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"Urantiá society can never hope to settle down as in past ages. The social ship has steamed out of the sheltered bays of established tradition and has begun its cruise upon the high seas of evolutionary destiny; and the soul of man, never before in the world's history, needs carefully to scrutinize its charts, morality and painstakingly to observe the compass of religious guidance. The paramount mission of religion as a social influence is to stabilize the ideals of mankind during these dangerous times of transition from one phase of civilization to another, from one level of culture to another."

from the Editor...

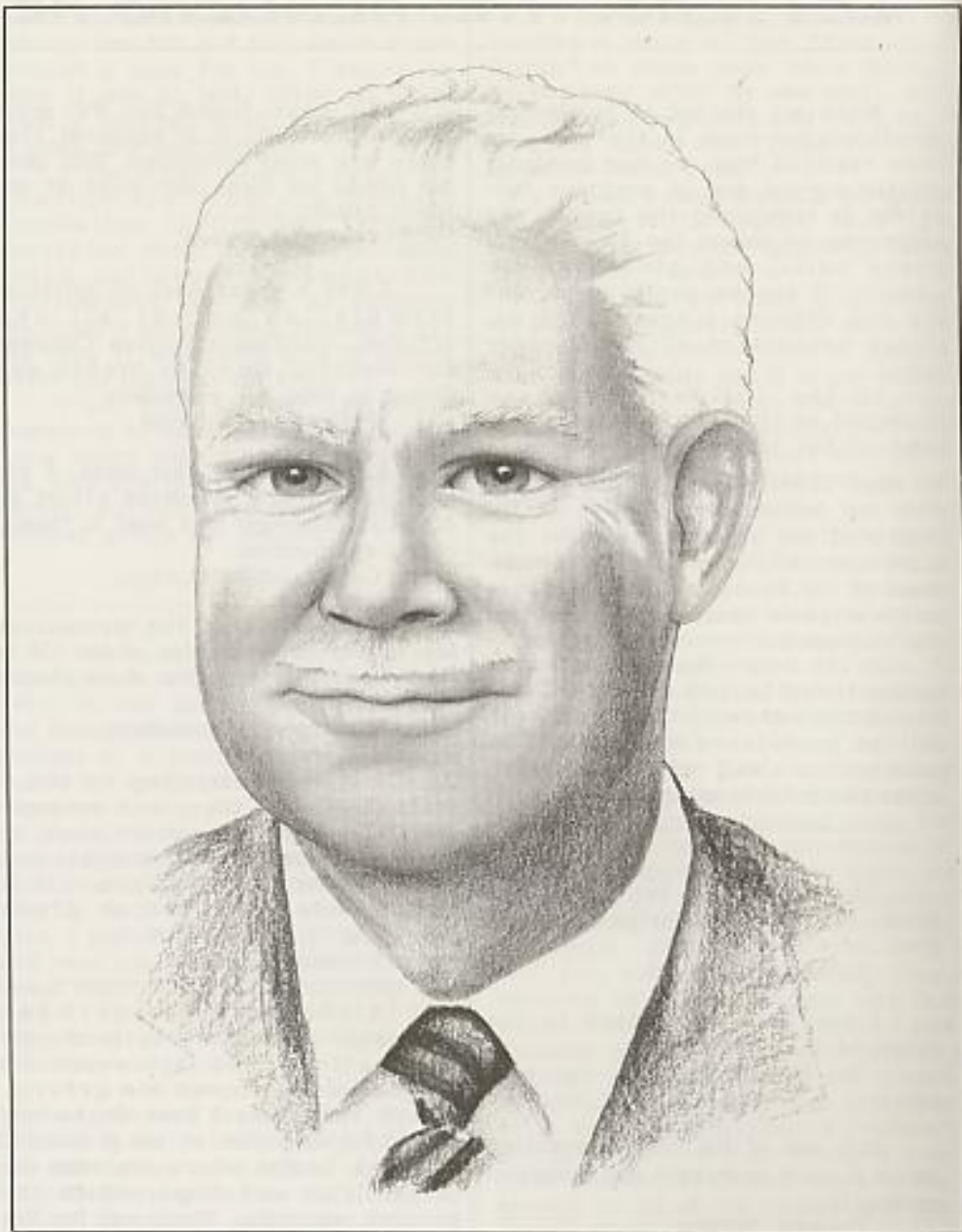
After tabulating the surveys and answering the mail we thought about what to present in this issue. The one subject that virtually everyone could agree on was the importance of library placements, so we decided that this would be the theme for this issue.

We are at a loss for words in trying to thank all of the people who responded to the questionnaire, wrote letters, made phone calls, and especially those who made donations to the financial support of the Planetary Prints.

Anyone who is not currently receiving the Planetary Prints may do so by sending their name and address to the Planetary Prints c/o the Boulder School and we will add your name and address to our mailing list.

The Planetary Prints is distributed to over 3,000 URANTIA Book reader/believers around the world without charge. For the past three issues of the Planetary Prints the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver has provided the financial support necessary to publish and distribute it. We would be greatly appreciative of any donations you, the readers, are able to contribute. Each copy of the Prints averages approximately \$1.00 per issue, so no donation is too small to help. Your contributions will ensure the continuation of this publication. All donations are tax deductible. Make your check out to RMUSD and send it to 1622 18th Street, Boulder, Co. 80302. If you think the Planetary Prints is a worthwhile publication, please consider helping us out with your contribution.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask any and all who would like to voice their opinions and feelings on the issue of the official "Publicity Policy" to send them to us. The next issue will have a section on this subject if the response warrants it. Also, if there are any readers around the world who would like to write something for the 'Internationalism Edition' of the Planetary Prints, please do so. Send your opinions and feelings to Donald L. Guimond, c/o The Boulder School, 1622 18th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302, or give me a call if you would just care to discuss these matters at (303)-494-8493.



Clyde Bedell April 25, 1898

In the last issue of the PRINTS we announced a special memorial edition in honor of Clyde Bedell's graduation. We had hoped to time its release with the announcement of the new third edition of the CONCORDEX. However, it was not to be; many delays postponed the new edition, and only now does it appear that all the legal hurdles have been crossed, and its release is imminent.

During the past months, we had time to reflect on just what Clyde might want us to do. We finally concluded he would want us to forgo the hoopla and get on with the business at hand. And that is what we are going to do.

But we will say how much Clyde Bedell's spirit meant to us; and how much we miss his seasoned drive and his eloquent wisdom. We know he continues to pray for us and the inevitable success of the fifth epochal revelation. So for our part, we are glad to have such a friend in high places. So keep on keeping on, Clyde. And thanks for the memories.....

LETTERS: THE READERS RESPOND

When we started to receive the questionnaires back in the mail, we soon realized that we had suddenly created a great deal of work for ourselves in tabulating the results and attempting to answer the 150 letters, phone calls, and other various contacts. If anyone wrote to us, and did not receive a reply from us, please contact us at the Boulder School.

In the following we have attempted to give you a sampling of some of the letters we received.

We hope those of you whose letters were not published will forgive us. We have tried our best to represent the expressions of the writer. The Review Board of the Planetary Prints wishes to thank each and every one of you who responded.

In the future there will appear a section titled Letters to the Editor. Any of the letters that are sent to us will be considered available for publication along with your name unless you indicate otherwise.

Thank you all for all you're doing...reading your spring issue has given me a new strength.
Kailuakona, Hawaii

I am very interested in the results of the questionnaire.
Des Plaines, Illinois

It is one of the most informative issues I have ever seen and I enjoyed reading it.
Toronto, Ontario

I am tremendously impressed by the recent publication of PP. It is an unprecedented and much needed foray into the "priorities of the URANTIA Movement."
Fort Worth, Texas

This is an excellent way for us "faithers" to keep in touch.
Newtown, Australia

Those of us outside of populated communities are really in the dark without a publication such as PP...It inspired me to do all I can do.
Inkster, Michigan

The PP spring issue is dynamite. We had a very interesting, stimulating discussion last night at our study group as a result of it and I feel it will lead to some action soon.
Toledo, Ohio

We have found the PP most thought provoking. It is apparent that there are many questions. This issue has helped me think out more of my ideas, beliefs, etc.

Pueblo, Colorado

I got a great deal of spiritual stimulation out of all the articles...California salutes Colorado for stepping into the breach and daring to think for yourselves.

Petaluma, California

After reading this issue, I am appalled to find a concerted effort to discredit "Chicago" and what is "their" policy and position.

Calgary, Alberta

It appears that the momentum for active dissemination of the UB is finally building, and that does please me ('bout time).

Huntington, Connecticut

It is very refreshing to see a revival of new ideas and concepts encouraged by publications such as yours. Several of the thoughts and requests coincide with ours and it is great indeed to see an arena developing to present them in.

Edmond, Oklahoma

In the past I have been impressed with the depth of your publication. This last wonderful publication has moved me greatly. Finally the issues I have for so long waited for discussion on are presented and in a format where responses can be tabulated and dispersed to the general readership. Thank you for this undertaking.

Ashland, Oregon

Praise to the Father in you which has led you to such service, outreach and frank discussion of the burning issues of our time.

Boise, Idaho

That last issue goes right on the shelf next to our well used books, study aids and Concordex. We're greatly impressed with the horsepower you people out there have been applying in an effort towards a fresh look at outreach.

Matthews, North Carolina

Thank you for your help and your wonderful ministry & outreach in Colorado. Your work is a great pioneering effort that will inspire Urantia Book students for years and centuries to come.

Atlanta, Georgia

I'm sorry but I've read the U-Book and am thoroughly familiar with it and know, as God has shown me, that it is an abomination to God and is the work of Satan and his legions - not our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

The Bible is our only authority about Jesus, God, man, creation, etc. and the U-Book is in contradiction with Scripture from the Bible.

Tannerville, New York

A general reaction to the questionnaire focused on making the Urantia Book more widely available through libraries and bookstores. The lowering of the price to \$25 was a brilliant one. Your enthusiasm inspired our study group but we were very aware of an urgency to get "the show on the road." Right now we feel the need to be PATIENT to allow the many stages of preparation to take place which will lead to the wider acceptance of the book in all nations not just the western world.

Winnipeg, Manitoba

There is no question about Terry Kruger's ability as a talented artist. However, the authority who is responsible for inspiring and/or approving the material appearing in the cover (or any other such delineations) is, in my opinion, providing a very strong disservice to the URANTIA Movement.

I believe the contents of the cover page smacks of childish immaturity and projects the kind of image the URANTIA movement can do without.

I hope you will accept this observation in the same friendly and constructive way it is intended.

Van Nuys, California

If I feel the need for the privilege of my own personal guidance in the activity or method of sharing my faith, I must allow the same space for others who read the URANTIA Book and allow them their own personal guidance from within as well. If the folks you are working with feel inspired to share the book and its insights with the booths at fairs and school campuses, that is very fine - go for it. Personally, I have not been so guided. I can share mine through crafts groups, knitting and crochet classes, etc. You see? We must each do as inwardly guided. We must not become another denomination of a religion. To me, the Book must be lived to the degree that what we live means far more than what we say.

I pretty well agree with the statement which came through the

URANTIA Foundation in the measures which the book can be publicized. From my own experience in working with people and sharing the book, there is a timing with each one as to when they will be ready to broaden their own understanding. If they're not asking questions, our answers mean nothing to them.

Richland, Washington

I found the spring issue of PP quite stimulating. I have wanted to be more active in introducing people to the UB and its teachings. The combination of Chicago and friends criticizing me for being too pushy with the Book, has caused me to be closed about my otherwise enthusiastic attitude for the message contained via the book.

So your pioneering in the area of U-Book introduction rekindles my desire to work in my community to help seekers find the UB's special message.

Cover d'Alene, Idaho

You're doing a great job with PP and survey which may help to get the General Council and Foundation moving in a direction which has been needed for some time.

Fort Wayne, Indiana

This survey is very timely. Many of us here in New England have been 'anguished' over some of these questions also.

Pepperell, Massachusetts

I did not like your survey very much at all. It was hopelessly biased by making it appear that the Foundation cared nothing for the spread of the Book (their "do nothing" policy). I cannot believe that UB readers can be that simple-minded about the Foundation's approach to spreading the Book. Determining that the Book should only be spread (at this time) by word of mouth and/or by the efforts of individual readers and/or private groups, is not "do nothing." It is a positive policy, and in my opinion, the view of wisdom.

Petaluma, California

I first heard about The URANTIA Book from a friend, who had not read it, but had heard about it from a friend. I had been reading religious books, studying religions, philosophies, etc. for years, trying to piece together some kind of idea of God and what is going on. I had long ago despaired of finding anything in all the anachronisms of the church dogma and my rational mind could no longer accept many things put forth in the Bible. When I heard about the book, I seemed almost driven to find a copy of it, so I started looking. I got the

local bookstore to look in their publications list and they found it and ordered a copy for me. I began to read it and at last, after all those years of looking, it all began to fall in place like dominoes.

