spiritual, to take up residence in the remote Mexican village, Ibarra, where the mine is located.

On this slender thread of story Mrs. Doerr ties brilliant sketches of place and personality. Selected details, vividly colored in unexpected fashion, are but invitations to you the viewer/reader to enter this world and sojourn for a while, to become engaged, however tentatively, in the reality of Ibarra rather than remaining a mere observer, unknown to the author's friends and therefore to yourself as well.

I was moved by a pervasive sense of graciousness, a quality of revelation which other reviewers have described as an extraordinarily lovely and pure style, so rarely encountered. The work merits at least a visit to your local library.

Marjorie Reed
Lake Forest, IL

letters

I always enjoy reading PERVADED SPACE and in addition, find much valuable information. Congratulations on a job well done! Keep up the good work.

Julia Fenderson
Culver City, CA

To the URANTIA Movement:

With the proliferation of literature about Vern Grimsley, I am curious to know why there has not appeared a cogent supporting piece for his message and status. It is so

strange that one who was a virtual child prodigy in religious and philosophic studies, one who has served the URANTIA Revelation and his own Family of God Foundation in true dedicated fashion for over 20 years, and one who until recently had a direct connecting link to the Foundation as an agent should be selected for special service? Is it odd that the planetary government having had a continuous conduit to the humans connected with the URANTIA Revelation for over 70 years should choose a successor to carry on the potential for contact into the future? Or is it preferred that we be isolated once again? Who is creatively thinking in association with the teachings? Where is fairness when only one side is presented? It is easy to tear down. Who can provide a rational defense?

Received unsigned

Don't forget the General Conference of the URANTIA Brotherhood, to be held at Green Lake, WI, August 12-17. If you are interested and did not receive information, contact Brotherhood headquarters, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL 60614. Details will be discussed in PERVADED SPACE in the next issue.



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Mensa, an organization for individuals with high IQ's. She stays in close touch with her family, including a brother and sister who live close to her. With Cece's encouragement, her brother has even begun reading The URANTIA Book.

But working within the movement is where her contributions should be emphasized. One person who has worked closely with Cece on many different projects is Dave Kulieke. He said, "Every time I have been involved with an important endeavor, particularly one which is demanding, requires patience and skill, and where I need someone I can absolutely depend on, I make certain that Cece is involved. During four years I spent as president of First URANTIA Society, Cece was asked many times to spend a great deal of time on numerous special events and projects we conducted since she was secretary of the society. Her loyalty, dedication to the completion of the task, and the surety I had of the quality of her work, together with many other attributes, make her indispensable as both a coworker and a friend."

May such uplifted habits continue!



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pro or con, and not write letters. However, First Society had already requested clarification from the Foundation of the reasons for their decision and received a reply that did not answer the question.

It remains to be seen what missives to the Foundation will be generated by individuals or other groups. (An editorial appears on page 2.)

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In viewing our expanding Brotherhood as part of the larger family of Mankind, we too are admonished to proceed wisely, taking account of both the fact and the ideal, recognizing both personal limitations as well as organizational imperatives.

On an organizational level we may productively coordinate our group efforts through the constitutional mechanisms of our URANTIA Brotherhood, giving recognition both to our ideals and the true nature of the reality in which we live. Such a rational group association using considered group wisdom promises the best approach for progressive group association in spite of--and perhaps really as a positive consequence of--ideological differences.

By facing the facts of a situation and by engaging in a rational and wise, quality compromise and resolution of our divergent points of view we shall have a Brotherhood rationally directed and truly spiritually sustained, whose idealism and love are tempered by wisdom and guided by intelligence.

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