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TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

By Jim McNelly

At the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver to be held on Saturday, February 6th, we will select for the first time a representative to attend the Triennial Delegate Assembly meeting of the URANTIA Brotherhood. I would like to share some information on how the Brotherhood is structured, and what the responsibilities of our society are.

In a representative government sense, the societies are the basic units of the Brotherhood. Representation is given to the T.D.A. delegate, one from each of the thirteen societies, and these representatives elect the General Council, who then select the members of the Executive Committee. The societies are autonomous in their own affairs, except as limited by the Brotherhood Constitution and by the Foundation's licensing agreement.

Every three years at the T.D.A., twelve new members of the thirty-six member General Council are selected. In addition, the delegates can pass resolutions and other items for consideration by the General Council. It is the Council, not the T.D.A., which has the power to pass by-laws and set Brotherhood policy.

The General Council is also assigned the task of selecting members to the various committees as well as the chairmen. Additionally, the Council selects the Brotherhood officers, including the president, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Secretary-General. The officers, with the departmental Committee heads constitute the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has its authority delegated to it from the General Council and conducts the daily affairs of the Brotherhood. In this manner, there is provision for an orderly, yet infrequent transfer of leadership within the Brotherhood. While it may seem the role of the General Council could be performed by the Triennial Delegate Assembly, this would become impractical as the number of societies increases.

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An Invitation...

At the last meeting of the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society held on October 24th, the society voted to sponsor an event to be held on January 9th, for sharing the teachings of Jesus and The URANTIA Book. This day of sharing will be held at 2PM in the auditorium of the Denver Academy, 235 South Sherman (at the corner of Alameda).

Jim McNelly, president of our Society, will open the presentation with welcoming remarks. Society member Merrit Horn will deliver a talk on "The Philosophy of The URANTIA Book, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." Fred Shupp, a new Denverite recently moved from the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society, will close with a presentation on "The Teachings of Jesus." Following the large group presentation, there will be small group workshops for discussion.

The tone of the large group presentations will be designed for new readers, and to introduce individuals to the Book's supernal message. Readers are encouraged to bring friends to this event; the first of what we hope will become a regular outreach program. If there is sufficient interest, a follow up study group will be scheduled.

The 1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE AT SNOWMASS

By Mark Alexander

The URANTIA Brotherhood's General Conference, which attracted 900 people, was held in mid-summer this year at the Rocky Mountain resort of Snowmass. The unifying theme of the well orchestrated five day event was "The Universal Father."

All of the participating personalities and pre-personalities, the visible and the invisible, deserve our eternal appreciation for their inspirational contributions; especially the Universal Father for his merciful omnipresence.

A School
by Merritt Horn

A school for advanced and intensive study of The URANTIA Book in Boulder is now in the planning stages with programs expected to begin in the spring of 1982.

There is no one here in the Boulder community who claims to be an "expert" on The URANTIA Book, but we feel we can nonetheless begin such an undertaking with the help of our friends within the movement across the country; each of us contributing whatever knowledge, training, or other resources we have to the furtherance of this project.

The curriculum, while still under development, is expected to include: 1) an intensive sequential study of the papers of the Book; 2) a seminar program bringing to Boulder scholars of The URANTIA Book from across the country to further synthesize the teachings of the Book and to correlate the contents of the revelation with the knowledge and wisdom of the world: science, philosophy, history, religion, etc.; 3) a service project/ministry program designed to develop the ability of the students to put their knowledge to work out in the world in the service of the kingdom.

Some of these projects will be part of the continuing outreach program of the school, while others will be developed by the individual students according to their needs, desires, and strengths. Additionally, some of the student's project time will be spent contributing to the maintenance of the school and its programs in lieu of any tuition. (There will be no tuition charges for the program, which, if taken full-time, will take about two and one-half years to complete)

Triennial ...

While the Brotherhood structure is somewhat removed from the societies in that the societies have a representative for only one day every three years, the T.D.A. can change the entire membership of the General Council in only nine years. If the General Council found it appropriate, they could change the Executive Committee every three years.

It is important therefore, that the society take its role in selecting a delegate seriously. The person representing the society must be familiar with not only the structure of the Brotherhood, but be capable of selecting qualified individuals to serve on the General Council as well. To aid the decision making process, our society has allocated travel expenses for its delegate so the financial position of the candidate will not be a consideration.