I received some copies of newsletters from the Urantia Foundation in Chicago, after I contacted them, but I never really found out anything about the "Brotherhood" and how we obtained the Book. I never asked, because I got the idea it was some kind of secret, which has bothered me a lot.

I am glad to hear there is a movement to increase readership, as I know there must be many people like me, who are looking everywhere for answers and can't find them in history, religious groups and philosophy.

Joplin, Missouri

I have been a solitary Urantia Book person since late in the year 1971. It was during a search through the Metaphysical and Parapsychological shelves at a most peculiar bookstore that I noticed this large white book away on the top shelf. I didn't look at it for some months, being severely concerned with explanations, and with recent research in these fields. When I finally exhausted the shelves' best data, I pulled down the big (Blue) book and read the first page, where it talks about itself. I laughed uproariously and put it back on the shelf. The effrontery. The awesome Ego. The ridiculousness of it.

Some months later I pulled it down again and read further. I was tickled Pink that somebody had put out such a vast compendium of totally improbable, unprovable stuff. (angels, yet.) I thought it might be nice to possess such a huge collection of off-the-wall information, so I checked the price..... I laughed uproariously and put it back on the shelf. The effrontery. The awesome Ego. The ridiculousness of it.

Well to make a long story short, I eventually did buy the book and I read it. Twice. At length I came to the conclusion that even if the big blue book, about everything, was a complete hoax, I would nonetheless unhesitatingly recommend it to anyone with a spiritual or temporal need. The presence of Continental Drift and "Dark Gravity Bodies" in a book internally dated around 1934 smacked of prophecy. Or of revelation.

Then came my desire to Spread the Word, which was cut short by the Brotherhood's pamphlets extolling the virtues of non-publicity, and the quiet and serious nature of the atmosphere around 533 Diversey Parkway, which I visited for more proof. (O, me of little faith).

What a joy, then, years later, to receive a copy of the "Planetary Prints," on whose cover was a drawing of someone after my own heart, with buttons and pennants and Paperback Urantia Books and Triconcentricity about his neck. Yeah.

Inside, I came across a paragraph in which it is stated that the non-publicity directive cannot be found in the Book. Yeah.

What are we doing here, sitting on our philosophical hands when the best possible compendium of answers that can presently be, is in our power to give freely to those who seek? By whose authority is the Urantia Book restricted? What personage determines that publicity will damage us or the Book?

It occurs to me (of little Faith) that if the Book is as it says it is, nothing can hurt it. I do have sufficient Faith in it to believe that whatever the circumstances, the Truth will Out. It always does in Time. If we have the Truth here in "our" beautiful book, then why not trust it? We won't lose anything but our hesitancy and our Fear, and we stand to gain much; Speed in dissemination, additional readers, additional souls for God. I don't suggest indiscriminate or untruthful publicity, but I do think we ought to get off our "philosophical hands" long enough to give away what is in them.

I've been silent a long time, catering to what I thought was the Right Thing To Do. I watched and listened and read the newsletters, through copyright cases and symbol "misuses," through pride and rejection of a certain individual's "voices," through years of time which I now think should have been spent telling anyone at all of the existence of The Urantia Book.

Why, I ask myself, is this fifth epochal revelation delivered in book form? Is it because we tend to murder our corporeal saviours? Is it to prevent the loss of data after one lifetime? Is it for Permanency?

Or is it perhaps because everyone can have a book from which to derive guidance, a book which can be kept and read privately, one on one, a book which can speak of Love at the heart and soul of an individual, free of the encumbrances of personality, of false Ego, of social structure and ecumenical stricture?

I could go on and on. It's been bottled up for years.

Eureka, Missouri

I distribute a box of 10 copies of The URANTIA Book each year. I don't really keep track of where they go. I give some away, I loan some out and, because we have a study group which meets at our house, I keep books on

LETTERS: The Readers respond

hand for the group. And I feel guilty about that. There are two of us in this household now and we should be moving 20 copies a year.

If all 3,000 "dedicated" readers would move 10 books a year, annual sales would at least be 30,000 instead of 12,000.

Fortunately out in the Hinterlands there are more than 3,000 dedicated readers of The URANTIA Book. One of the people in our study group shouts it from the rooftop and has never heard of Urantia Foundation or Brotherhood and could care less. The UB is his Book and he has not been inhibited by any so-called authority to hide it.

Salinas, California

It is with great interest that I read the Spring '85 issue of Planetary Prints which was lent to me by our study group leader yesterday. Although I have been a long time reader of The URANTIA Book I only recently have shed my fear and come out of my shell with a desire to promote the URANTIA Book to my brothers and sisters. I recently contacted the Urantia Brotherhood to get their pamphlets and information which led to my joining the local study group.

With a real spiritual hunger I read the material from the Brotherhood and I was impressed with the conservative approach they take with regard that outreach ministry of The URANTIA Book was not wise in the long run, but I still felt a need to answer Jesus' calling so often given to go out and proclaim his news, and I am now in the process of deciding how I can best do the Father's will in regards to this. I found your recent issue to be of great help to me by presenting the well considered views of others in this personal search which I am now making.

Dedicated followers of The URANTIA Book are few in the Milwaukee area. The group that I recently joined is the only one in a metropolitan area of about 11.5 million, and has only 8 active readers. I am sure that there must be more readers who, like myself, are reading The URANTIA Book in isolation but have as yet not made the jump to contacting the Urantia Foundation to find out about the Brotherhood or the study groups and societies. In my 13 years of reading I have not once met another person who read it (whom I did not introduce to it), nor have I read anywhere about it or groups associated. Talk about being in the closet. So I was not surprised, although a little disheartened to find out that only 150,000 copies of the

book are in print after 30 years. I agree that there is much to be done to spread the word, and I welcome the gentle pressure that your magazine helps to place in the minds of its readers and hopefully the Foundation and Brotherhood, to reevaluate its position on outreach.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Please include our address on all your mailings for we are dedicated to The URANTIA Book, and want to keep abreast of all developments.

The forum of the PP was very impressive. I have had the opportunity to meet many of the contributors at conferences and value many of the opinions. My wife and I had been discussing most of the topics that the PP included. Receiving it brought much importance to our ideas. The priorities, issues and outreach programs that were discussed in your format are pressing problems that need to be looked at honestly and carefully. The most impressive aspect was the broad coverage you and your staff have given to opposing opinions, thus allowing for informed opinions to be expressed by your readers in the questionnaire. Since no one or even groups can really "run a revelation" the process of discussion can coalesce into effective working groups that like the Planning Committee, learn the rigors of attaining harmony.

The Father enjoys a good working relationship with His children. In the brisk search for unity and leadership that many contributors wrote about we must not fool ourselves into thinking we hold the key. There are many keys to the doors of the kingdom and the Urantia Revelation is one of them. The attainment of knowing God has preceded the finding of the Revelation in the souls of many readers and believers. How can I, a mere child in the universes, see what our Father can see and know? In proclaiming the gospel, we must search for souls already prepared by the work of the Father. As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, and as Jesus prepared the way for Paul, so has the Father prepared the way for this revelation.

Many questions were puzzling to us because we found little relation to the ideals of the Revelation. When considering dissemination of the same as the number of books sold, we found ourselves perplexed. What of the measure of value against the measure of cost? What of the teachings concerning spiritual values replacing the mechanical importance of

quantity? Headcounts mean nothing to a true and sincere acceptance of the entire Revelation by a wandering soul. When I found The URANTIA Book, the expense was of no concern even in the poor state I was in at the time. Saving ten dollars will not bring more souls to the Father. Part of the beauty of the Book is its physical attractiveness and quality. I know I got much more than my money's worth.

The Foundation should throw its financial support behind the translations and study aids. A democratic structure should be the skeleton of the Co-ordination of reader/believer activities, but a good deal of small scale experimentation will have to take place apart from the governing structure to allow creative freedom. The Book Club idea is a fine one and should be closely followed. The outreach that RMUSD has fostered is impressive, but it should not conflict with the basic protection principles that the Foundation advocates.

Kamuela, Hawaii

I agree that the Urantia Book should be placed in more bookstores and libraries all over the world, available for those who are seeking Truth. Like the Pearl of Great Price, they will even sacrifice to obtain it.

I do not share your fear that this fifth epochal revelation is slowing in growth. It may seem so, because of our impatience, not shared, I believe, by spiritual beings on high. Sales promotion could cheapen the Revelation, and portray readers as just another Big Business Cult.

Years ago I mistakenly believed that everyone should have the book, and learned that most Fundamental Christians would rather burn it. Like the Pharisees of old, they "have all the answers in the Bible."

Many people are too impatient to give time to reading so much detail. Yet, they have the Spirit of Truth and are living a God-Centered Life in countless ways. Consider the Mother Theresas. There are Roman Catholics who are called Extraordinary Ministers - laypeople who comfort the sick and dying in hospitals, hospices and nursing homes. There are volunteer doctors and nurses who give their leisure time to the poor. There are people of Unity, who for almost 100 years have been praying around the clock. There are many Good Samaritans in New York City.

Although I have been a reader of the Urantia Book for 15 years, and a member of a marvelous Study Group

in Nassau County, Long Island, I believe it is quite possible to live a full God-filled life without the book.

Hempstead, New York

Anyone who has read the book knows that making sure someone has the book is not the number one thing. The real important thing is that the person believes and that we will see him on the Morontia World. If his faith is strong enough for that without the book it is not necessary to shake him up about the book. If he is ready, then, yes, he should have the book and be a part of our movement. His thought adjuster will guide him there, not us.

Jesus made his contacts with people as he passed by. He built on the beliefs they had. We think that is what URANTIA people should do too.

East Wenatchee, Washington

This survey - as with most surveys - is biased in its wording and the questions are very leading in some parts.

In my answers, I have tried to be practical although many of the questions are naively idealistic. In many cases I agree and disagree with certain issues you are dealing with. The real world is generally not an either/or, black/white, good/bad, right/wrong place.

I don't believe in many of the radical approaches of the Rocky Mtn. bunch, as I also disagree with the conservatism of the Chicago people. Jesus preached all things in moderation and this applies here also.

Unknown

If hiring a professional book salesperson is requisite to getting Urantia Books into bookstores then by all means such a person's services should be enlisted. But that should not include a mass-media advertising campaign. The book should be available to seekers; not necessarily impersonally promoted. Book selling should not become high priority but rather incidental compared to awakening a desire for truth in the souls of our associates and neighbors. If that truth-hunger leads them to an interest in the Urantia Book, fine; hopefully a copy would be available in the library or bookstore of their community. We need faith in the revelation and not get too distracted by book selling.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

URANTIA Foundation writes...

In reviewing the Spring, 1985 edition of "Planetary Prints," we note that it was directed primarily to the question of the extent to which it is desirable to publicize or promote The URANTIA Book and its teachings as a means of increasing membership or participation in the URANTIA movement. It is a subject on which we recognize that well-meaning people may disagree, but we also realize that it is a very important subject, one which is relevant and about which there are deeply and honestly felt opinions. Therefore, we have no objections to full, public discussion of the subject.

However, we also note that the registered marks of URANTIA Foundation were used on the cover of the publication and in a satirical cartoon on page 27 in what we consider to be, quite candidly, less than tasteful, and even derogatory. Since it is our goodwill and identity that are being toyed with, we want to register our objection.

While recognizing considerable artistic license of expression, we do see a substantial and important difference between the identity of URANTIA Foundation, the Brotherhood and its licensed Societies on the one hand, and the beliefs, opinions and practices of particular individuals or groups of readers not acting under our auspices, on the other hand.

On the cover, it appears that the caricature of what we believe might be Mr. Bedell had the approval and consent of URANTIA Foundation in his "hawking" the concepts he espoused. We think this confuses the issues and detracts from the distinctiveness of our identity which is separate and apart from that of Mr. Bedell, though we do not necessarily have any criticism of him or his opinions personally. It is a matter of distinctiveness of identity.

As an authorized licensee, we hold you to a higher standard in this regard because we feel that the distinctiveness of our identity benefits all of our affiliates and licensees.

As for the cartoon on page 27, we are disappointed in the use of our registered trademarks and the identity of our affiliates in what we consider to be a demeaning expression of personal opinion. Once more, we are not trying to suppress that expression, but we have the right to express our objection when it occurs in a publication sponsored by a licensee who, we think, is called to a higher standard of conduct.

With respect to another matter, we note reference to certain tapes of talks by William Sadler, Jr. If these contain quotations from The URANTIA Book, as we believe they do, you likely will need the permission of the Trustees for their use. To help you determine if permission is in fact needed, please find enclosed a copy of our guidelines concerning the use of material from The URANTIA Book.

To enhance understanding of this matter by other licensees, we are sending them copies of this letter as is shown below.

May we receive your assurance of cooperation in these matters by return mail?

Very truly yours,

URANTIA Foundation

By: Martin W. Myers
As its President

RMUSD responds...

I would like to take this opportunity to reply to your letter concerning the last issue of the Planetary Prints. While I feel that an open and honest discussion of issues within the URANTIA movement is necessary, I agree that perhaps better editorial control would have minimized the negative reaction to some of the cartoons and articles in this issue. Steps have been taken with RMUSD to have better control in the future issues.

