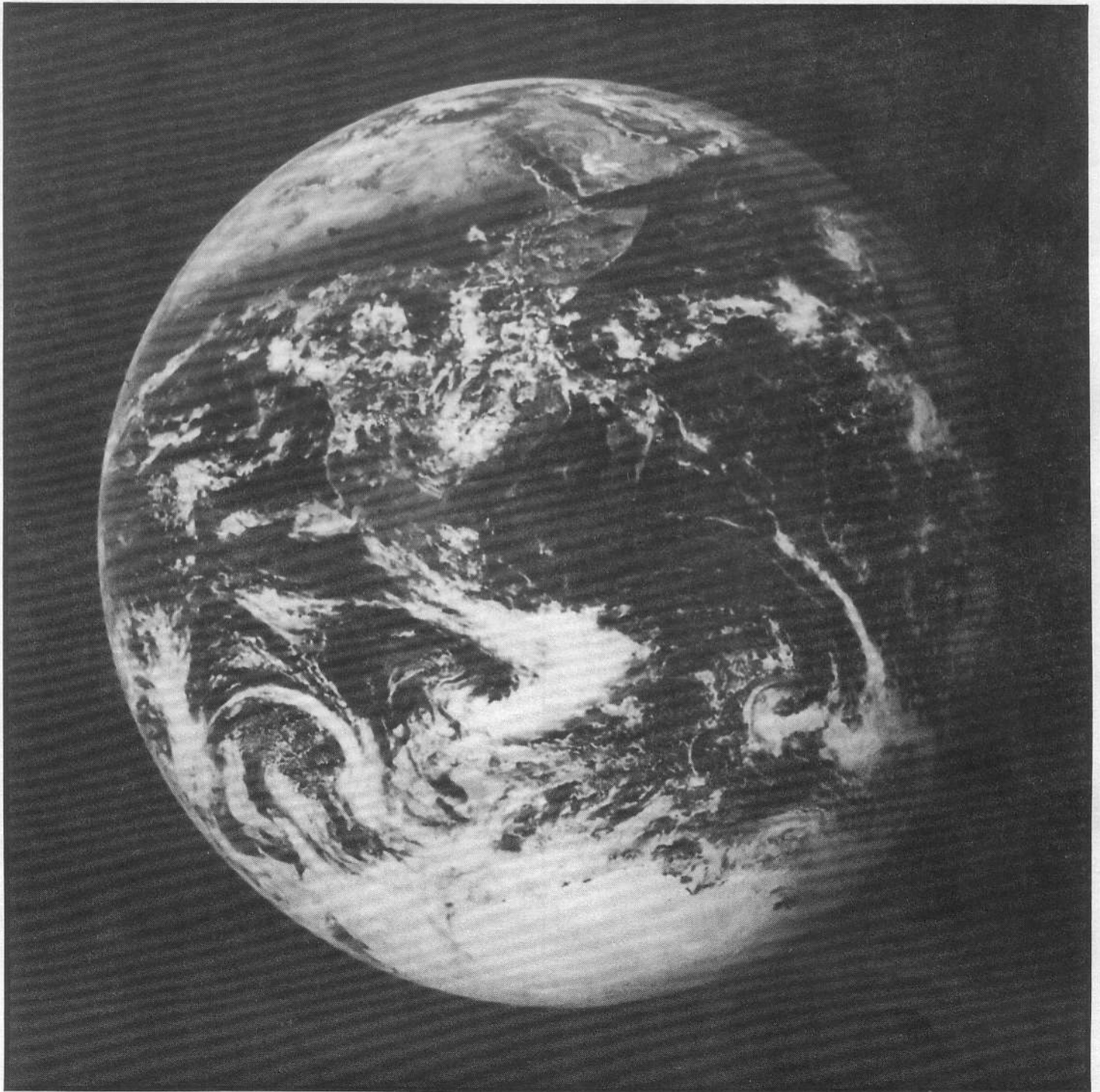




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FROM AROUND

Finland

Satu Sihvo
Espoo,
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SOME FACTS ABOUT FINLAND

Finland is situated in northern Europe between Sweden and the Soviet Union. With a total area of 130,500 square miles Finland is larger than Great Britain but her population is only 4.8 million. We have a state church and so 89.1% of inhabitants are Evangelical-Lutherans. Donations to religious societies are not tax-deductible. Until the second world war German was the main foreign language, but since then, it has gradually been replaced by English. Nowadays, 97.6% of all school children study English for 3-11 years.

THE URANTIA BOOK

At least 647 English copies of The URANTIA Book had been sent to Finland by the end of 1983; by now perhaps 750 copies have come into the country. Around 80 books have been placed in libraries and most of them have been paid for by Finnish readers. The book is available via our two big bookstores, practi-

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The Netherlands

Henry Begemann
Wassenaar,
Netherlands

The history of The URANTIA Book in the Netherlands is not completely known to me. I bought it in a bookstore in Amsterdam (where we never were before). The owner had ordered a copy at the advice of an American visitor.

