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## Society Conclave

In late March of this year, the First URANTIA Society in Chicago sponsored a conclave of representatives of the various URANTIA Societies as a part of the First Society's twenty-five year anniversary celebrations. Jim Mc Nelly of the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver attended the weekend meetings that were organized to help to better understand the role of the societies in relation to The URANTIA Brotherhood and how better to facilitate communication between societies. While the gathering held no administrative authority, representatives of both the Brotherhood and the Foundation participated in discussions led by David Kulleke, President of the First Society. The central themes were the nature and importance of home-oriented study groups, the role of societies in representing the Brotherhood organization, and how the Brotherhood can best serve the needs of its members. While the organizational authority of the URANTIA Brotherhood rests in the General Council and the Executive Committee, it is the Triennial Delegate Assembly of Society representatives that gives authority to the other bodies. The Societies are autonomous in their local affairs, and the conclave was the first time the societies have met to discuss mutual goals and problems. From the fermentation of the interchange of ideas it is hoped that more unified activities and purposes can be manifested in the future.

Any person interested in more information regarding the conclave should contact the Society President, Jim Mc Nelly at 457-2897.

## Last Call

If you wish to attend the Snowmass Conference and have not yet pre-registered, it is imperative that you do so immediately. Send your check (\$17.50 per adult or teenager, \$8.00 per child), made payable to URANTIA Brotherhood 1981 Conference and send it directly to Nancy Grimsley, Chairman, Box 126, Berkeley, CA 94701.

## RESEARCH PROJECT ALIVE & WELL

Do you have a special area of interest in the URANTIA Book? Do you notice similar or parallel thoughts when you're reading other materials-- anything from technical journals to philosophy, the social sciences to contemporary literature? Have you even cut out, copied or saved a few of these parallel thoughts? Then you have something of useful value! The first Sunday open house at Mc Nelly's has recently evolved into a group with a purpose (No pun intended). extended research project is envisioned, collecting together findings in the sciences, arts, religious thinking and philosophy that corrolate with the URANTIA teachings. Documentation of those high human ideals and concepts used by the revelators is another objective, and the long range goal is to continually collect this type of information, and occasionally publish a newsletter to share the findings.

Articles will be enthusiastically accepted from all URANTIA book readers, near or far--but you don't have to be a journalist to contribute. A recent contribution consisted of one page, including a copy of a newspaper article crediting a National Geographic sponsored archeological dig with the discovery of the largest known flying bird. Bibliographical information (name of newspaper, date and page) was recorded on the same page, along with a list of URANTIA book references to the fadors. The fador references included page, paragraph, and brief notes on the contents of each passage. This is the basic documentation needed to make a contribution useful; the work, article, or quote, its bibliographical references, and referral to the corollary information or thought in the URANTIA Book. If you'd like more control over how your contribution is presented, go ahead and write a polished article, or make suggestions for treatment of your topic. Jim Mc Nelly has volunteered to keep a master file of this valuable information and head a group to polish whenever there is a reasonable amount to share. If you have or discover anything that might be useful, don't be shy, send it to Jim. His address is 5243 E. 100th Ave., Denver, Co. 80229. (If you'd like to make a financial contribution toward printing and mailing expenses, funds for this project are being held



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by Rocky Mountain Gatherings c/o Jo Ann Brummett, 1226 E. 10th #1, Denver, CO. 80218). If you find something in the future, send it in! All of us occasionally come across these things and sharing them should be enriching for all of us too. If you want to participate in the project more directly, bring your contribution or just yourself and your enthusiasm to the Mc Nelly's on the first Sunday afternoon of any month.

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#### COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The idea of forming a community of Urantian friends has surfaced often in the past and is presently enjoying a resurgence of interest in the Denver area. While no group has, and no plans have been adopted, there is a widespread feeling that something is definitely in the works.

If you have dreamed of helping to create a community of friends in which you'd like to raise your family, or if you have visions of founding the new planetary headquarters with all the educational services that that entails, confess your weakness to your friends and let us know too. Who knows, we may be able to pull it off.

Keep your eyes open for an announcement of a meeting at the General Conference on this very topic.