I may not always agree with the opinions of my brothers and sisters in our society on how to spread the teachings of The URANTIA Book, but since we have submitted the organized movement to the democratic process, then we have to follow the majority opinion on how to proceed. Group wisdom does function within RMUSD, and while errors are always possible, it is imperative that we act. No one knows how to run a revelation, we are all writing the history of how to do it, and mistakes will inevitably be made; but as long as we continually seek the will of our Heavenly Father and the advice of our brother, Jesus, we will certainly achieve our goal.

An orderly spread of the teachings of The URANTIA Book dictates that we continually communicate our thoughts and feelings, and I appreciate your open sharing.

John Roper, President RMUSD

...the artist responds

As the creator of the cover illustration and cartoon which are the focal point of your objections, I must take exception to several of the conclusions you make.

Obviously, what is tasteful or derogatory is in the eye of the beholder. One man's revelation may well be another man's revulsion. However, your objections are drawn in terms of "goodwill" and "identity." Since the Foundation chooses to identify itself by use of the concentric circles, it becomes necessarily incidental to both drawings to use the symbol of "your" identity. But the concentric circles are also, and to many readers - first and foremost - the material symbol of the Paradise Trinity. The gentleman on the cover is not "toying" with your identity; rather is he giving full expression to his own personal religious beliefs, demonstrating his own joy and sense of relational identity with the Paradise Trinity.

As time passes, and the number of readers grows, it will become blatantly obvious that no one on Urantia can "own" the concentric circles; no matter how legally saturated they may become. If indeed law is life itself and not the rules of its conduct, the man on the cover will be the man on the corner; in every city.

Regardless of your personal attitudes about such zeal, our Master spoke clearly to such possibilities when he reckoned all who were not against us, were for us. Yet your own recognition of "considerable license of expression," (free speech) is conditioned by a "higher standard of conduct," which apparently has little room for criticism with teeth, or the concentric circles.

The health and reputation of URANTIA Foundation's and URANTIA Brotherhood's identity and goodwill is demonstrably shaped by its own policies and actions. If some of our readers actually were "confused" as to your official connection with the concepts expressed in the drawings, they weren't concerned enough to tell us. If URANTIA Societies are truly autonomous, as well as consanguineous with the Foundation and Brotherhood, then they have every right to assert their own variety of corrective "self-criticism." Upon reflection, I am constrained to believe your concerns are not with confusion over identity, but that readers will associate the Foundation with the criticism. And, since these are obviously not your views, you are pressed to preserve the dualism between your "direction" of the movement and our attempts to be

involved in that process, whether as a sanctioned society, group of readers, or individuals...

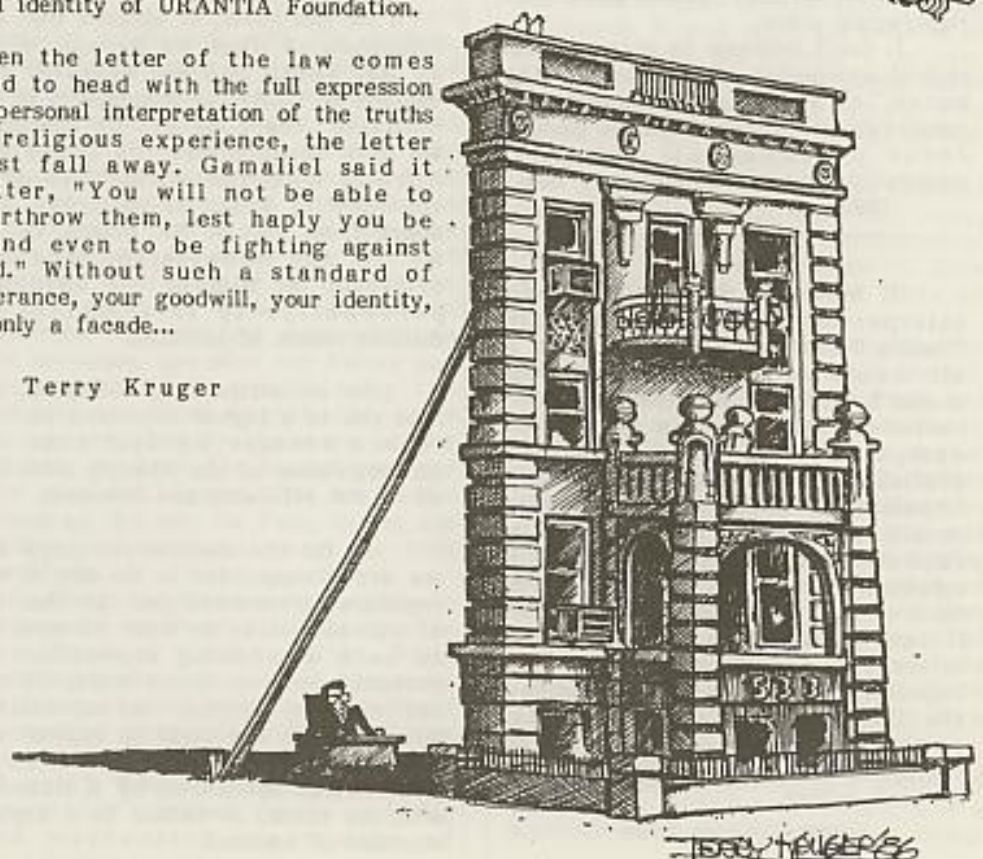
In a spirit of concern, RMUSD immediately formed a five member editorial review board to insure adherence to your higher standard. Unfortunately, it has been a common practice to exclude controversial points of view here on Urantia; but what is the true benefit of doing so? Are we protecting ourselves from ourselves, or from the truth about ourselves? When we weed out "less than tasteful," "demeaning personal opinion," isn't it possible we are turning a deaf ear to what we most desperately need to hear?

It should not surprise you that many Urantians hold the Foundation to an even higher standard of tolerance for dissent and respect for personal and group opinion, registered inside or outside of your auspices; regardless of how you personally choose to characterize it.

When the issue of "goodwill" is raised by the Foundation, it easily provokes a litany of memories which contain very little in the way of goodwill, and they need not be mentioned. It would, however, prove invaluable to reflect on the growing number of recalcitrant readers, and the cause of their dissatisfaction. Such genuine concern could easily demonstrate the true dimensions of your goodwill, providing ample opportunity to rehabilitate the real identity of URANTIA Foundation.

When the letter of the law comes head to head with the full expression of personal interpretation of the truths of religious experience, the letter must fall away. Gamaliel said it better, "You will not be able to overthrow them, lest haply you be found even to be fighting against God." Without such a standard of tolerance, your goodwill, your identity, is only a facade...

Terry Kruger



the Editor responds...

First let me thank you for sending us your letter responding to the Planetary Prints, and also for your diligent efforts to protect our wonderful revelation.

I would like to say right from the start if anyone was personally "demeaned" by anything in the last issue, I extend to you my most humble apology.

It was, however, truly a joy to read you welcomed a "full, public discussion" on the matter of publicity and promotion of The URANTIA Book. I personally feel this was the motive behind the last issue of the Planetary Prints. The survey, which admittedly was biased, was intended to try to gain as full a discussion as possible.

I personally think the publicity policy should be reviewed in light of the many events and developments our young movement has experienced in the last 3-4 years. The Foundation and Brotherhood have recently taken some significant forward steps.

To list a few important developments: 1) The recent donation of 1200 UB's by URANTIA Foundation for library placement, of which over 500 have already been placed. 2) The Spanish translation is inevitable. This will be the first fully sponsored and financed translation done by URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood and hopefully will set a precedent for future translations. 3) The greater receptivity to the revelation that people are experiencing. I have

How I placed 500 URANTIA Books

by Vin Myers

The story began in early 1985 while I was returning home from the Big Mountains of Colorado. My children had flown back to the Boston area while I drove back.

While heading East I decided to stop at a few libraries in Michigan and Wisconsin. There were a few URANTIA Books here and there, but not enough. It soon dawned on me that if I went to some of the hard-to-get-to cities, I would be the first to visit libraries in most of them and sure enough that was so. It felt like a sort of friendly competition with other readers.

I found myself in Toronto and was very impressed with the main library there. But it was closed for repairs, so I headed home. Later I was to find plenty of other libraries in the Toronto area.

The day after my arrival home the National Geographic came and out fell a map of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland. Since it was freezing in Worcester, Mass., I thought, "why not freeze in the Maritimes?"

I started off for northern Maine and my first stop was Bangor. To my surprise their library already had four English copies. My first lesson learned was, "Stay Cool and Don't Panic." I was still needed, and my missionary zeal would not be thwarted. I realized

they needed a French copy of Le Livre d'URANTIA.

Anyway, after this point it all fell into perspective and soon I was out of Maine and into New Brunswick. One thing led to another and city after city, town after town, and university after university was discovered and URANTIA Books were placed. 14,000 miles were covered in 2 segments in less than three months.

In the first segment I covered most of Eastern New England, all the

**"Say a prayer
at each and every stop
and make it count."**

way to the tip of Newfoundland and back to Northern Quebec, coming home through the tip of Maine, and then South to the Boston area again. That was about 5,000 miles and a couple of hundred possible placements.

Part II began with a short trip to my brother's near Sugarbush, Vermont. Now that I was feeling a little more seasoned I had no apprehensions about tackling French speaking Quebec. I might mention that if I hadn't been bilingual it would have been very tough to get by in Quebec with only English. This segment covered about 9,000 miles and yielded another 300 placements. This trip took

me from Quebec to Edmonton in the Northwestern area of Canada, down through Montana and East through Southern Ontario, then back home.

If you would like a more detailed story of this trip send me a card and I will send you the diary transcript of my travels. Address your card to Vincent Myers, 17 Knollwood Drive, Paxton, Mass. 01612.

Now, "WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T." First I would say you have to be very sure you want to do this. Then it seems what works best is to prepare like a salesman would, which basically means to have a plan, to be efficient with your time and know your product. Most of all, keep it simple. Say a prayer at each and every stop and make it count. The prayer clears your head, and renews your strength and you don't feel alone when it comes time to encounter the "unknown" at each stop. Use the Spirit of Truth to answer questions at all times.

When in the library get a feel for the place by looking up The URANTIA Book in the card catalogue, keeping an eye out for the right person to talk to who isn't too busy at the moment. It could be the director, or a reference librarian, or someone in charge of donations. Your prayers may help you in this area.

Next, it is your attitude that counts most. You must realize that



personally experienced this in the booths, especially the one in Tahiti. Combined with correspondence with a dedicated URANTIA Book evangelist in South Korea, this has led me to believe many educated, english reading people in the Pacific Basin and Far East are ready and waiting for the revelation. 5) This past summer major adjustments occurred in the structure of the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood. The resolution to study reduction of the retail price of The URANTIA Book is a significant change. It wasn't too long ago when the consensus seemed to be "a cent and a half per page isn't too much to pay for revelation." Bravo to your recent decisions. The much broader range of opinions and perspectives expressed, and the election of new members from coast to coast, including Alaska, indicates growth. 6) There are also events happening in Australia, Canada and Europe that may lead to the first Society outside the United States. 7) The success that Meredith Sprunger has experienced with introducing ministers to The URANTIA Book. To date over 330

ministers have requested copies of the UB, and of those 90 now have their own copy. 8) Recent attention in the academic world. The lectures given by Meredith Sprunger and Jim Mills late last year at the American Academy of Religion Seminar on The URANTIA Book were an important step. Meredith has also received requests for information on The URANTIA Book from members of a philosophic group. The URANTIA Book Club at the University of Colorado, has experienced substantial success selling over 90 copies of the UB in a year and a half. Many other positive accomplishments could be listed.

Unfortunately, the space available in this issue does not allow a "full, public discussion." If you are interested in voicing your feelings regarding the publicity and promotion policy of URANTIA Brotherhood, please send them to us. If the interest on this subject warrants a section of the next issue of the Planetary Prints, I'm sure it will be forthcoming. If you have not read the official policy, please write URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Ill. 60614. I think they will send you a

copy upon request.

The issue of publicity for the revelation is too important to be ignored or blindly accepted. Review and revision is essential to any policy. A "full, public discussion" of this policy will be imperative at some point in time.

It appears the spreading of the revelation has shifted from first to second gear. The acceptance of The URANTIA Book, such as we have never experienced seems to be upon us. The near future holds wonders unimagined. Even though we may not personally see the results of our sowing, we can rest assured our angelic helpers will be seeing to it our efforts achieve their maximum potential. With teamwork, cooperation, brotherly love, and unity our tasks can be accomplished. By living and sharing what has been given to us, this planet will be transformed. The Father's will most definitely will guide us; all we need do is follow.

Donald L. Guimond,
Editor.

Library Placement: A Call to Service

by Tom Allen

This call to service is directed to all of you who feel led to place URANTIA Books in libraries. Library placement of The URANTIA Book is one of the least controversial aspects of the URANTIA movement. Nearly everyone agrees that we need to saturate libraries with the Book. So many people have found the Book in libraries. Angels are perhaps aided in their efforts to lead truth-hungry souls to The URANTIA Book due to the library availability of the Book. If you are called to this service, here are some suggestions about how to successfully place the Book.