After I had been hooked on the book, I told friends and gave a few talks in freemason lodges, which, however, proved more damaging to the book than helpful. But a friend organized a study group for me, which is still going on a regular basis. It has existed now for about 15 years. Another group was formed by a Dutchman who had lived in Canada and had found the book there. That group met regularly with me for one and a half years, and then everybody emigrated. Some continued their activity in Australia. Gradually more groups came into existence. Seven groups meet every other week in our home or in The Hague (which is only 10 kilometers from Wassenaar). One group consists of Amsterdam people, who meet in Amsterdam. As my wife Bauk and I cannot serve more groups,

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England

Marty Eigenberger
London,
England

This article is about the reasons why I think library and bookstore placements of The URANTIA Book are the best option as a general strategy for presenting the Revelation to the people of Great Britain in particular, and to some extent, Europeans in general. I don't want to convey the impression however, that book placement is the **only** way to go - by no means. Personal presentation is important and probably accounts for most of the dissemination of The URANTIA Book up to now. Far be it from anyone to diminish the value of any workable method.

The question I would ask concerning the international spread of The URANTIA Book is this: Should URANTIA Brotherhood, with its collective experience and resources be content to wait for an American pattern of growth in other countries as The URANTIA Book, by a kind of osmosis, leaks its way across the Atlantic? Or, should the spread be initiated, sustained and controlled?

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Saudia Arabia

Anonymous

In the past fifteen years at least fifteen students of The URANTIA Book have lived and worked in Saudi Arabia. Theirs is a unique experience seeing Islam lived so fundamentally and totally. The following article is written by such a student.

In this country Islam is the only religion. The laws and judgements are based on the Sharia (Islamic Law). The political, business and social customs are grounded in Islamic principles and traditions. With so much to write about, it is by choice that this writer foWith this prayer

^b Bismillah, Al Rahman, Al Raheem...
In the name of God,
The Merciful, The
Mercy-Giving

With this prayer begins all aspects of life in Saudia Arabia. A family's day does not commence, a class does not begin, a Saudi airplane does not leave the dock nor a business meeting convene before God is first remembered and praised.

Islam means "Submission," obedience to the will of God. To the sincere
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THE WORLD

South Korea

Robert Reno
Seoul,
South Korea

There are two individuals who have by far made the profoundest impression upon my life, with it's increasingly growing desire to somehow serve the revelation. I consider them to be pioneering leaders within our movement, and a source of inspiration for many, including myself. I am sure that I am not alone when I express this, so if I may say this for the many, we are deeply grateful and appreciative for your inspirational leadership and examples. These two individuals are Clyde Bedell and Meredith Sprunger. It is to them, that I would like to dedicate my efforts here in South Korea, for their inspirational outreach ministries and their selfless spirit of evangelism.

My last year and a half here in South Korea has largely been an experiment in outreach ministry carried out under very difficult conditions due to the U.S. Army's severe demands on my time and energies. It has proven to me, though, that the potential for some form of intentional, evangelistic outreach ministry is a very needed and viable endeavor, capable of bearing many

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Australia

Neil Francey
Brisbane,
Australia

URANTIA Book readers in Australia have developed a sense of identity after many years of interaction and friendship. As such we offer another dimension to the world-wide pattern of readership.

Geographically we see ourselves as part of the South Pacific area of reader interest. With our neighbors New Zealand, Tahiti, and Fiji, we enjoy a close alliance and share the purpose of bringing the teachings to this part of the world.

Ever since the Spanish influence in the 1500's, this Pacific area has been seen as a collective group of diverse peoples. The broad differentiation between the Polynesian, Melanesian, and Micronesian people has endured the continuing influence of foreign governments, and the influx of traders and missionaries. In the last two hundred years, the dominant influence has come from the Dutch in the Indonesian archipelago, with France and England exerting their continuing rivalry in the larger Pacific area.

Today the pattern is facing twentieth century pressures: demands for self-gov-

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New Zealand

Dennis Clampett
Auckland,
New Zealand

I. THE HISTORY

The URANTIA Book was introduced into New Zealand by an American, the late Richard de Gray, and Susan Hemmingson, a New Zealander, who encountered the Book in Australia, and returning to New Zealand in the late 1960's, proceeded to introduce it to their friends and relatives. As far as we can ascertain, the first study group was formed in Auckland in the mid 1970's. This group ceased to function after a few years, with various members shifting around the country. Another group was formed in Wellington in the late 1970's, met regularly for 2 years, and intermittently thereafter.

The various members of these study groups continued to introduce the Book to interested people, and in fact all the members of the present Auckland study group can trace their introduction to the Book through these initial readers.

As far as we know, although there were a growing number of individual readers throughout the country, there were no further study groups formed until

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Thailand
Japan
Hong Kong
India
Cameroon

The following are excerpts from letters that have been sent to one of many organizations and individuals from Boulder, Colorado.

To inform you that after we've study through this book we've discovered the Truth which is similar to our belief,...After over 5 years of serving the Lord as a missionary, we've tried so many methods & tactics to preach the gospel and reach the people. But now we're convinced that there is no ministry more effective, more efficient, or more fruitful which can surely get results and win souls, than the personal face-to-face witnessing here in the mission fields.