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#### BOOK COMMITTEE

Most of us have experienced the frustration of not being able to find the Urantia Book in bookstores that really ought to have it, or of sending a new or potential reader to a store that had a copy last time you were there, only to find that it has been out of stock for several months (or years).

Well, despair not! Your ever-vigilant Society has formed a committee which will, with the assistance of the Brotherhood and Foundation, endeavor to find ways to creatively solve the manifold distribution problems which have grown up over the years. Several plans are now in the works, and we would be more than happy to listen to any ideas that any of you may have. If we can just put our heads together we should be able to solve this problem and make the book more available so that the angels can have a greater opportunity for steering people to the Book.

We'll try to keep everyone abreast of our inevitable progress here in the Prints--we should have some good news as early as the very next issue.

Distributively yours,  
Merritt Horn

#### FOR THE CHILDREN

Linda McNelly, who is coordinating the child-care program for the Snowmass Conference, needs some assistance in providing equipment and toys. The items needed for the nursery area are: playpens, diaper changing tables, high-chairs, and safe toys for wee-tots such as soft balls, push-pull toys, cardboard books, Fisher-Price toys, etc. For the preschool: yarn, puppets, play "kitchen" items, dolls, "dress-up clothes," cardboard blocks, and record player would be most helpful. Table games for ages 3-17 are also needed. (Please make sure all parts are there.) If you have any of these items to lend or donate, give Linda a call at 457-2897. Your assistance will be appreciated by all ages.

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#### MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Monday, May 25th, URANTIA Book readers will be gathering at North Boulder Park, 9th & Balsam, for an afternoon of good food and fun. Everyone is invited to come share some fine spring weather and enjoy a day of reversion. See you there!

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#### WE THE NEEDY

We are still very much open to contributions for the Planetary Prints. Any poetry, art, essays, random thoughts or spare change are more than welcome. While we are receiving partial financial support from the Society, contributions from you, the reader, will be deeply appreciated.

The Planetary Prints is published by the Rocky Mountain Urantia Society of Denver four times yearly. It would be really swell if you could send an annual subscription fee of \$3.00, which helps defray our production costs and exorbitant salaries. Address all inquiries to: 13095 W. 64th Place, Arvada, Colorado, 80004.

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#### HOW TO PLACE THE URANTIA BOOK IN LIBRARIES

Two years ago, I had the good fortune of meeting Julia Fenderson. She pointed out the importance of spreading the Urantia Book teachings. One area of interest to her was library placement. She felt a significant proportion of URANTIA readers discover the Book in Libraries. I did not look askance, at this proposition, as one of Denver's most knowledgeable readers, Marilyn Houck, found the book in a library. Since I was already aware of the impact Marilyn has had on the URANTIA movement, my thoughts drifted to the impact one book could have if placed in a library. If that book attracted one more individual like Marilyn, the impact in the progress of URANTIA BOOK teachings would be tremendous. How many readers might this placement attract in 10 years or even 50 years. If one placed 50 books in libraries, how many readers might be affected in 50 years. I started to realize the library placement program provided an outlet for the need "to do something." I viewed the library program as a way of building a strong foundation of truth seekers who at times sought out the book. What better foundation could there be on which to build the movement.

There are many opportunities one has in which to place the Book, either locally or when teaching. Generally I place books when I am on a vacation. If I drive three or four hundred miles in a day, I select three or four cities which are on my way to my destination. This adds about 2 to 3 hours to the journey, but gives travel a sense of purpose. Most public libraries are in the central business district near civic buildings. On the average it would take me from 10 to 15 minutes to find the library once I turned off Interstate highways. The total side trip would take anywhere from 1/2 hour to an hour and 1/2. From my experience, no appointment is needed for these visitations.