1. Personally place The URANTIA Book in your local library.

The Domestic Extension Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood has sponsored a project whereby individuals may receive free URANTIA Books for the expressed purpose of placing the Books in libraries. In three years, over 150 people have placed over 500 Books. If you are interested in this approach, fill out the enclosed form and return it to me. I will send you more information and see to it

500 Books, cont.

you are taking up their time and money when you ask them to accept a book for placement. This is why I say keep it simple, which most of the time means brief. You don't want your personality to be a factor, you just want to make the connection in humility (Spiritual smallness) and let the book stand on its own when they finally get around to reviewing it before they catalogue it, which by the way is very expensive.

The apostles were sent out two by two, but I think it works better when you go alone to place books. I believe that if you have planned and prayed, your guardian angel has permission to help you, and therefore you are not alone.

Finally, I would like to suggest a possible team project. A Study Group or Society could break into smaller units, even into singles. They could take a tourist map and divide a whole state into 100 to 500 mile loops, aiming for at least one placement in each town or city along the loop. This could be an overnight project with everybody reporting back like the apostles did to share experiences with the whole group.

What doesn't work is when you don't start.

that you receive your URANTIA Books.

2. Have your local librarian request a free URANTIA Book directly from URANTIA Brotherhood in Chicago.

This technique has proven successful for a number of people who have contacted acquisition librarians and asked if they would be interested in a free URANTIA Book for their libraries. If you are interested in this approach, make an appointment to see the acquisition librarian, materials selection coordinator, or whoever is in charge of new acquisitions for the library. Look sharp and use your best sales techniques. Remind the librarian

"The URANTIA Book is often stolen from libraries... if this happens, give them another."

that the Book has sold over 145,000 copies in two languages. Take with you "A Description of The URANTIA Book." These can be obtained from URANTIA Brotherhood free. After obtaining approval from the librarian to receive the book, have the librarian write down the name of the library, his or her name and the address. Have the librarian sign a request for a Book and send this information to URANTIA Brotherhood. The URANTIA Book will be sent directly to that library for free.

3. Contribute to the library gift book fund.

URANTIA Brotherhood has a special fund that is used to supply libraries with The URANTIA Book. Money from contributions to this fund is specifically earmarked for library placements. Due to a recent increase in library placement activity, this fund is low. In order to fill the orders from requesting libraries, it must be replenished. It costs URANTIA Brotherhood about \$20.00 for each library book. Please contribute to this fund. If you have been reluctant to contribute to URANTIA Brotherhood in the past because you weren't sure where your money was going, this is your chance to specifically give money for library book placement. Make a Christmas contribution as a gift for a friend. Your contribution is tax-deductible. Great new efforts are underway to stock as many libraries as possible with the Book. It would be a tragedy if libraries were turned down because we ran out of money. Don't ask what the URANTIA movement can do for you, ask what you can do for the URANTIA movement. It can only be done with your financial help.

Efforts at library placement are usually successful. Librarians usually won't turn down a free book, especially when the Book is attractive and in demand. In order to create more demand for the Book in your library, you might call the library a few times and ask them if they have the Book. If the library has not seen any demand for the Book, they will be less likely to receive it. After placing the Book, check up on it to see if it has been checked out. If not, check it out yourself for a time. Libraries have "spring cleanings" of books that are not checked out and sell them.

The URANTIA Book is often stolen from libraries. If this happens

at your library, do not be discouraged. Go ahead and offer the librarian another Book, and keep replacing it if necessary. Suggest to the librarian that they keep the Book in the reserve section of the library as well as in general circulation. If the library will accept two Books, by all means see to it they get them.

Place your name and address in the front of the Book. This way you might find some people to start a study group or add new members to your present group.

The Domestic Extension Committee is now sending out over 8,000 letters to college and public libraries in the USA offering them a free URANTIA Book. In our pilot projects for this type of mailing, approximately 10% of all libraries contacted requested the Book. We estimate about 800 libraries will respond. These libraries will all need follow-up from people like you to make sure the Book stays in the library. With approximately 28,000 libraries in the USA alone, there is plenty to do.

The harvest is plenteous and the laborers are few. If you feel strongly about being of service to the URANTIA movement, please consider contributing time, effort and money to placing URANTIA Books in libraries and following up to insure the Book continues to be available. The greatest work and service to the URANTIA movement is found in the efforts of readers doing positive things in their local communities to enhance awareness of the great revelation of God's love for each individual, so beautifully expressed in The URANTIA

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The URANTIA Book Booth Revisits People's Fair

by Marvin Gawryn

For the third year running, the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver sponsored a URANTIA Book booth at the Capitol Hill People's Fair, held in downtown Denver in May, 1985. Approximately 100,000 passersby attended the fair, and many hundreds of them stopped at the booth to chat about the fifth epochal revelation.

Some had had no previous exposure to The URANTIA Book and were attracted by the placard quotes and aesthetics of the booth. They had an opportunity to share spiritually with readers manning the booth, and to peruse several table copies of The URANTIA Book open to a variety of intriguing passages. Most of them took a selection of free pamphlets and ordering information away with them.

Many browsers had encountered The URANTIA Book previously and welcomed the opportunity to find out more about it in dialogue with experienced readers. Several people were already readers, and received information on study groups with which they could connect. Lively discussions occurred with a few atheists and fundamentalists; however, such interactions were infrequent, graciously handled, and usually readers' responses tended to elicit murmurs of approval from the other more moderate observers around the booth. All in all, the two days of interaction with the public was stimulating and enjoyable.



Jack Kane and Marvin Gawryn field questions from curious onlookers, part of an estimated 120,000 people who filed past the booth during the 2 day run of the People's Fair.

"Is this a wise and beneficial method meriting broad usage?"

I think most would agree that wise, positive exposure for The URANTIA Book is desirable. The question that stimulates differences of opinion is what, in the larger picture, is wise and positive. This question is important in evaluating The URANTIA Book booth. Is it a wise and beneficial method meriting broad usage? At minimum, I believe two criteria need to be satisfied when hosting a booth in order to maximize positive exposure for The URANTIA Book and minimize the risks of negative exposure.

First, the context must be appropriate. Is the booth part of an overall event where such booths are the norm? Are there other religious groups with booths at the event? Is the atmosphere conducive to open thinking, a broad marketplace of interchanged ideas? The Capitol Hill Fair met these criteria; however, a solitary URANTIA Book booth in an upper class shopping mall in the deep south would likely be counterproductive.

Second, some degree of experience and/or training in interacting with the public in a gracious, educational way would be desirable for readers manning the booth. A reader who finds it difficult to be loving and accepting of an extremely wide variety of viewpoints, including negative reaction to The URANTIA Book, should find other avenues of service work.

Thus far, it seems the benefits of the booth method are plentiful, and few criticisms have been voiced. If, however, there are readers who feel, for whatever reason, that URANTIA Book booths run counter to the revelation's best interests, it is important that they share their concerns (letters to the editor on this question would be welcomed). Methods of public exposure of The URANTIA Book should receive thorough evaluation from a broad spectrum of readers in the movement. The booth is one method among many of sharing The URANTIA Book, and many readers may find less public methods more to their liking and, for them, more effective.

My experience at the Capitol Hill People's Fair was quite rewarding. My most satisfying interactions were with those searchers with whom I shared a love-filled glimpse of the living relationship we each can enjoy with our Father's presence within us.



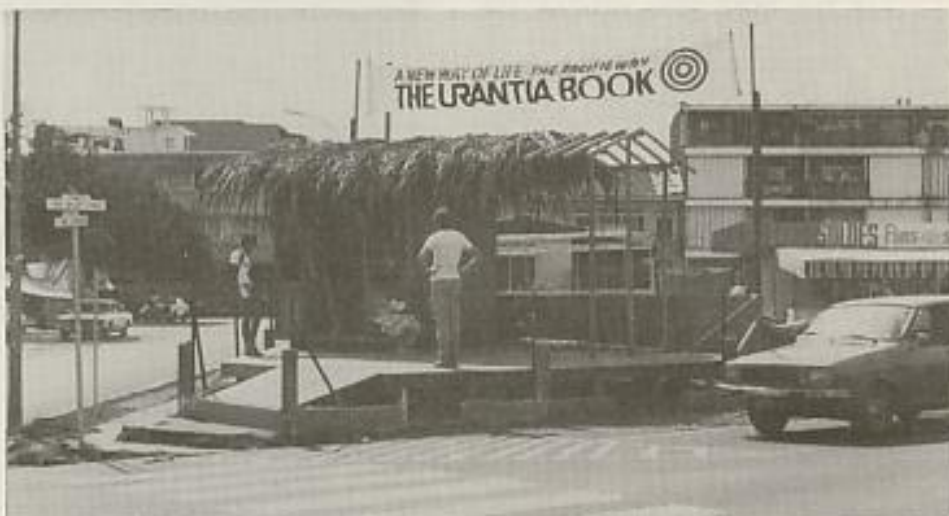
RMUSD's new president Mo Siegel shares the revelatory point of view with Capitol Hill Fair goers...

The First International URANTIA Book Booth

by Emmanuel Lou, Isireli & Martha Racoule, Steve Shanahan, Donald & Jeanette Guimond

In the middle of the South Pacific lies the small territory of French Polynesia. Its capitol, Papeete, is on the island of Tahiti, which is the crossroads of the Pacific. It was on this island that the Fourth Festival of the Pacific Arts was held. The festival is held every four years and is attended by nations from all over the Pacific Ocean. This year the participant nations were American Samoa, Australia, Caroline Islands, Cook Islands, Easter Island, Federated States of Micronesia, French Polynesia (Tahiti, Marquesas, Tuamotus, and Australs), Fiji, Guam, Hawaii, Kiribati, Marianna Islands, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Salpan, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis & Futuna and Western Samoa.

The festival theme was art, music, dance and literature of the Pacific. The three weeks of activities included swimming, cycling, a marathon, javelin throwing, weaving, carving, stamp exhibitions, book displays, fruit carrying races, a great variety of canoe and boat races, traditional tattooing, and much more. It was in this festive international setting that the first URANTIA Book booth was conducted outside of the United States.



A thirty foot banner marks the main booth of the first International URANTIA Book Booth, in downtown Papeete.

The booth was composed of a main base of operations in downtown Papeete, and a mobile booth which went out to some of the twelve different activity areas within the festival area. Twenty feet in the air a 30 foot banner was arrayed above the downtown booth reading:

**A NEW WAY OF LIFE:
THE PACIFIC WAY
THE URANTIA BOOK**

This banner was seen by 30,000 to 40,000 people over a three week period. When the booth was open and operating, two other signs, reading "The URANTIA Book" and "Le Livre de URANTIA" were also displayed. Along with the usual English pamphlets, a new one containing quotes from The URANTIA Book both in English and French was available. The booth was maintained by a multi-national, multi-racial staff which gave it the most international flavor of any of the groups participating in the festival. The staff members were: Steve Shanahan from Melbourne, Australia, Isireli and Martha Racoule from Nadi, Fiji, Donald and Jeanette Guimond from Boulder, Colorado, USA, and Emmanuel and Rene Lou from Papeete, Tahiti. This booth was also multi-lingual in that five languages were spoken: French, English, Tahitian, Chinese and Fijian. The cost of The URANTIA Books sold was subsidized so that English versions were 3000 Francs (\$18.00 US) and the French versions were 5000 Francs (\$30.00 US).

In keeping with island culture the approach utilized in the booth was very non-assertive. We waited for people to come up to our table to see what we had to offer before we said anything to them. The cultural cross-section of the people who came up to the booth was incredibly diverse. Those who approached the booth had a very respectful attitude towards The URANTIA Book; none were hostile or arrogant. One difference from American booths which Jeanette Guimond noticed was that, while fewer people approached the booth, those that did seemed to have a more sincere interest in what it was we had to offer.

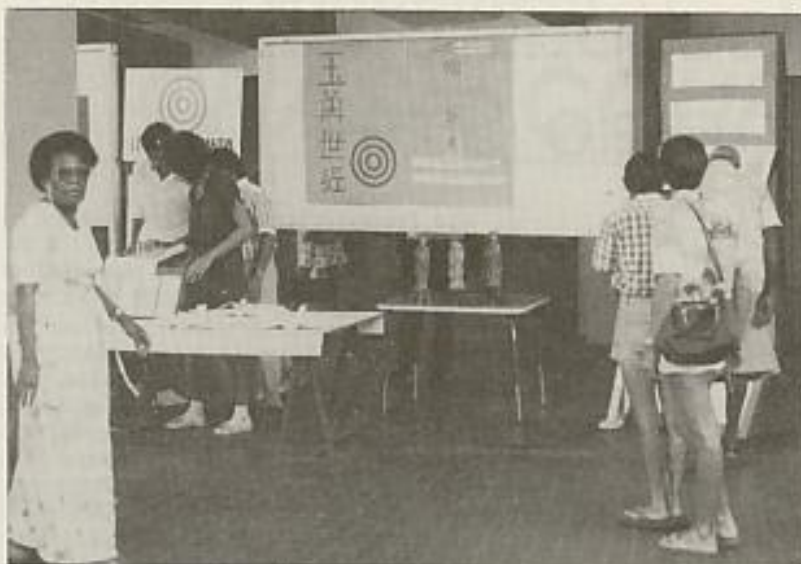


The "Mango" brigade: pictured left to right at the Emmanuel Lou residence are Jeanette Lou, Steve Shanahan, Rene Lou, Jeanette Guimond, Martha Racoule, Isireli Racoule, and Don Guimond. The delicious mango serves as a perfect reminder for the spiritual fruit we are working to bring forth ...