Thailand

Please send
10 Urantia Books
for my friends
and me quickly

A man here in Tokyo introduced me to The URANTIA Book from a copy which he had purchased at a booth back in Boulder,

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ACROSS THE

An Adventure Called Hospital Ministries

by Elizabeth Van Buren

Once or twice a week, I make my way to a place where an unexpected glimpse of humanity reveals to me the way the Father's love and man's frailty work together in our lives. This place is Petaluma Valley Hospital and I volunteer some time to spend with people who are in intensive care. I rarely see someone more than once or twice, so it is an experience of being in the present, enjoying the moment with a patient. Going up the elevator, I always ask my angels to be with me and use my visit for some good. They seem to love this kind of work.

To prepare for these adventures, we (several other friends and readerstoo) attended a seven week program called Hospital Ministry with a Santa Rosa Chaplain, Ken Meese and a beautiful woman, Natalie McCreary. We were given a notebook compiled of spiritual readings from many sources. For each week's readings we touched on such subjects as "Listening," "Pain, Suffering, and Comfort: Emotional and Spiritual Dimensions," "Healing, Helping and Affirming God's Presence," "Dying," "Aging, Loss, Grief and Spiritual Growth," "Faith and Self-Care." Each week's discussion was rich in deep, sensitive insights. It was as if this group of 25 strangers, men and women of all ages, had come together to learn how to be of service in the face of pain, sickness, and death. During those seven weeks, many of us had to face

these things in ourselves and our own lives. It was as if the fear and sickness we all carry with us had to be faced, struggled with, and left behind, before we could get on with our service work.

ience.

Since many of these Jesusonian responses do not come automatically to us, we practiced them during our training, mostly in the form of role playing. Some of us found it difficult to respond to a "patient" so selflessly, especially with everyone watching. Slowly we learned from our own mistakes and from watching others that our mock visits went best when we got ourselves out of the way and tried to really be there for the other person. We learned not to rescue the "patient." Not to try to fix it up, but to listen without judging, to allow them to be who they were. It occurred to me one week that this attitude must come close to the way the Father feels about us.

Out in the field, marvelous visits have taken place for all of us. To give you a couple of examples, the first person I visited was a woman who was gazing at the ceiling, her eyes were roaming back and forth in an agitated way. I introduced myself and was not sure if she heard me. I decided to find her hand in the maze of tubes running all over her body, and as I held it, looked clearly into her eyes. I felt a lot of compassion for her and without thinking said, "I want you to know that someone out here cares for you." Suddenly her eyes riveted on me and she made some incoherent sounds and squeezed my hand

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We discussed how best to visit with hospital patients. The approach that Ken suggested was to take the other-centered way with people, focusing on them. We can then offer a fundamental attitude of acceptance and forgiveness for being who they are. Listening is our main function and asking questions is our main reaction to elicit more meaningful responses from them. Let them be the star! Let them realize more who they are from our visit. We offer empathy over their condition, but allow there to be distinct boundaries between us so they can have their own exper-

COUNTRY

The Ministry of the Phone Answering Machine

by Andrea Barnes

In seeking interesting, non-threatening ways to introduce The URANTIA Book to the thousands of hungry truth-seekers who are yearning for such a beautiful revelation, I have happened upon one which seems to be successful.

I added an extra phone line to our home (with a separate number), got a telephone answering machine that is capable of leaving a 2-minute or longer message for someone, and accepting a 2-minute or longer message from someone.

Then I placed an ad in the local paper that prints free non-profit ads. The circulation is 125,000. The ads read like this:

Atheists! Challenge your beliefs!

For a 2-minute taped message about The URANTIA Book call 565-086

or

A Truth-Seekers Paradise!

For a 2-minute taped message about, etc.

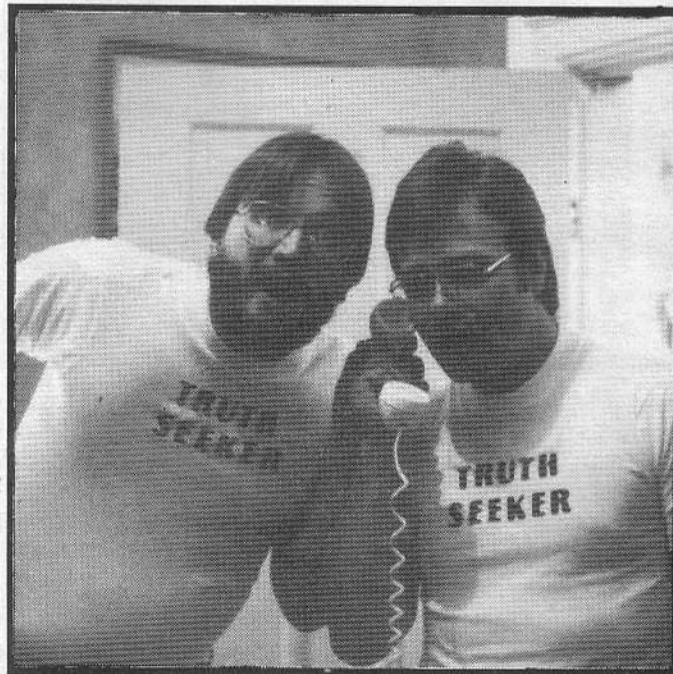
or

Religion, Science and Philosophy can be harmonized!