We foresee the development of a strong outreach program into the community, as well as to the community of URANTIA Book readers. Weekend seminars on topics of interest to both groups will be offered periodically.

We see the school as an opportunity for a small group of students of the Book to get together on a daily basis to deepen their knowledge, socialize their understanding, share their insights, and mutually strengthen their commitment to this Fifth Epochal Revelation.

A brochure outlining the program will be mailed out sometime in the near future. In the meantime, if anyone has questions, they may address these to John Hay, 1636 18th St., Boulder, CO 80302.

Over time, a great need will develop for leaders within the movement. We hope to contribute to the ability of these individuals to make a lasting contribution to the furtherance of the realization of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man on Urantia by providing this program, the goals of which are designed to promote a deeper understanding and a more effective working knowledge of The URANTIA Book.

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By Linda McNelly

At the last meeting of the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society it was decided that a newsletter article be written to prepare society members for the upcoming election.

The election of society officers will be held at the next annual meeting of the society on February 6, 1982. Nominations will be taken from the floor, so be prepared to nominate qualified persons to serve for a two year term. Also give consideration to your own abilities, interests and availability in case you find yourself nominated to serve. Four members of the Membership Committee and our first Delegate and Alternate to the Triennial Delegate Assembly of the URANTIA Brotherhood will also be chosen at this meeting.

According to our constitution, the duties of the President involve presiding at all meetings of the assembly of the society (a minimum of two meetings per year), and at all meetings of the Coordinating Committee (a minimum of two meetings per year). Our Vice-president serves as Chairman of the Membership Committee, which passes on the qualifications of candidates for membership in the society. The Secretary records, keeps copies and transmits information of value, which includes giving notice of the meetings, taking minutes, and performing duties required by the URANTIA Brotherhood such as filling out membership reports. The Treasurer administers the monies and properties of the society, makes reports and recommendations to the society and fulfills obligations regarding financial reports to the URANTIA Brotherhood. The Study Group Officer is a position unique to the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society. The duties are written as being advocacy, liason and coordination with existing study groups and promotion of new groups.

In addition to the constitutionally outlined responsibilities, each officer brings to the position their own outlook on the direction of the society, and their own personal interpretation of their role as a member of the Coordinating Committee of the society. Officers serve for a two year term and they hold the same position for a maximum of two successive terms.

Jim McNelly, our society president, said he felt some of his most important work has been in fostering and promoting ideas brought to him from readers. He has worked on the Newsletter Committee and the Book Committee and in organizing the January outreach program, "The Teachings of Jesus". He attends the Boulder and Denver study groups and has visited many other groups in the state. He was recently appointed to the Fraternal Relations Committee of the URANTIA Brotherhood.

Vice-president Paul Knott, who also chairs the Membership Committee, described his role as being an active participant in society meetings, Coordinating Committee meetings, meetings to get acquainted with prospective new members, and meetings to review qualifications of new candidates. Paul has also conducted initiation ceremonies for new members. He is a study group leader, and has graciously shared his school, the Denver Academy, for many of our meetings and gatherings, in addition to his service as vice-president.

The other persons on the Membership Committee are Joanne Brummett, Steve Tatum, Gary Carter and Rick Tippett (who replaced Tom Foster after Tom moved to New Jersey). Among other things this committee has accomplished is the compilation of an orientation packet to acquaint new members to the society. We will also be electing persons to fill these four positions at the February meeting. Persons on that committee may accept a nomination to accept a second term.

Marilyn Hauck, who is pursuing her graduate studies in sociology of religion and counseling at Iliff School of Theology, sees her job as secretary, as a "clearinghouse with an overall view" of the society. The responsibilities of Society Secretary include caretaking the constitution, assisting with the updating of the readers and mailing list, and acting as corresponding secretary. Marilyn is currently serving on the Education Committee of the URANTIA Brotherhood.

John Hay, as founding treasurer filed for and gained non-profit status with the IRS for our society, set up our society's checking and savings accounts, does the bookkeeping, makes annual reports to the IRS, created our annual budget and keeps the dues records. He hosts a study group in his home, is an active member of the Book Committee, and is responsible for placing forty URANTIA Books in numerous bookstores.