The downtown booth was open for 11 days. In this period of time hundreds of pamphlets were taken. A dozen people from the Papua New Guinea Delegation came to the booth and showed great interest in The URANTIA Book. There also happened to be two Japanese Naval Vessels in port for two days, and hundreds of sailors from these ships visited the booth. All told, 34 books were sold; 24 French editions and 10 English editions. Three weeks after the fair was over, Emmanuel Lou reported that another six French editions had been sold due to interest generated by the booth. Some of those who purchased books were: a Catholic priest from France, two students from France, a man of the Mormon religion from Tuamotus Archipelago, the Governor General of Fiji (several "officials" from Fiji now have a book), two women from Fiji, a man from Switzerland, three Australians, and a woman from California. One story of particular interest had to do with a man who was driving by the booth and saw the banner in the sky. He wheeled his car in and without turning off the engine rushed up to the booth and bought a URANTIA Book saying he had been looking for the Book for 5-6 years and hadn't been able to find it. Then over the next two days he came back and bought three more. The rest of the Books were sold to Chinese, French and Tahitian natives of Tahiti. Several copies of The Tales of Joshua were sold or given away. Of those who purchased Books at least 10% stated that they had been looking for the Book.

The mobile booth was also very successful. Even though it sold no books, hundreds of pamphlets were taken and several thousand people saw the Book. We spent one day at a book fair that was part of the festival. The most interesting time we had was at the Chinese Cultural Event. Here we had the phrase "The URANTIA Book" spelled out in Mandarin Chinese, and the theme of the booth was the three most important things in life to someone of Chinese origin: Happiness, Prosperity and Longevity. We used quotes from The URANTIA Book in English and French which related to these ideas. It was a very successful exhibit. Our roving crew also went to the islands of Bora Bora, Huahine and Moorea; pamphlets were taken by people on all three islands.

One additional benefit the staff found was an opportunity to introduce people to the Book, both at home and on their way to Tahiti, when they were asked "Why are you going to Tahiti?"



The "roving booth" focused on the Chinese cultural themes of happiness, prosperity, and longevity, depicted in the statuettes (center). That's Martha Racule on the left.

The fellowship of our group...

The odds seem to be against Urantians who had never known or met before and of totally diverse cultural heritages and hailing from different lands and outlook in life being able to make it together at The URANTIA Book booth in perfect harmony and brotherly love and service. From the first day of the festival to the end, the spirit of fellowship and brotherhood existed as if we had always been together in all our lives before we came to Tahiti.

We were a wonderful, untiring team of well-taught and motivated people, cheerful with a high sense of trust and responsibility. Our team leader, Emmanuel Lou, with his loving family, was a most humble and influential counselor, host and a great teacher of the gospel of unexcelled wisdom, love and service, here in Tahiti as well as in the rest of the entire Pacific countries. □

Isireli Racoule

All of the staff agreed that the booth was a tremendous success. We also agreed it would be best not to do this kind of booth again in Tahiti for at least one or two years. Anyone doing a booth in their own part of the world should remember two things. First, just the right environment is extremely important to a positive presentation of The URANTIA Book. Second, this kind of presentation must be done with the dignity and respect the Revelation deserves.

All of the visiting members of the booth would like to extend a gracious and heartfelt THANK YOU to the Lou Family.

"All Urantia is waiting for the proclamation of the ennobling message of Michael, unencumbered by the accumulated doctrines and dogmas of nineteen centuries of contact with the religions of evolutionary origin." (p. 1041) □



Three weeks of hard work on the booth shines from the faces of Don Guimond, Emmanuel Lou, and Isireli Racoule ... Well done!

Reflections on the Colorado State Fair

by Buck & Arlene Wiemer

Reflections on the 11 days of the Colorado State Fair (Aug. 23rd - Sept. 2nd) are filled with high energy, creative thoughts, and good feelings. Except for a small amount of time at the Capitol Hill People's Fair in Denver, this was our first experience with the day-to-day activities of a URANTIA Book booth--certainly the first for Pueblo and Southern Colorado.

From the moment Don Guimond arrived the night before the fair started, with a vehicle full of signs, pamphlets and iced-tea, a special energy of spiritual truth-sharing began to flow. The booth was set-up and opened the next day remaining open each day from 10 AM until past 10 PM with a constant staff of volunteers.

The booth was located inside the Agricultural Building at the center of

the fairgrounds, and was surrounded by consumer, religious and service-oriented booths. If only half of all the fairgoers passed by, more than 200,000 persons saw the booth. Demographically, they were a composite of farmers, ranchers, and city-dwellers representing a broad range of the social, political and economic spectrum. Compared to previous booth efforts, the frequency of personal contact was less, but of comparatively better quality.

The atmosphere was relaxed and low-key. The volunteers staffing the booth spoke only one-on-one, and only after first being asked a question. Don's bountiful knowledge of the Bible easily prevented strife with those of the fundamental perspective. In the end, it was the first opportunity for so many individuals in this region to see and hear the words of The URANTIA Book. The booth worked as a great seed-planter.

Ultimately, the study groups of Colorado Springs and Pueblo were the biggest benefactors from the booth activity in Southern Colorado. An early lesson we learned was to have available both a larger loaner library, and cards with our study group telephone number.

Personally, having so many reader-believers in our home during one short period of time was an experience eternalized for the Weimer family. With the likes of Don Guimond, Don Green, John Fisher, Andre Radatus, Jack Kane, Marvin Gawryn, JoAnn Brummett, Jeanette Guimond and daughters passing through, it was like having a mini-conference in our home. The late night conversations, the sharing of food at the booth, hideaway beds, and the willingness to understand each other all ripened a special kind of love.

Having the booth at the Colorado State Fair gave us the opportunity to practice the "third sacred obligation" (p. 1930). We served other kingdom believers by making them aware of the sights and sounds of a revelation in their midst. And using our home as the headquarters allowed us personally to be of service to the Kingdom.

IDAHO does a Booth

By Barbara Giles

I would like to tell you about our experiences this fall with a URANTIA Book booth at two local barter fairs. We enjoyed it immensely. The environment was very homegrown, back-to-the-land. Even though our booth was somewhat unique it seemed to be well received.

Michael Green and Daniel Kelly constructed the booth and did an excellent job. It was roughly barn shaped with a green plastic over the long sides and roof, clear plastic on the back and open in front. It was 12' wide and 18' long. Spacious. In front we set up a table with several books, usually one open, the artist's rendition of the universe, an upright brochure rack and a sign-up sheet. Also a globe for decoration. Several quotes were written and hung on the inside walls. We hung a sign "Urantia Book readers of the Inland Northwest." The responses from people varied from "What's Urantia?" to "where have you been all these years?" We did our best to let people show an interest first before getting too zealous. We encouraged people who showed some interest to take a pamphlet, read it and come back later - if they seemed to be impatient to make the rounds of

the fair. The variety of interest that was displayed was enthralling and challenging, too. Some questions were very profound. The good old open-at-random method helped me out in one instance. More often just a topic or two would be touched on by way of finding out what might interest this particular person. Several people made themselves quite at home there, conversing on many topics or sitting aside reading. I tried to find underlying points in common to draw on.

We had about 15-20 books over the two weekends and sold them all, which surprised us. There were very few brochures left over also.

Thomas Orjala has been encouraging us to find a different sort of setting to try the next booth, a county fair perhaps. The cross section of people would be broader than a barter fair.



...a call to service

Book. Library book placement is one such service. The slogan "Think global, act local" has such profound application in our movement. The angels can only lead people to The URANTIA Book if we make it available. Heed the call to service. If not you, then who?

Dear Tom,

Yes, I am willing to receive * URANTIA Books to place in libraries. I will place the books within one month after I receive them, or I will send them back to URANTIA Brotherhood in Chicago. I will also let you know where I have placed them. I understand that I may receive more books after I have placed the first ones. Thank You.

*Limit three (3) URANTIA Books at a time. I would like to have someone experienced in library placement come and assist me in placing The URANTIA Book.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

PHONE(____) _____

SIGNATURE _____

RETURN TO:

Tom Allen
2322 NW 19th
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73107
(405)-525-0918

Second Annual Summer Intensive

This coming July 19 - 27, The Boulder School for Students of The URANTIA Book and The Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver will be sponsoring another "Summer Intensive." The theme this year will be "Becoming Wholehearted." Activities to be included are Bar-B-Que Social, four days of classroom sessions; three day mountain retreat; worship gathering, and evening activities.

Classroom sessions will cover such subjects as: Sincerity, The Family, Self-Confidence, Personal Effectiveness, Economics and Relating to other Religionists. Some of those giving presentations will be Marvin Gawryn, Errol & Rochelle Strider, Stan Hartman, Paul Harden, Steve Rohrbaach, Jill Hull, Bill & Kaye Cooper and a panel discussion with Meredith Sprunger, Duane Paw and Don Guimond.

The mountain retreat will have individual worship walks, hiking, swimming, horseback riding, mountain climbs, trout fishing, cookouts, entertainment and one whole day devoted to going the second mile.

Evening and extracurricular activities will include a class & demonstration on library placements by Vin Myers. The college campus and downtown mall booths will be open to observe or participate in; we will also have a class on how to start your own booth back home.

Childcare is available and has developed a program for the children that includes music, art, origami, acting/drama, nature walk, trout fishing, swimming and storytelling.

If you do not have a registration and information sheet, they are available from: The Boulder School, 1622 18th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302

There are those who say, "I am not one of those extraordinary souls, I have no mystical gifts, I do not aspire to such things, I will keep the common way," and persuade themselves that that is the spirit of their vocation. To them I say, No; you haven't experienced these unions and heard these high calls to God and perhaps that is why it is so difficult to calm you when you are put out by some little thing, as when you are slighted. If you had a higher understanding of perfection and if you looked always to Him and found comfort in Him you might be admitted to these unions that make the heart so strong nothing can disturb it.

John Joseph Sartin, 1600-1685

Library Placement:

A CRASH COURSE

by John Murney

Success in placing a URANTIA Book in a library usually depends upon the discretion of the people receiving the Book. With due consideration given to the nature of the transaction and what reservations a librarian may have about such a contribution, it is possible to highlight reasons why The URANTIA Book would be a valuable asset to any library and thus have the Book accepted.

First, it is best to contact a selected library by phone and make an appointment to meet with the library's acquisition director or whomever is in charge of receiving donations. Personal contact makes a better impression and conveys more understanding than simply dropping the Book off.

Next, before meeting the librarian, it is best to consider the position into which your visit puts that person. He or she will be asked to accept a large, strange book that lists the authors' names and titles and topics in an unusual manner. The average librarian cannot be expected to view this with the same acceptance as the avid reader.

A proper approach is one of poise, intelligence, and conciseness. The librarian should be given a positive impression of the Book and be allowed to discover its contents on his or her own, without the distraction of asking questions.

The URANTIA Book defies complete description and librarians are often more impressed with a book for what it is, than what it says. For that reason the presentation should promote the Book and not its message. The contributor should speak on a level that will be appreciated. The title, for example, of "fifth epochal revelation to the planet Urantia" will gain little understanding. To avoid an explanation of the Book's origin and authorship, the librarian should be told that the Book is an anthology. For content, nothing more needs to be said than its subjects include religion, philosophy, cosmology and science.

After stating that the Book has been published by URANTIA Foundation since 1955, the donor should mention that there are now over 125,000 copies of the Book in print. This puts it in the best seller category and informs the librarian of its demand. Next the Book's Library of Congress Catalog Card Number should



THE URANTIA BOOK

The Parts of the Book

- PART I
THE CENTRAL AND SUPERUNIVERSES
The Story of the Universe of Universes
- PART II
THE LOCAL UNIVERSE
The Story of our part of the Galaxy
- PART III
THE HISTORY OF URANTIA
Urantia is the name of our Planet
- PART IV
THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS
The Story of the Son of God and the Son of Man

be pointed out on the back of the title page. This helps the librarian in placing it and gives the Book credibility through official recognition. It is wise to recommend that the Book be placed under section 299.

It is helpful then to mention the names of a few, well-known area libraries that have a copy of the Book. This helps to build respect for it and serves to show that other libraries have kept pace with its circulation.