For a 2-minute taped message about, etc.

The recorded message says this: The URANTIA Book is a 2097 page book whose contents are staggering in their scope and diversity. The URANTIA Book has thousands of readers the world

over. If you haven't heard of it, it's probably because it isn't publicized or commercialized. The URANTIA Book is not a cult with any strange rules or practices; there are no dues to pay and there is not any human being exalted in connection with the book.



The book is a very straightforward, common sense approach to God, the universe, our planet and mankind. The URANTIA Book answers just about any question you've ever had, like: What happens when we die? Are we the only intelligent beings in the universe? Can religion, science and philosophy be unified and harmonized? Who are we and where are we going? You will find the answers in The URANTIA Book. You will find them to be revealing beyond the greatest stretches of imagination. And they are unequivocal. No writing on earth has so reconciled science and

religion. No matter what religion you are The URANTIA Book may interest you. It does not restrict God to any religion or denomination. If you develop a deep interest in The URANTIA Book you will likely wind up with a profound over-riding conviction that you are the

child of a benevolent, loving Father, and that inescapably we are all brothers and sisters. Even the slightest acknowledgment of this truth can provide anyone of any age, a challenge so overwhelming as to make life continually active and exciting and rewarding. It doesn't dull life, it sharpens it. It doesn't attempt to set you apart as a saint in an unsaintly world. You will find in The URANTIA Book the simple formulas which can give all people of earth spiritual freedom and unity, without requirement for spiritual uniformity. This is Jesus' way. There is, as I say, no end to the stimulating and provocative wisdom in The URANTIA Book. It is truly the cosmic road map for this life and our eternal future.

The URANTIA Book is available in bookstores and libraries. If you would like more information about The URANTIA Book leave a message at the tone along with your name, address and phone number, if you'd like. Thanks for calling and have a nice day."

The possibilities for messages are unlimited!

I tried to keep it right at 2 minutes because I felt, that was about as

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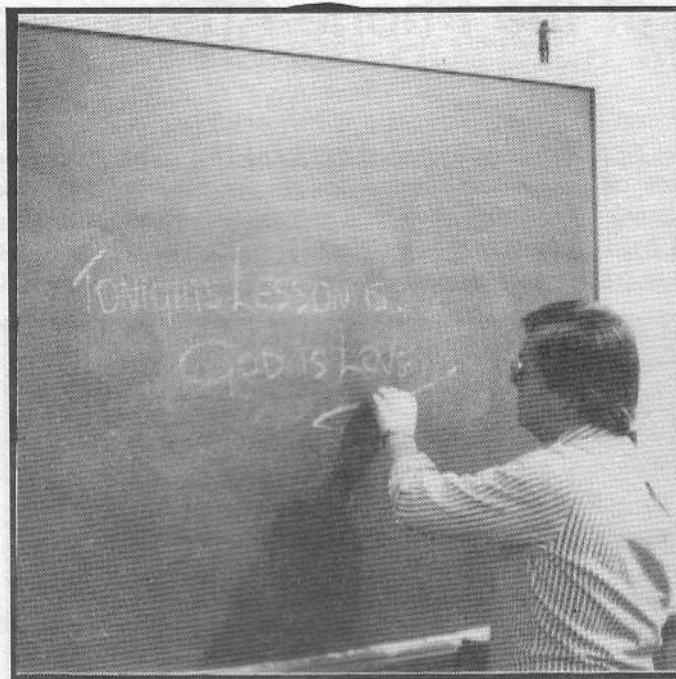
Within

Denver Free University

by Julio Edwards

A few months ago while perusing the Denver Free University catalogue I noticed they carried some courses on metaphysical and borderline religious subjects. I thought for a moment, "What an opportunity for The URANTIA Book to be made available to people actively searching for truth." Most cities have some form of these "Free Universities." Their main focus is cheap, non-credit courses with instructor backgrounds based on experience rather than degrees. I called DFU and found out the date of the next scheduled meeting for new course instructors and attended. Then I made an appointment to meet with the curriculum director, drafted two members of our Denver study group as student-instructors, and we all met together to discuss the possibility of doing the course. The director was very open minded and her main concern was to make sure we weren't trying to induct people into an organized religion as a result of this class. We gave her a book, a lesson plan and various pamphlets such as the "Description" and "Selected Excerpts" provided by URANTIA Brotherhood through RMUSD.

At the first class eight people attended although eleven eventually signed up. At this first session we never even got the chance to open the book much less our lesson plan as they had enough questions to fill the two-hour class without even getting warmed up. At the end of the night we asked them



to select a topic or two for the next class and thereafter we attempted to stick with this format, abandoning our original planned format. The members covered a broad spectrum of beliefs, ages, vocations, and backgrounds. There were people into reincarnation, UFO's, the Bible and even two UB readers who had not made much contact yet with other readers. They all were very interested in the truth and did not seem to be concerned with the source. Most were new readers who had never seen the book before but had heard from someone else that this was something worth looking into. Practically every student who did not already have a UB bought one and a Concordex. We made pamphlets available to them also including the ones from Asoka Foundation and Meredith Sprunger.