Roxanne Andrews found the Study Group Officer position to be rewarding and valuable work, especially when helping new readers find other readers in their area. She has assumed responsibility for our mailing list, and considers it the biggest chore related to the position, with 50 to 75 additions, deletions, or address changes with each mailing (about three times per year). She also works closely with the Newsletter Committee, insuring that readers have access to information pertaining to social activities, study group locations, seminars, and other regional gatherings. Roxanne also hosts a study group in her home.

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RUMORS OF GLORY

By Terry Kruger

Somehow it was appropriate a potluck dinner marked the beginning of a new chapter in the history of our URANTIA Society. A number of people had gathered at the home of Jim and Roxanne, not just to consume mass quantities of delicious spaghetti and cheap wine, but to lay the foundation for an unprecedented event. On January ninth of the new year, the society will host an afternoon gathering designed to introduce our fellows to the thrilling message of The URANTIA Book.

As students of the Book, we are aware of its priceless message, alive and awaiting the breath of action; action we as kingdom believers must perform. It is the degree of action which has always been the arbitrary point of discussion among those entrusted with this noble duty, and heretofore, the challenges of turning others on to the Fifth Epochal Revelation were nearly always experienced on an individual basis. And rightly so, for real religion is an intensely personal experience, and the sharing of our personal spiritual experiences happens most naturally in a setting with a person we love, and are comfortable sharing our inner life with. It is the "one-on-one" sharing which imparts an aura of sincerity: I am telling only you. Our Master made frequent use of such personal contact with his fellows, but he also taught in another way.

At the age of thirteen in the temple at Jerusalem, Jesus taught a group of scribes and teachers; it was his first participation in group discussion with his elders since his graduation from the Nazareth schools. And as he became fully aware of his divine

mission on earth, he devised to teach ever increasing numbers of spiritually hungry souls, as he and his chosen apostles taught the message of eternal life on the hillsides of Palestine.

When we embrace the Fifth Epochal Revelation, we too become "chosen" to share with our fellows the message of the ages. As Sons of the kingdom of heaven, we are faced with the double responsibility of duty to man, and duty to God. We voluntarily assume service to our God-knowing brothers as a third obligation.

Our society is attempting to shoulder this responsibility: in a unanimous vote at the last general meeting, we took an initial step towards fulfilling our collective duty to our brothers. We intend to supplant the rumors of glory with the actual proof thereof. By introducing The URANTIA Book to a selected gathering of our friends, men and women who we know to be spiritually searching, people who are peripherally aware of The URANTIA Book, we hope to afford them an opportunity to consider it as a genuine avenue to spiritual inlightenment.

As book readers, we know of the Book's incomparable cosmology, its matchless restatement of the life of Jesus, its thrilling portrayal of our ascension careers. But for each one of us who have the great good fortune to partake in this revelation, there are literally thousands of others who flounder in spiritual confusion. It is this group of our fellows we hope will be most susceptible to our efforts.

Tell your friends about our project; tell them it is our first attempt at such an undertaking, and how much we both can gain from this encounter. Our Master would have us be the light of this world; at the very least we have an occasion to demonstrate, "By their fruits you shall know them." See you there.

TRANSPORT VELOCITY REVISITED

By Jim McNelly

In the last issue of the "Planetary Prints" we mentioned that we were looking for information relating to the velocity of seraphim. The question was, "If the transport seraphim velocity is limited to three times the speed of light, how can there be a resurrection in three days when the system headquarters is light years away?"

We had several responses, including the suggestion that we were out of our minds and another that we stick to the question of how many angels can sit on the head of a pin. On the whole, most theories were very helpful, especially the letter from Dan Massey in Boston. Any reader can contact us for Dan's complete response.

Dan had these observations. "Clearly, Mansonia number one is more than a few light years from Urantia, or else the geometrical arrangement of our system is wildly different from what it appears to be. I note on page 1232 that there is a reference to 'third period'. Certainly 'third period' is a most indefinite reference."

Dan goes on to explain that both time and space are relativity concepts, and that as one speeds up, the other is altered in its perception. In a certain respect, existence at the speed of light even approaches simultaneity. The concept of traveling faster than the speed of light is alien to modern science such that the normal laws of physics would not apply.