Finally, the Book should be offered on the condition that it be returned to the donor if it is not accepted. Most libraries have a screening board which decides whether a contributed book is desirable and if there is shelf space available for it. Books that are rejected are usually sold at an auction. It can be explained that it is an expensive book and that the donor would like to have it returned instead of sold.

If you are asked a question about the Book, answer it as efficiently as possible without involving the Book's terminology.

URANTIA Brotherhood's name and address should be given as the donor's name and the librarian should be thanked for his or her time and consideration. In another two or three months the person placing the Book should return to see if the Book has been placed on the shelf. If not, an inquiry should be made to show that this contribution has not been forgotten and that it is important to you that the Book gets placed on the shelves.

Ultimately, a brief, well-prepared and confident presentation will give the librarian the greatest assurance that The URANTIA Book is a worthy addition to the shelves of their library.

The Summer Intensive

by Stan Hartman

On Sunday evening, August 11, about fifty people from all over the country, plus Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, and France, began to gather at the Boulder School for Students of The URANTIA Book to inaugurate the first week-long Summer Intensive, dedicated to the subject of personal ministry. Many local people opened their homes to these visitors, and there was also housing provided in the dorms at the University of Colorado, where the formal activities were held. The activities began Monday morning with Errol and Rochelle Strider, who presented talks and exercises "On Being Personal and Bearing the Fruits of the Spirit." They were followed in the afternoon by Bill and Kaye Cooper, speaking and presenting exercises on "Forging a Relationship with God through Prayer, Worship, and Communion." Optional evening activities included an invitation to participate with Don Guimond in a URANTIA Book Booth on the downtown Boulder mall, and also to view the movie *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, which was shown at the Boulder School.

On Tuesday morning, Marvin Gawryn spoke and led a discussion on "Jesus' Methods of Personal Ministry." In the afternoon Rochelle Strider taught "Acting with Love," and Don Guimond presented a survey of the Bible and a discussion of common questions that arise when dealing with Bible students. In the evening, people once again were invited to participate with Don in the booth on the mall.

On Wednesday, Stan Hartman spoke and led a discussion and exercises that dealt with character development and how it relates to personal ministry. Also presented were active listening techniques and other ways of making deep personal nourishment safe to give and receive. In the evening, Don's booth on the mall continued, and a video tape of a seminar by Meredith Sprunger, "The Principles of Outreach Ministry," was shown at the Boulder School.

Thursday and Friday were mountain retreat days, dedicated to fellowship and worship at a beautiful church camp, up in the high country, near the continental divide. These days were spent in nature, communing with the Father and one another, talking over what we had learned and reflecting on what we hoped to actualize. Highlights were an individual worship walk Thursday afternoon,



during which everyone went off alone for a while to commune with God in this majestic setting, and a riotous good time in the evening after dinner, with entertainment, singing and dancing including performances by Ron Harper, Phil Geiger, Kim Tunilla, Susan Ransbottom, Carol Hay, Shawna Hunt, Joan Batson, Susan Hill and a skit by our children designed and directed by Annalea Adams, who also did a great job of child care throughout the week.

On Friday morning, those who were in shape for it (and some who weren't) started out early with Don Guimond to climb Mount Audabon, a peak over 13,500 feet on the continental divide. Not everyone made it to the top, but the view was glorious from everywhere above the timberline, and the weather, as it was all week, was perfect. Back at the camp, there was a "two by two" walk and meditation before lunch, and a beautiful dedication in the afternoon, which involved a re-enactment of the ordination, with participants standing in a circle in a meadow surrounded by pine trees, while Carol Hay and Joan Batson did a guided visualization of the Spirit of Truth entering us, and our sending out peace, down the mountain to the world below. Then we pledged to Jesus our desire to be his disciples, and knelt in a circle as we imagined him laying his hands on our heads one by one. It was a powerful

experience.

Saturday morning was dedicated to a panel discussion with all the presenters at the university. This provided an opportunity to further discuss the ideas and insights that had come up during the past week. In the afternoon, Errol Strider led a discussion on "Commitment to Action," to focus on specific activities we could all pursue to bring Jesus' teachings into our communities and the lives of their individuals. In the evening, there was a huge party at John and Carol Hay's, with great food, swimming, lawn games and the further deepening of the friendships that had been evolving throughout the week.

Sunday morning's worship service, led by Errol and Rochelle, was held high atop Flagstaff Mountain, overlooking Boulder, the eastern plains, the continental divide, Mount Audabon, and peaks of Rocky Mountain National Park, and was a fitting, joyful cap to a truly intensive and rewarding week.

The Intensive was planned and organized by Steve Rohrbach, Carol Hay, and Joan Batson, with generous funding from John Hay and transportation coordinated by John Fisher.

Anyone interested in stereo cassette tapes of some of the presentations at the Summer Intensive, contact Lou Meyer at the Boulder School for copies. □

Summer Intensive: A view from inside

by Beverley Wold

In Proverbs 17:22 it says, "A merry heart does good like a medicine;" and Proverbs 19:8, "He that gets wisdom loves his own soul; he that keeps understanding shall find good."

For the 75 or more contemporary souls who experienced the Boulder School's "Intensive Week of Study and Sharing the Fruits of Spiritual Growth: Personal Ministry as a Way of Life"—these ancient gems of wisdom became vibrant reality—and more.

Word pictures that flash across the screen of the mind are: lots of laughter, hugging, new faces reflecting love, close understanding, confiding, convivial sharing of food—both material and spiritual, singing, dancing, quiet walks along rapturously beautiful mountain paths, struggling up rocky ascents to gain higher perspectives of the surrounding expanses.... faces in rapturous repose of meditation, a circle of truth seekers kneeling in a grassy meadow in the act of sincere dedication to doing the Father's Will of Loving Service to all—not just then, but from then on.

Those of us fortunate enough to be there this memorable Aug. 11-18 week were not seeking the same kind of gold that the intrepid pioneers of some 140 years ago were. We sought to find precious nuggets of spiritual truth and refine them into meaningful human application of everyday experience, always guided by the Spirit of Truth.

It is inspiring that this great state university, the University of Colorado, granted the use of its very comfortable facilities for a group of truth seekers during this week of study. And it is my understanding that under the leadership of The URANTIA Book Club, the Boulder School members can "infiltrate" the vast student body with exhibits and book stalls at various times to acquaint those interested with the teachings of The URANTIA Book.

Rather than being fractioned into various study groups, we met as a single group for intensive workshops morning and afternoon on Mon., Tues. and Wed. This brought such a wonderful closeness and sharing that one could feel how it might have been to be a disciple learning from Jesus, himself...He seemed to be ever present as we got to know one another, feeling safe to reveal our inner-most thoughts, share knotty personal problems, and reach out to touch the souls of others in understanding and loving service.

Thursday, fashioned after the example of Jesus, we all went up to the Presbyterian Highlands Camp, high in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, with breathtaking views. We were there for a day and a half of recreation and spiritual refreshment: we could walk quietly alone, or with others amid the trees and wildflowers, meditate, share intimate problems or inspirations, or establish new goals for spiritual progress. In the evening, there was a talent show, which included both children and adults, that demonstrated the very versatile and sparkling talent that always prevails among URANTIA

It was a week when our minds, hearts, and feelings were jam-packed with meaningful concepts, clarification of old nebulous thoughts, sharing, defining of new goals, finding new friends to love and care for in our thoughts and prayers—with a tangible plan for keeping in touch with each other.

Space does not permit elaboration, but a great expression of gratitude has to be expressed to the skillful leadership of the workshop panelists—Errol and Rochelle Strider, sharing their masterful and dedicated dramatic talents, showing us how to

"It was a week when our minds, hearts, and feelings were jam-packed with meaningful concepts ... sharing ... and finding new friends to love ..."

Book readers. It was a **SMASH!**; space precludes a description of this hilariously entertaining evening. All week long children of all ages had been ably guided by and taught meaningful activities, led by Annalea Adams, and assisted by Shawna Hunt, Carol Hay and others. The children really sparkled as star entertainers as they creatively shared the truths they had been learning.

On Friday, most of the group walked to a secluded spot in a meadow to participate in a service of dedication where we knelt under the pine trees in consecrated reverence. Hardier souls were sealing nearby Mount Audubon for a loftier view.

Saturday, it was back to the University where we all met to summarize and evaluate the workshop sessions and mountain top experiences, implementing individual goal planning to go out and put into effect what we had learned. That night we had another fabulous feast at the home of John and Carol Hay, where there was a profusion of gourmet food, joy, singing and unsurpassed hospitality of the hosts.

Before we dispersed to various points of the compass, Sunday morning, we went again up to the top of Flagstaff Mountain overlooking Boulder, to be lifted up in worshipful exaltation that seemed to take us to the brink of the Mansion Worlds before we had to say farewell to each other and hurry to catch a plane or leave by car for other places.

better know our inner selves and nurture the fruits of the spirit; the quiet guidance of Marvin Gawryn as we looked more closely at Jesus' methods of personal ministry; Don Guilmond who vividly demonstrated the efficacy of knowing and using the Bible in introducing established Christians, as well as non-Christians to the Truths of The URANTIA Book; Stan Hartman, who ably presented how to minister to the special needs of our time and culture, using religious solutions as a key to effectively do this; Bill and Kaye Cooper, who showed us how to talk to God more effectively, enriching our prayers with powerful techniques.

It was evident that underlying the surface fabric of day by day activities, a lot of warp and woof of hard work and good planning had gone into this "Intensive Week." It is not possible to mention all the people who were always there to take care of every need and to make every aspect so enjoyable and helpful.

But for those of us who were privileged to share and benefit from the work and efforts of the Boulder School for Students of The URANTIA Book--we will never be the same again. It was a sublime experience. □



READER SURVEY RESULTS

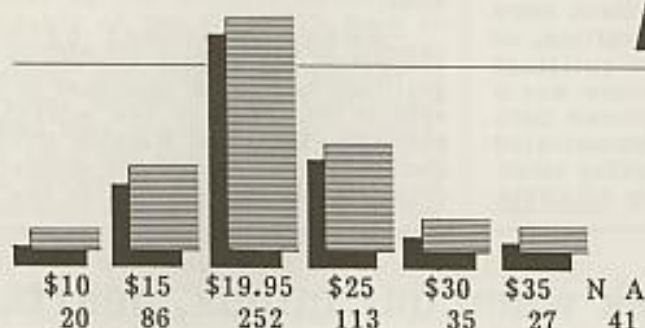
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PRIORITIES

Book Sales & Distribution

1. The retail price of The URANTIA Book should be lowered.

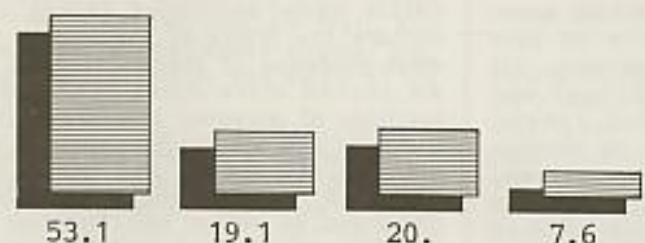
* S A	A	D	S D	N A
298	201 - 86.9%	46	10 - 9.7%	29 - 5.0%



2. What do you feel is a reasonable retail price?

3. A top quality paperback edition of The URANTIA Book should be published and sold for \$12.95 at retail stores.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
193	182 - 65.3%	111	70 - 31.5%	18 - 3.1%



4. Are you willing to contribute money to help reduce the retail price of The URANTIA Book?

Totally Will	Will	Slight Will	Unwill	N A
115	190-53.1%	110-19.1%	115-20%	44-7.8%

5. Assuming URANTIA Foundation has the money to reduce the wholesale price of The URANTIA Book, the Foundation should match contributions with individual donors.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
123	232-61.8%	96	36-22.9%	87-15.1%

6. If The URANTIA Book were available at \$12.95 from URANTIA Societies and \$19.95 at retail bookstores, how many more books a year do you think you would buy for your own personal use, gifts and/or loaners?

Zero	1 - 2	2 - 5	5 - 10	10 or more	N A
67	168	179	97	47	16

Minimum number of extra books that would be bought-1481.