Rick Tippett, Andre Radatus and I experienced something that can't accurately be put into words, but if it could, it might be this: the satisfaction

derived from sharing this revelation with people who really want to hear about it is the most exciting, thrilling, invigorating experience we have ever encountered. This class was truly a family and not simply a theological/philosophical attempt to force new and strange doctrines on people. We all shared our ideas together and were equally students in search of truth. The so-called "instructor" positions were filled in the capacity of "fellow students" instead of "authorities on truth" and this relaxed the class enough to realize the genuine sincerity of everyone there.

Everyone had valid input and many of the individual experiences were shared by the entire group. We grew as a family as we sorted each others' ideas out and kept the best of everyone's.

There were many wonderful comments on the Student Feedback forms, but a card from one of the members sums up the majority opinion: "Not the usual hogwash, thank you very much." Another student who teaches Biblical Analysis at DFU, told us he was going to present the life of Jesus as it is in The URANTIA Book to his students. The openmindedness of the class was so beautiful and natural that it took us a while to get used to it.

If anything was learned it was that there are people out there constantly searching for The URANTIA Book that aren't aware of where to find it. In my opinion it is a primary duty of ours to make this revelation available to those who need it right now. There are

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Colorado

Crossing the Threshold

by JoAnn Brummett

The phenomenon of active religious participation is increasing all over the planet. We are no longer, "quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs"; we are crossing the threshold.

It's not The URANTIA Book alone that's going to blaze the trail into the age of idealism. Every spirit born individual is a trailblazer marking our planet's paths to the age of light and life. Spirit born individuals are transformed individuals and they are already transforming their own daily life scenes. Can you imagine the paths of these lives as streaks of light in time? Can you imagine a wake behind each person's life progress - a wake of light if you will - where others can suddenly see ascension possibilities? The transformation of society is occurring now. More people are changing every day, discovering that seeking God's guidance and following after it makes life more thrilling and satisfying than anything they could invent on their own.

The spiritual regeneration of mankind is already happening! The transformation of society promised in The URANTIA Book is occurring now! People discover daily the soul secrets of living the inner life in companionship with God.

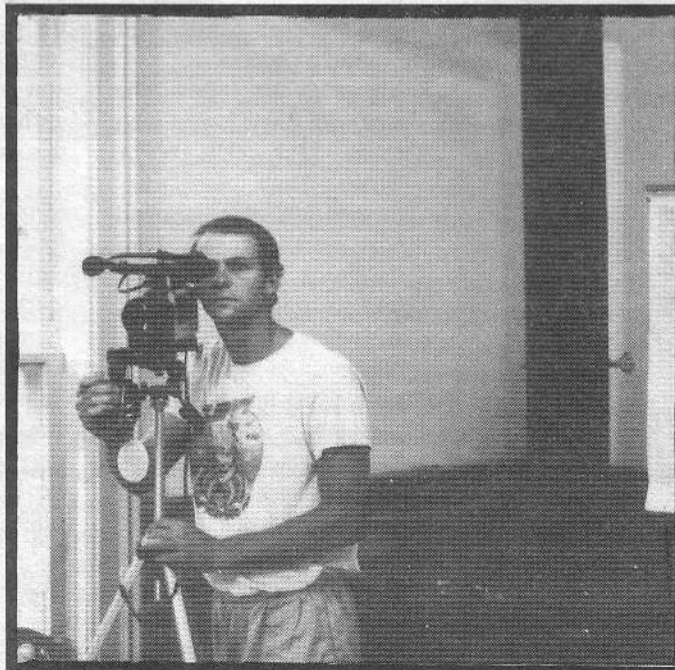
What relation do we, as readers of The

URANTIA Book, have to this phenomenon?

We are in possession of epochal revelation. Surely this is not news of interest to all people, but for the spiritually hungry this is high protein food!

I believe we have the responsibility to be visible to truth seekers, that we should be available, contactable. It's not just non-readers who discover The URANTIA Book and its community. With approximately 165,000 books in print, only a few thousand readers are on the Brotherhood's mailing list. Even if we surmise that each known reader has three books and that several thousand are in libraries, it seems to leave well over 100,000 readers unknown. We have a responsibility to be findable!

We also have a responsibility to the Book - its teachings - to create a friendly awareness of its existence.



One way would be for societies or non-profit groups of readers to sponsor and produce public service messages for their local media, promoting brotherhood. Non-profit organizations can obtain free time and space on television, radio, billboards, and newspapers. The messages would not have to quote or promote the Book - merely associate its name with positive spiritual messages of a generic nature. After all the gospel of the kingdom is the same now as when Jesus walked about portraying it. To be a "positive and missionary evangel" (P. 1780) one needs to proclaim and exemplify the Gospel of the Kingdom - not announce the presence of epochal revelation.

We have a duty corresponding to the privilege of possessing potentially world changing truth. The world is changing, moving into an era of moral quickening, social readjustment and spiritual enlightenment. The truth

we cherish contains the ideals on which our future and idealistic age can be built. We have a responsibility to share these ideals.

Of course each of us must follow our own inner guidance as to what we can and should do to help establish the kingdom. Here's an example.