As a conclusion, Dan feels "It may be possible for the guardian of destiny to complete the trip from Urantia to the Mansion worlds within the allotted three days, however long that turns out to be. It still takes the seraphim a long time to make the trip, but she arrives in time for the event on the third day."

Another reader, Tim Young, suggests that the quarantine of our world might result in our misplacing of the location of the system headquarters. Tim also points out that only an advanced soul resurrects on the third day whereas a lesser evolved person is a sleeping survivor, one who resurrects in as much as a thousand years.

Readers have also been sending information and articles on various other topics related to the research project mentioned in the last issue. This research program is designed to help correlate modern knowledge with the teachings of The URANTIA Book.

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The newest member in the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver is Carl Pickering, who was accepted into The URANTIA Brotherhood on October 24th, 1981. We doubt if we could say anything more eloquent than did Carl at the time of his acceptance, so we'll share his words with you.

The cause for which I am so privileged to stand in this world, is The URANTIA Brotherhood. For I surely know what it is to sit in darkness, bathed in the cold light of stars flung like grains of sand across the unfathomable expanse, and bury in my heart the hope of ever knowing what it all really means -- and with the burden of care that one suffers in the place of a God "who is not there." Even Vladimir expressed it rather admirably, I should think, in Samuel Beckett's Waiting For Godot: "What are we doing here, that is the question. And we are blessed in this, that we happen to know the answer." Thus can I care enough to share the redeeming gift of knowing all that I so desperately needed to know all my life.

We who live in the certain continuity of the soul, embraced by the vast resources of a universe dedicated to the Paradise plan of mortal ascension, celebrate in resplendent wonder the loving grace of all who have served to convey the Fifth Epochal Revelation of God to man.

RMUSD Election ...

For the first time our society will be sending a delegate and alternate to the Triennial Delegate Assembly of the URANTIA Brotherhood, to be held in Chicago this coming summer. This is a serious responsibility, and candidates for these positions should be well informed, possessing an international perspective of the URANTIA movement. They should have a clear understanding of the URANTIA Brotherhood structure, functioning, and policies, with knowledge of qualifications for nominees to the General Council. Topics sure to come up are book distribution, and representation. The delegates we send should be especially skilled in working constructively in a decision-making group.

There are many persons in our area who are giving their time and insight to promote the goals of the URANTIA Brotherhood: officers, committee members, workers, and readers throughout the state. Please give thoughtful consideration to the upcoming election, and the candidates you would like to see nominated to best serve and represent our Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society.

Find Your Self - At A URANTIA Study Group

By Roxanne Andrews

The Rocky Mountain region has been experiencing a considerable amount of growth in new readers, with most study groups reporting a surge of vitality from the participation of these new and very welcome students of the Book. The Snowmass Conference has also been a contributing factor in sustaining enthusiasm and sincere commitment to in-depth study of the superb teachings of *The URANTIA Book*, by the more "seasoned" readers. For more information about the individual study groups, please contact the following people listed below; if you don't live near any of the groups listed, call me, Roxanne Andrews at 423-4510. Enjoy!

Central Denver - Jim & Linda McNelly: 457-2897
Jim & Joann Brummett: 839-1851

Boulder - John & Joann Hay: 442-5639

Arvada - Jim & Roxanne Andrews: 423-4510
Rick Tippett: 431-4722

Golden - Ann Connors: 279-8564

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Colorado Springs - Gerald & Carol Hunter: 598-4180
Pat Lauro: 634-0411

Pueblo - Buck & Arlene Weimer: 544-8752

Fort Collins - Starr Freeman: 482-7249
Kim Stenson: 484-0594

Greely - Kip & Jackie Kaveny: 351-0066

Grand Junction - Ken & Andrea Barnes: 245-4164

Newcastle - Don & Lynn Chapman: 945-8111

We are losing Rick Tippett in mid-December; no, he isn't fusing, just moving to Arizona - but we need to find a new home for his study group. If you live in the Arvada area and would enjoy a dynamic, ready-made study group, call Rick or Roxanne.

Velocity ...

For information on the over three thousand individual scientific facts found in the Book, we are accepting newspaper clippings, magazine articles and scientific reports. As in any research project, first hand documentation is the most valuable, so please send any copies of scientific reports you may have access to. If you are interested in our "adopt a fact" plan or have any information to submit, contact Jim McNelly, 5243 E. 100th ave. Denver, Co. 80229.

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