7. There should be concern over the 33% decrease in The URANTIA Book sales over the past five years.

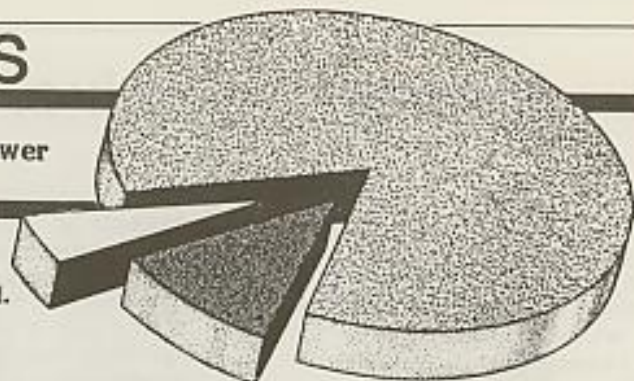
Great Concern	Some Con.	Little Con.	No Con.	N A
283	184	45	43	20

8. What percentage of retail stores do you feel should be carrying The URANTIA Book?

10% or less	10-25%	25-50%	50-70%	70-95%	N A
16	50	106	139	221	42

9. A professional book salesperson should be hired to increase sales and distribution of The URANTIA Book.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
157	173 - 57.4%	142	65 - 36%	37 - 6.4%



Lower the Price: 86.9%

Religion

10. We should be fostering personal religion.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
319	174 - 85.8%	34	65 - 8.5%	32 - 5.5%

11. We should be fostering the socialization of religion through URANTIA Brotherhood.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
75	243 - 55.4%	136	65 - 35%	55 - 9.5%

12. Other organizations, other than URANTIA Brotherhood, should take on the task of the socialization of URANTIA Book readers.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
54	223 - 48.2%	141	66 - 36%	90 - 15.6%

13. We should be organizing worship services for ourselves.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
86	233 - 55.5%	147	55 - 35.1%	53 - 9.2%

Education

14. Schools should be set up to train leaders and teachers.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
149	256 - 70.5%	88	40 - 22.2%	41 - 7.1%

15. Certificates, ordinations and degrees should be issued for teachers and leaders who have completed the necessary URANTIA Book training.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
58	173 - 40.2%	153	132 - 49.6%	58 - 10%

Study Groups

16. We should be fostering the growth and maturing of URANTIA Book study groups.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
319	186 - 87.9%	11	2 - 2.2%	56 - 9.7%

17. Concerning study aids for study groups we should... develop s.a. use existing s.a. not informed N A

develop s.a.	use existing s.a.	not informed	N A
219	105	170	80

18. URANTIA Book Study Groups fill my religious social needs.

S A	A	D	S D	N A
55	158 - 37.1%	235	46 - 48.9%	80 - 13.9%

Libraries

19. What percentage of libraries, in the United States, do you feel should have The URANTIA Book placed in it?

10% or less	10-25%	25-50%	50-70%	70-95%	N A
3	13	30	67	445	16
0.5%	2.2%	5.2%	11.6%	77.5%	2.7%

20. What percentage of libraries, world-wide, do you feel should have an English translation of The URANTIA Book placed in it?

10% or less	10-25%	25-50%	50-70%	70-95%	N A
27	48	79	77	202	141
4.7%	8.3%	13.7%	13.4%	35.1%	24.5%

Translations

21. We should be concerned about completing more translations.

S	A	D	S D	N A
215	282 - 86.5%	36	15 - 8.8%	24 - 4.1%

22. We should wait for many bilingual URANTIA Book readers to appear, in any given language, before future translations are done in that language.

S	A	D	S D	N A
47	156 - 35.6%	249	66 - 54.8%	54 - 9.4%

23. We should be doing non-western translations.

S	A	D	S D	N A
152	304	45	12	59

Marriage and Family

24. We should foster marriage and family training.

S	A	D	S D	N A
201	234 - 75.7%	70	14 - 14.6%	53 - 9.2%

25. We should foster marriage and family counseling.

S	A	D	S D	N A
171	242 - 71.9%	85	19 - 18.1%	55 - 9.5%

Miscellaneous

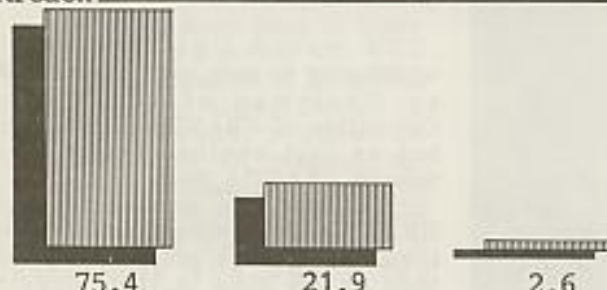
26. We should be fostering a "no direction" attitude for the Revelation at this time.

S	A	D	S D	N A
24	69	239	130	112

27. What do you think the number of readers of The URANTIA Book should be by the end of the next 50 years?(in Millions)

1/2-less	1/2-1	1-2	2-5	5-10	10-20	20-50	N A
19	35	59	40	49	44	150	158
3.3%	9.5%	10.2%	6.9%	8.5%	7.6%	26.1%	27.8%

Outreach



28. We should be spreading The URANTIA Book and its teachings with an "up front" attitude that our source of information is The URANTIA Book.

S	A	D	S D	N A
189	244 - 75.4%	105	21 - 21.9%	15 - 2.6%

29. How do you feel about the URANTIA Brotherhood statement on publicity regarding outreach.

S	A	D	S D	N A
52	156 - 36.2%	161	51 - 36.9%	162 - 28.2%

30. When involved in outreach, should we have an attitude of "giving the selected teachings only".

S	A	D	S D	N A
6	97 - 17.9%	259	95 - 61.6%	117 - 20.3%

31. URANTIA Book clubs (see article) should be encouraged to be set up at universities in other parts of the country.

S	A	D	S D	N A
187	319 - 88.1%	50	8 - 10.1%	10 - 1.7%

32. URANTIA Book booths should be encouraged to be set up at fairs in other parts of the country.

S	A	D	S D	N A
100	282 - 66.5%	93	31 - 21.6%	68 - 11.8%

CONCORDEX

33. Have you ever heard of The Concordex?

Yes	No	No Answer
540	9	25
94.0%	.5%	4.3%

34. Do you have a Concordex.

Yes	No	No Answer
508	62	4
88.5%	10.8%	.6%

35. Do you ever use The Concordex.

Yes	No	No Answer
503	64	7
87.6%	11.1%	1.2%

36. The Concordex is a good study aid.

S	A	D	S D	N A
308	203 - 89%	16	1 - 2.9%	45 - 8%

37. The Concordex should be sold at all stores that presently sell The URANTIA Book.

S	A	D	S D	N A
280	229 - 83.6%	30	5 - 6%	30 - 5.7%

38. When The URANTIA Book is placed in a library, a Concordex should be placed also.

S	A	D	S D	N A
253	232 - 84.4%	52	4 - 9.7%	33 - 5.7%

39. All new readers of The URANTIA Book should be informed of The Concordex's existence.

S	A	D	S D	N A
290	240 - 92.3%	16	3 - 3.3%	25 - 4.3%

40. Would you be willing to contribute money to help reduce the retail price of The Concordex?

Totally Willing	Will Slightly	Will Not	N A
65	136	147	181
45			

41. Have you read the first 50 pages of The Concordex?

Yes	No	No Opinion	N A
371 - 64.6%	156 - 27.1%	21 - 3.6%	25 - 4.5%

42. Do you like the first 50 pages of The Concordex?

Yes	No	No Opinion	N A
258 - 44.9%	59 - 10.2%	196 - 34.1%	59 - 10.2%

Miscellaneous

43. How long have you been reading The URANTIA Book?

Less 1 yr	1-2 yrs	2-5 yrs	5-10 yrs	over 10 yrs	N A
12	26	78	186	264	8
2.0%	4.5%	13.5%	32.4%	45.9%	1.3%

44. How often do you read The URANTIA Book?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Infrequently	N A
117	273	64	83	37
20.3%	47.5%	11.1%	14.4%	6.4%

45. Have you read the entire contents of The URANTIA Book?

Yes	No	No Answer
429 - 74.7%	133 - 23.1%	12 - 2%

46. Are you an active member of a study group?

Yes	No	No Answer		
330 - 57.4%	229 - 39.8%	15 - 2.6%		
If yes, how often do you attend this study group?				
Weekly	Mon. Bi-mon.	Every 6 mon.	Less freq.	N A
195	57	52	15	19
33.9%	9.9%	9.0%	2.6%	3.3%

47. Are you an active member of a church, synagogue, or other religious organization besides URANTIA Book groups?

Yes	No	No Answer
165 - 28.7%	393 - 68.8%	16 - 2.7%

48. Before you found The URANTIA Book, what was your active religious application?

Cath.	Prot.	Fund. Christ.	Jewish	Unchur.	Other	N A
83	196	20	9	114	133	19
14.4%	34.1%	3.4%	1.5%	19.8%	23.1%	3.3%

49. Do you consider The URANTIA Book teachings your dominant belief system?

Yes	No	No Answer
447 - 77.8%	49 - 8.5%	78 - 13.5%

50. Would you like to see this kind of format for the Planetary Prints continue?

Yes	No	No Opinion	No Answer
439 - 76.4%	14 - 2.4%	93 - 16.2%	28 - 4.8%

¿ Es Usted Un Lector Del Libro de URANTIA?

There are URANTIA Book reading groups in Spain, Mexico, Columbia, Chile, and Peru, with individual readers in every country in Latin America.

As you may know, URANTIA Foundation is undertaking the enormous task of translating The URANTIA Book into the Spanish language. In the near future this task will be accomplished, and we will have the fifth epochal revelation ready to be disseminated to the Spanish speaking world.

There are URANTIA Book reading groups in Spain, Columbia, Mexico, Chile and Peru, as well as individual readers in almost every other country in Latin America; but of course, the language barrier has kept these teachings from thousands of souls now ready to receive them.

We think it will be interesting and helpful to establish a communication network between all Spanish speaking readers of The

URANTIA Book, in order for them to know each other, to help each other to understand and clear up some of the teaching concepts. Also, it will be very interesting to know how these teachings have been applied and lived within the different societies and cultures these many readers are living in.

If you are interested in helping to organize or belonging to this "network," please send me your name and address along with some brief information about yourself, and we will send you further details.

Please send this information to:

Douglas Fraser
2027 Tangle Lake
Kingwood, Texas 77339
(713) 358-7716

Tapes from The Boulder School

Video

"Principals of Outreach Ministry," by Meredith Sprunger.

"Emerging Theories of Reality" & "Universal Wholeness," by Bob Hunt.

"Group Dynamics: Living & Working in Groups," by Peter Laurence.

Audio

Summer Intensive

"On Being Personal and Bearing the Fruits of the Spirit," by Errol & Rochelle Strider.

"Jesus' Methods of Personal Ministry," by Marvin Gawryn (Parts 1 & 2).

"Jesus' Methods of Personal Ministry," by Marvin Gawryn (Part 3) and "Personal Ministry and Character," by Stan Hartman (Part 1).

"Personal Ministry and Character," by Stan Hartman (Parts 2 & 3).

Panel Discussion (Parts 1 & 2).

Panel Discussion (Parts 3 & 4).

Radio Programs

KAIR 10/10/84 by Don Green, Lou Meyers, Carol Hay, Don Guimond and a new reader.

KGNU 7/7/85 by John Roper, JoAnn Brummett, Stan Hartman, Lou Meyers and Brigitte Mars.



Booth Statistics for 1985

by Don Guimond

The booth projects which RMUSD has been associated with have been at The Capital Hill Peoples Fair in Denver, The Colorado State Fair in Pueblo, Co., The downtown Boulder Mall, The University of Colorado URANTIA Book Club, and the 4th Festival of the Pacific Arts. Here are some estimates:

People attending activity - 750,000
People passing by booth - 250,000
Pamphlets taken by lookers - 5,000
URANTIA Books Sold - 100

One Reader to Another

by John Hay

I would like to take this opportunity to seek your support. Not as Chairman of the Finance Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood, but as just another reader of our beloved URANTIA Book.

As you may or may not know, URANTIA Brotherhood is presently involved in more projects and work than at any time in their previous history. If URANTIA Brotherhood is going to do more, they are going to need more support. The proposed budget for 1986 is in the neighborhood of \$200,000. To achieve this the Brotherhood needs to raise approximately \$130,000 from contributions. The only way that they will reach this goal is with everyone's financial support.

Last summer the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood directed the Executive Committee to investigate the feasibility of lowering the price of the Book. The only realistic way that this is going to be accomplished is, again with your continued financial support.

Even if all you can give is a MITE, that is enough. The URANTIA Brotherhood needs your support as never before. Please see it in your heart to help this worthwhile organization, which is totally dedicated to the revelation, continue in its most needed ministry.

The Bedell Scholarship

by Donald L. Guimond

Barrie Bedell, Jennifer Pickering and myself are pleased to announce the formation of the Clyde Bedell Outreach Scholarship. The scholarship will be used to assist students at The Boulder School for Students of The URANTIA Book with their tuition costs. Anyone wanting more information on this scholarship should contact Donald L. Guimond at The Boulder School, 1622 18th Street, Boulder, Co. 80302. Anyone who would like to make a donation to the Clyde Bedell Outreach Scholarship should send their check to: Clyde Bedell Outreach Scholarship, C/O The Boulder School, 1622 18th Street, Boulder, Co. 80302.

The Clyde Bedell Library

by Carol Hay

The Boulder School for Students of The URANTIA Book is pleased to announce the opening of the Clyde Bedell Library here in Boulder. This library started with the school's existing collection. Books have been added from Clyde Bedell's personal library donated by his son, Barrie Bedell, along with a large portion of Merritt Horn's and Steve Zabielski's collections which are now on permanent loan. Students are now compiling a comprehensive resource list of current and classic writers of philosophy, religion, science, history and art. Provisions are also being made for the storage and protection of old and rare books, such as the writings of Dr. William Sadler and other related publications involving the times of the Forum.