As I approached the libraries, the first thing I attempt to do is regain my composure after the ritual pre-interview anxiety attack. This reptilian inheritance is greatly reduced as I ponder the fact that what I am doing is clearly the Father's will and my guardian angel is surely cheering me on. I immediately check the card catalogue to see if the library presently has a copy of the Book. If they don't, I ask if I can see the acquisition librarian. I generally bring the pamphlet Leaving our Religious Heritage by Meredith Springer with me. I leave the URANTIA BOOK in the car. The rest of the interview will depend on the librarian:

1. The passive type (Alpheus Twins)
2. The questioning, honest type (Nathaniel Andrew)
3. Bureaucrates refusal to help (Phillip)
4. Active refusal (Thomas)

I explain that I represent the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver and that I would like to place the URANTIA BOOK free of charge in their library. I state that it is a 2,000 page book written on bible type paper: It is a metaphysical book which builds upon the foundation of Judeo-Christian teachings. The book has the same theme as the New Testament which is to daily do the Father's will and to love your neighbor as yourself. The book points out similarities between religion rather than differences. I then present Meredith's pamphlet. If the librarian is the passive type (50% of them) they will accept the book. If bureaucratic, they will stress it needs to go through a board. Notice that up to this point I have avoided the controversial beginnings. I feel this topic opens a can of worms that can't be dealt with effectively in a week, let alone an hour. However, if librarians are active types, I answer all questions and will get the book if they would like to see it. If they ask about the origins I point out that it is spiritually inspired. I then relate it to materials in which they are probably familiar, such as the Seth material and the Book of the Mormon. My purpose is to relate its enigmatic origins to books already carried in libraries. I stress the fact the book emphasizes a balanced character. I then answer any questions about the book the librarian might have. If the librarian accepts the book, I ask if the branches would also like a copy. Occasionally one has to talk to a different branch librarian; this follow-up is important. For example, Green Bay placed 9 books in their branches; Phoenix placed 6 in branches.

In summary, the placement of books in libraries is a genuine ministry which can have an important effect on the URANTIA movement. One can visit libraries if they are vacationing, traveling, or visiting local libraries in an organized fashion. The following points need to be kept in mind when placing books:

1. The library must not presently have a copy of the book.
2. The acquisition librarian agrees to put the book on the shelf.
3. The acquisition librarian gives her name and address of library.
4. Always check branches even if main library has the book. The main library will generally if branches have the book.
5. Place this information on a card and send to The Urantia Foundation. They will send a free copy of the URANTIA BOOK to the library.
6. Clyde Bydell has offered to place the concordance in libraries. You may write him for more information.



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TWO OR MORE

Readership of The URANTIA Book has been showing definite signs of expansion throughout the Rocky Mountain Region. Our mailing list continues to grow within new additions every week, and inquiries about study groups are becoming more numerous. For those of you who have not attended a study group, the experience is quite rewarding—fellowship, the sharing of enthusiasm, ideas and ideals, the joys of group worship, the expression of brotherly love, good food, good company, and of course, the Master's presence! Groups vary in format, focus and intensity—try visiting several (or all of them), until you find a group that feels comfortable to you. Nearly all groups welcome new members or visitors with open arms. Feel free to contact the following individuals for specific information about their groups:

Jeanne Soffa (696-9053) is organizing a new group to meet on a weekly basis in the Aurora area. (She is taking over the group that used to meet bi-weekly at the Hauck's home before Marilyn became a full-time student.) Show her your support and help launch a dynamic group!

Ann Connors (279-8564) has recently moved to Golden and would like to see her Sunday evening group increase in size. Enjoy an evening drive to the foot of the Rockies for fellowship.

The Boulder group now meets at the home of John Hay (442-5639) on Thursday evenings. From recent reports, it sounds like a group well worth checking out!

The traveling group of Central Denver begins at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays with a scrumptious potluck dinner and proceeds from there with "good food" for the soul. Call Jim & Linda McNelly (457-2897) or Jim & Joann Brummett (839-1851) for details.

Rick Tippett (423-1577) has recently started a successful group on Saturday afternoons (PM) for those of you with early bed-times. Now that warm weather is coming, let's talk Rick into having some of his groups up in the mountains! The last picnic/study group was fantastic!!

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...BUT HOW FAST IS FAST?

Jim McNelly is currently pursuing a research project with thought-provoking possibilities for URANTIA Book readers.

The question is this:

If the Transport Seraphim velocity is limited to slightly more than three times the speed of light, how can they arrive on Mansonia Number One in time for a third-day resurrection if system headquarters is more than nine light-days distant? Some possible solutions have been suggested, but we'd like to hear from anyone with any ideas, or first-hand experience.

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