Last summer after the Boulder School summer intensive an idea was born. The concept of a television show promoting harmony among religionists by emphasizing the unity of experience rather than the differences of dogma. The idea originated with Julio Edwards, who has since then

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BOOTH STORIES

From the 1986 Denver People's Fair

"I probably talked to 20 people at some length in the two and a half hours I was at the Fair. All of them were encouragingly responsive. About half were interested enough to want to be on our mailing list. Two women, on separate occasions, used the term "seeker" to describe themselves. One of them talked about having explored many religions and attended many churches and never quite found the whole truth. From the little they heard and saw about The URANTIA Book, they lit up with excitement that this could be it. I gave them my phone number and offered to loan her a book and share more with her. Hopefully, she will call soon."

JILL HULL

"A young couple in their mid 30's approached the table and inquired about the UB. Both said they had heard about the book. When they saw the price of \$15.00, she told her husband she just had to get a copy. They did not however even have that money with them and asked if we would take a check. As soon as we told them we would they proceeded to walk away, and returned

approximately a half hour later. They said that they had to go home to get their checkbook. (It is my feeling that the price really made the difference in this case) After the purchase, we stepped away from the booth and talked about the book further. Both seemed very interested in the concepts of the UB. I told them to give me a call if they had any more questions about the book."

ERIC COSH

The woman that I spoke with that bought a URANTIA Book was originally speaking with someone else. I overheard her say that she was from Toronto and although it was possibly rude to interrupt that conversation I simply couldn't resist, as I suddenly "felt" that this lady was going to be very interested. When I say "felt" I do not know how else to describe the inner atmosphere lighting up. This had not occurred with any of the other people I spoke with that day. When I said, "Well, I'm from Hamilton," we both started laughing and she came over to where I stood and began asking questions about the book in between talk of Southern Ontario.

She and the fellow she was with knew a man who reads The URANTIA Book. They were impressed with this man and what he had to say about the Book and they were feeling very dissatisfied with their present Catholic religion. I always tell people that for me the UB contains answers to everything I always wanted to know but couldn't find in the Bible, and that Jesus is the greatest teacher and most caring friend that ever walked the earth. She then



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(Finland)

cally everywhere in the country. The price for a UB is 50 dollars, since the rate of the dollar has gone down.

The URANTIA Book was brought to Finland by a Finnish-born American, Margit Lilius-Mustapa, in 1965. At first the book spread among members of a society which was organized to gather and spread information about UFO's. In the next two to three years, several orders of 20 books from Chicago were made. But it turned out that the English used was too difficult for many, and translating it into Finnish was started. Everyone who was capable of translating or wanted to help in other ways was welcomed to join this group.

THREE TRANSLATIONS

The translation agreement was signed in 1970 and the first translation was ready in 1975. Because it had been done by several people, the style needed to be made more uniform and one reader with the help of a few others took on this task. The work was finished in 1981.

It was considered, however, that the second version still needed a more thorough checking. A capable translator and URANTIA Book reader, Seppo Kanerva, was willing to do it. Later on he found out that it was easier to start a new translation than to revise the previous one. In 1984 a circle was formed to financially support the work and now there are around 90 members, each paying 5 - 50 dollars per month for this translation work.

Seppo has translated three parts of the book and is now working on the fourth, and making corrections to other parts. The supporters get copies of the work done so that they are able to make their suggestions for improvement of the translation. Aili Nurmiäho and Joel Rehnstrom have done a lot for the translation ever since The URANTIA Book came to Finland. They hope to see the Finnish version ready by the year 1989.

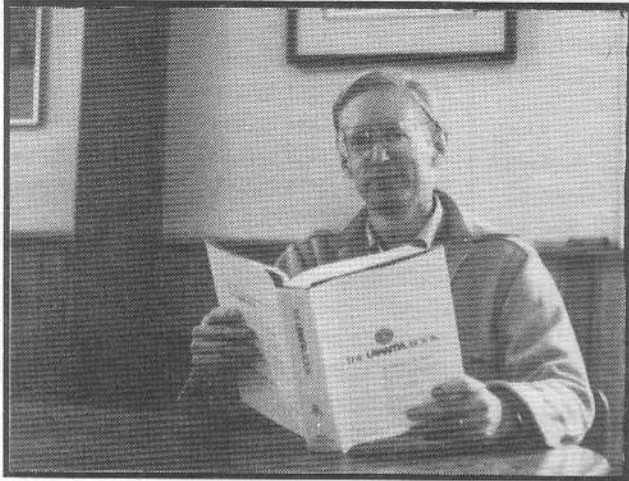
RESPONSE TO INNER LEADING

The book has mainly spread

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ANOTHER URANTIA BOOK?

by Jeffrey Wattles
Director of The Boulder School



The URANTIA Book is so great--wouldn't you like ANOTHER ONE, two thousand pages of additional revelation from the same authors? That's what it felt like when I started studying the same URANTIA Book all over again this year--with new methods! I had read the book through a dozen times since finding it fifteen years ago. I had lead countless topical study groups. With a Ph.D. in philosophy and loads of teaching experience in some fine university departments and some struggling colleges, I thought I was sort of getting on top of things, not necessarily spiritually, but at least in my study. Then I received my assignment as Director of the Boulder School and began to practice a method of study whose potentials I had suspected for years but had never taken the time to do.