If you have books that fall into any of these categories and would like to donate or permanently loan these

to the library, they would be greatly appreciated.

Also, the Library is currently developing a networking project coordinated by the students to gather and correlate various materials created by readers of The URANTIA Book. If you have developed study aids, written books, recorded music or have any works of visual art on slides, we would appreciate having copies of these for the development of a creative archive in the near future. We would also appreciate subscriptions to any newsletters produced within The URANTIA Book reader's community.

The resources of The Clyde Bedell Library, like those of the Boulder School, are available to all readers. We hope that it will grow to be of real service to the entire family of URANTIA Book students. Any help you might provide toward the realization of this dream would be much appreciated.

Things you can use

UNITY Article

In the September issue of *Unity Magazine* a comment on *The URANTIA Book* appeared in an article by Marcus Bach of Unity Church in response to a reader's question regarding evolution vs. creation. Mr. Bach remarked, "Then I got into *The URANTIA Book* which takes us back to a time 'before the beginning.' It explains that the so-called fundamentalists' 'twenty-four-hour day' in the Genesis story is actually an eon of time and could imply thousands of years. *Urantia's* 2,000 exciting pages trace our universe and other universes far beyond the reach of my mind."

It is pleasing to see that *The URANTIA Book* is getting some positive publicity in the Unity Church.

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IS IT TIME?

by J. Lee Rector

Most readers of The URANTIA Book agree it is time to: 1) get books into libraries and bookstores; 2) make, print and distribute translations; 3) form thousands of study groups; 4) train teachers and leaders.

The subject, "is it time to go public with the Book?" however, does not meet with such agreement.

In the forum we so affectionately term "The Urantia Movement," two greatly opposed factions are emerging around this issue.

One contends that the time has arrived for the word to get out. They are ready to fly the flag of three concentric circles, paste bumperstickers, go on "Good Morning America," "The Phil Donahue Show," and "Merv Griffin", put a new dust cover on the big blue Book that sells, and (God forbid) talk about the revelation.

The other group contends we must move quietly — that we were in fact "mandated" to do so. That the Book is for another age. This group advocates hand to mouth evolution for spreading the teachings through active non-involvement.

Both groups seem to support, "saying it, without saying it."

Each side is quick to pull passages from here and there in the UB to support their positions. (Some may even quote unsupportable "mandates.")

Among us, "denominations" are springing up. Perhaps we could label them the "Orthodox Urantians" and the "Reformed Urantians." Perhaps the "Closet Urantians" and the "Hallelujah, Christ told me to tell you I am a Urantian, Urantian." (Let us be sure to under-score passages to support our reasons for this division.)

Over the past couple of years, the Urantia movement has experienced much which has divided its small group of devotees. But in many ways a certain purging and healing may be the result.

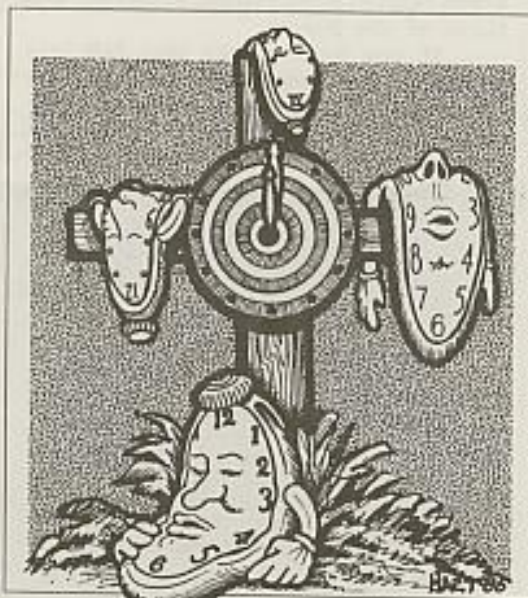
Yet in the interim, some very good and once active Urantians I have known have been turned off by the inner politics of the movement. They may still cherish the teachings, but are no longer willing to take an active role. Every reader of The URANTIA Book knows someone who fits this portrait.

The issue of maintaining "unity, not uniformity" today stretches out as one of our most pressing problems (but that is a different subject).

We find ourselves, for the most part, in the midst of a movement of rhetoricians, many of whom lack a unity of purpose. (Thank goodness for the scattered study groups which are putting our philosophy into practice with service to others.)

There is a message here, if we choose to recognize it.

URANTIA Brotherhood in Chicago maintains a mailing list of "active" readers which, I understand, numbers approximately 3,000. For each name on the list, I have been told, there is more than one reader. (Given the benefit of this, if we estimate that there are three totally devoted readers per name, we can identify approximately 9,000 "devoted" readers.) "Reader," however, in no way implies "mature" student and certainly not teacher/leader.



It is a fact that there are not "thousands" of study groups. To date there are not a thousand study groups world-wide. (The last count I heard was about 200.)

The above represents 30 years in the growth of The Urantia Movement. Some seem content with this growth rate, others don't.

One thing is sure: if books and study aids are not widely available growth will not accelerate. In fact, there are many indications that the growth of the movement is slowing.

Readers look to Chicago -- URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood -- for leadership. The "official policy" sent forth from Chicago is "no publicity."

Many readers, who want to do more than attend study groups and discuss the Book with only those whom they seek out, interpret this policy as a restraining order. Others are in full agreement and wouldn't approach the subject in any other way.

Still, in other areas, pockets of readers choose to ignore the policy and place The URANTIA Book before the public at every opportunity -- including classified ads in newspapers, booths and talk shows.

The URANTIA Book has led many readers out of the darkness of disparaging lives. Whatever action these readers choose to take is honorable and justified. It is their personal testimony.

The Christian movement started with one — Christ — (later Paul). We need only look at the past 2,000 years for an example of how it "evolved." Yet, a "printed" Bible did not exist until the 15th century. And it wasn't until this century that the Bible was generally available to the masses.

Christ was the revelation of the word made man. He went public by word of mouth (when his "time had come").

The URANTIA Book is the revelation of the word made book. It came at a time when books could be made readily available to the masses. And, contrary to what many readers may think, it has already gone public. The URANTIA Book's time came when the Book was "published." Because (and our unseen friends were sticklers about definitions) that is what "publish" means — "to make generally known," "to place before the public." This was done 30 years ago.

Certain indetments of our Book have been printed and distributed by various charismatic critics. Whether we want to admit it or not, the Book is out there. The Book has already been attacked.

There is great concern that our movement may be labeled a "cult." But let us reflect upon something. A cult is "formal religious veneration," "a system of beliefs." Look the word up in a dictionary.

By definition, Judaism is a cult. Islam is a cult. Mormonism is a cult (with, by the way, its own printed "revelation"). Christianity is a cult.

The URANTIA Book was indited into the English language in the United States of America — a country with religious freedom — according to the Book, in the year 1935. The Jesus papers do not give a date, but we all know it was published and registered in the Library of Congress in 1955. Publication, we must assume, was approved by the Revelators.

It follows that if the Urantia Movement is a black hole sucking in only those who get close, letting no light out (as some critics claim) -- only we, the readers, are responsible. And, because "to he whom much is given, much is required," we will be called upon to answer on high what we did with our talents.

Since our truth is a "personal revelation," each reader must make their own decision of when their "time has come" and act accordingly. Act being the key word. Christ admonished us to "DO good to one another."

To the scattered and diverse readers, the question to be answered is: what are you, individually, willing to DO to further the fifth epochal revelation of truth on this planet?

The URANTIA Book is a book, "placed before the public" in 1955. Although the book may be precious to us, it is static until it comes to life through the minds and personalities of its people.

The people are the "movement." When people become involved, diverse opinions are a given. (And how diverse these "independent" readers are.) But, diversity can be an asset. We need look no further than the 12 disciples for proof of this.

Leadership is too often confused with politics. Any devoted reader can lead.

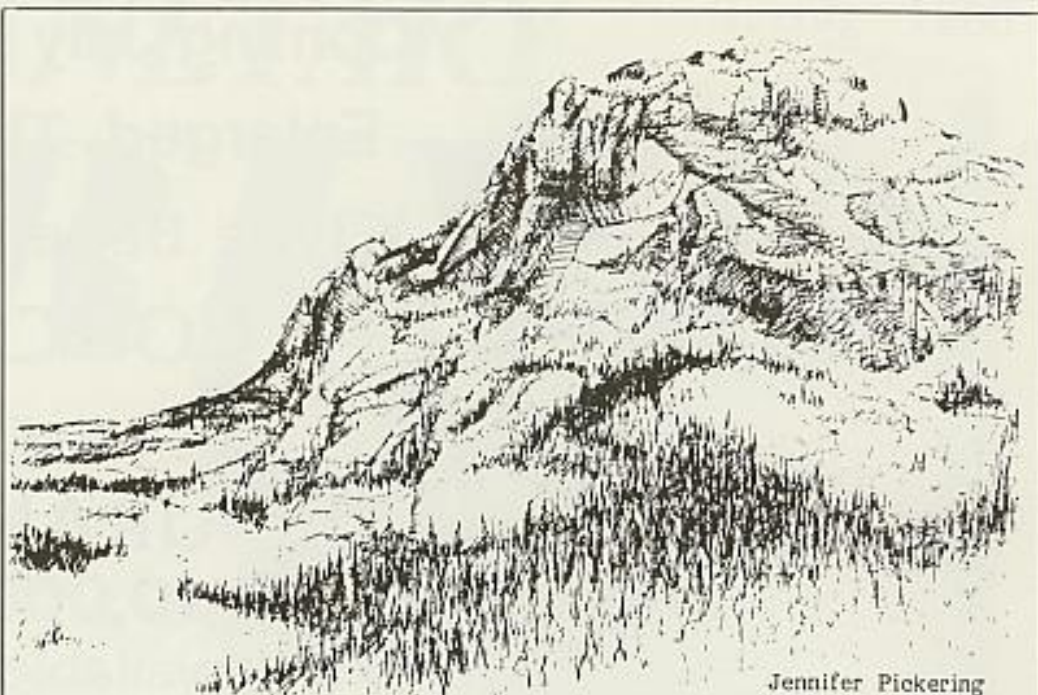
Those who are "called" to get the word out, will. Those who are not, will not.

As for positions of authority in our movement, those who assume them should step forward to carry the banner.

The Book is public. It is the movement which "officially" is not.

He brought light out of darkness, not out of a lesser light; he can bring thy summer out of winter, though thou have no spring; though in the ways of fortune or understanding or conscience, thou have been benighted till now, wintered and frozen, clouded and eclipsed, damped and benumbed, smothered and stupified till now, now God comes to thee, not as in the dawning of the day, not as in the bud of the spring, but as the sun at noon.

John Donne. 1573-1633



Jennifer Pickering

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A Contest...

Entries are now being accepted for the FIRST of its kind LET'S LAUGH AT OURSELVES Contest. Subject matter for entries can be any aspect of our humorous humanness. We especially encourage cartoons or jokes about the group putting together this publication.

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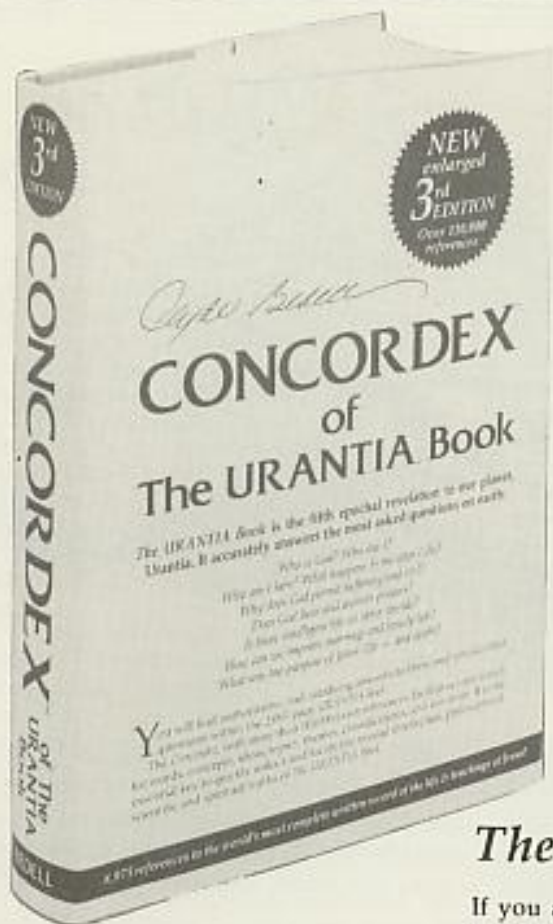
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Next issue...

The next issue of the Planetary Prints will be centered around the subject of Internationalism. We hope to have stories for you from around the globe. We are attempting to have writers from South Korea, Europe, India, Australia, South America, Africa, the South Pacific, Thailand, Canada, Japan and Hong Kong contribute to this next issue. If there is anyone who would like to write something on this subject either contact Don Guimond at the Boulder School or send your article directly to Don at the Boulder School.



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