How to read The URANTIA Book? Most of us, most of the time, just go at it, reading page by page without considering our method of study. We thrill to the revelations of God, the enlightening cosmology, the engaging narratives. We find our favorite quotes and focus less on the other material. Such, surely is the appropriate way to read when we come to the book as new readers. And we should never outgrow the pleasure of reading straight through a paper. But what if we yearn for more advanced study?

Here is the technique that has reopened The URANTIA Book for me:

Making outlines of each paper. Few people care for this work. Few books are worth it. This is the method I use and teach:

1. Take a sheet of paper and write down the title of the section. Then beginning on the next line, write down a one-line summary of each paragraph in the text. Use a new line on the sheet for each paragraph in the text.

2. After summarizing each paragraph in a section, come back and write down, next to the section title, your own subtitle for the section. This

may be a sentence or phrase.

3. After going through the paper in this way, write down in an orderly way your section subtitles (as well as your one-sentence or -phrase summaries of the introductory paragraphs).

4. Then come up with your own subtitle for the paper as a whole. Now you have completed your outline--consisting of sentences or phrases that serve as subtitles for the paper as a whole, the introduction, and each of the sections. On that foundation, explore further. What is really going on in this paper? How are the sections grouped? Why is the material arranged this way? Sometimes a section has a very interesting internal structure. I dig around. Often I find a lot.

In order to work to the limits of one's ability, technical questions must be looked at such as the following:

--*Why does the narrative begin and end where it does? (The break between the end of Paper 122 and the beginning of paper 123 may imply a lesson about epochal revelation.)*

--*What is the relationship between sections? (Look at sections 8 and 9 of Paper 150 to discover the author's artistic use of irony.)*

--*How completely does the title of the section cover the material therein? (Look at section 3, Paper 120. This*

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(Finland)

from person to person. Some individual readers have chosen active ways of their own (articles in magazines, lectures, etc.) to make the book known, but the rest of us have used more quiet ways of telling others about it, when opportunities arise. No group activities have been arranged to get new readers. However, The URANTIA Book has found its way into different parts of Finland. and nowadays there are four major study group areas and some minor ones scattered around the country.

The long translation period has been fruitful. Especially this third period has brought together readers in a new way: national meetings have become necessary and the supporting circle has published a newsletter - "Reflection." All this is done without a single "society." And most likely there will be none at least in the near future for it is not wanted and considered even unfavourable. Some sort of organizing is, of course, necessary around the newsletter and national meetings.

I think that the focus of Finnish readers is shifting from the translation to actual living. We have recognized the value of interaction between readers and we are better learning to respond to our inner leading. Perhaps this way we will be more ready to carry out the Father's will when the Finnish version is published. ❖

PROFILE

Mary Jo Garascia

I was brought up in the Catholic Church, which, in the 1950's and early 1960's produced guilt-ridden, fearful souls. In spite of all the negative influences on me, I always liked the stories about Jesus; His words, and the few we had, always rang true to my ears. It was, therefore, very difficult for me to square His teaching with the reality of life in the church. In my early 20's I abandoned the church, which was quite an act of defiance, and put Jesus "on hold"; my indoctrination was so complete that it never occurred to me that I could have Jesus without the church. The result of this suspension of my religious beliefs was a fifteen year descent into the darker side of life; a loveless experiment in self-determination which always led to reinforcement of early negative values.

I was thrilled at the opportunity to reach others as I had been reached

Always was I a spiritual wanderer during those years, looking for some meaning to life. I was heavily into the Seth material and I Ching when I first heard the word Urantia, not from a reader, but from a casual reference made by an acquaintance. The person put a negative slant on the revelation, lumping it with the glut of "self-help" books of the 1970's, including Seth. This was okay with me, as I had already decided that Seth was a dead-end. I felt no interest. After several more years of spiritual starvation, I had reached a sort of peace with myself. This actually amounted to spirit isolation and a very fatalistic view of life. Jesus was still in the background somewhere, but I had no way to put Him in my life yet. My spiritual roots were dried up and I pretty much wandered alone.

One of my favorite pastimes is browsing through used bookstores, and

on one such foray, in 1984, I discovered a copy of The URANTIA Book. It was in the rear of the store, under the "occult" heading. It was a curiosity to me, never having seen the actual book before. I made a quick skim through, not enough to really tell me anything, but I was only browsing and had no intention of spending the \$15.00 asking price. My attitude was very jaded about things "occult"; I was stuck in a faithless, non-involved mode of life and felt I had heard it all.

Months later in the summer of 1985, I happened to take my son to the People's Fair at Denver's City Park, where I was astonished to find a very different booth set up amid the craftsmen, culinary artisans, jugglers and face painters. This booth presented The URANTIA Book. I was drawn in, in an instant and spent some time reading

highlighted excerpts in the open books. I didn't speak to the people in the booth very much, but took a few offered pamphlets and went home. A friend of mine, whom I found to be something of a spiritual refugee too, happened to see the pamphlets and we read about The URANTIA Book together. He became very excited and proceeded to make phone calls and actually drove to Boulder to secure a copy for himself within days of our discussion. I was still on the fence, but was beginning to get a "hunch" about this book myself. A week or so later, as I was coming home from work, I had a sudden inspiration to stop at the bookstore where I had first seen the book. As I headed to the rear of the store, I could see that the "occult" section was already occupied by someone, so I waited in the next aisle, peeking over the books to

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(The Netherlands)

one new group has been formed under other leadership. Another offspring is a small Belgian group of Dutch people living in Belgium. A new group will start in January in Wassenaar. Then Mrs. Charlotte van Woelderren will preside over two groups here. It has been kind of a problem for me, how the Urantia business would go on in case I should no longer be here, (I'm 74), but the Father and his angels will provide. There are some more potential leaders in our groups and no doubt they will form their own groups in due time.

How many people in the Netherlands speak English? That is a difficult question. It sounds so simple; if you can speak English you are supposed to be able to read the Book in English. But that is not true. As you know the language of our book is not easy, even when English is your native tongue. This brings me to the value of a good translation. When I read the book myself I seldom use a dictionary, though it happens. When I translate a page of the book I use the dictionary some 25 times. For just reading the book, especially the Jesus papers, even a superficial knowledge of English gives some impression and the Adjuster and the Spirit of Truth will do their best to let the reader profit as much as possible. But those spirits are not magicians. For a real study of the book, a more profound knowledge of the language is required. And here the value of a good translation becomes apparent. The student will profit from the patient work the translator teams have done. I am convinced the average English knowing reader will profit more from a good translation than from the English text.

The Dutch translation is slowly but steadily going on. Personally I have been on it for more than twelve years. At first I was quite alone in this activity, but gradually others joined. We now have two competent teams and one final editor. We have translated about two thirds of the book, and we'll need another three to five years to complete it. There is no Flemish translation in progress, but the Flemish people can read Dutch. Apart from South Africa, Indonesia, and the Dutch

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Taking the Book Public My experience with radio

by Carol Hay

One cold, snowy morning about two years ago, I sat in the Colorado University Campus radio station with five other local readers and talked about The URANTIA Book for an hour on the air. The interviewer, a student who had made contact with UB readers through our booth on campus, was friendly, well-prepared and a good listener. We all had a good time. Too bad we couldn't be heard any further away than a two-block radius around the building. Still, as we tromped back down the hill knee-deep in snow, we felt warmed by the experience.

It was with that experience in mind that I said yes to a request by Don Guimond to do another radio talk show. This one was to be broadcast on a local station in Denver with an interviewer who had even gone out and purchased a URANTIA Book. He seemed excited by the chance to discuss it with us. It sounded even more interesting than the program two years prior. However, what followed was a totally different experience.

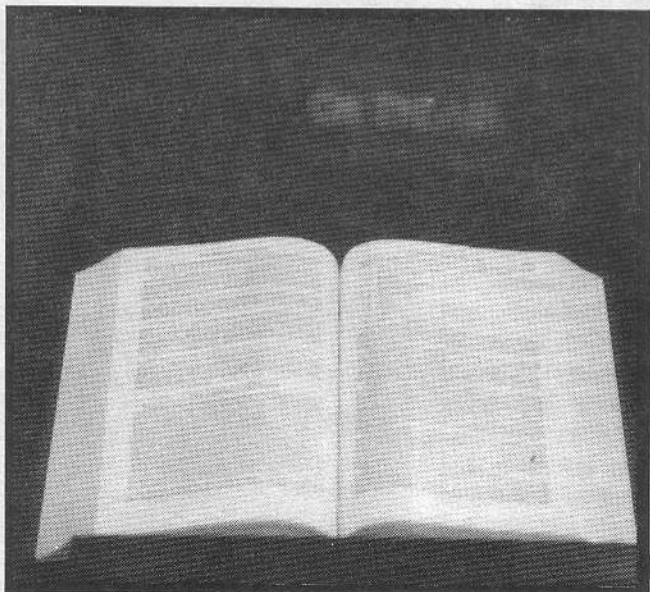
It wasn't that this interviewer was trying to lambast the book or disprove any theories or origins, he was merely looking for stimulating material for his show. It was obvious that he was a truth seeker, but he seemed intrigued by that occupation and had little interest in actually finding what he was supposedly looking for. I found myself thinking that the best way for the URANTIA Book to make an impression on him was for me to walk over and hit him over the head with it. I left there feeling like I had been seated at a wonderful meal that was taken away from

me before I had had a chance at the first bite. It's not that I wanted him to say, "Yes, You're Right!" He just got stuck on things in the book that had little to do with the general message.

Even our call-in listeners became sympathetic with our sorry plight. I found myself talking before I had anything to say just so I could get a word in edgewise with this guy. The best part of the whole episode, however, came from a woman who called into the program who had been waiting on hold almost the entire hour. She was a UB reader, and she elicited the kind of question-answer session from our interviewer that Don and I had been dying for. So it had a nice ending. I have since gotten to know this marvelous woman who called in that day and I've thanked her so many times that she gets embarrassed when she sees me approaching.

Don Guimond, ever the masochist, made numerous taped copies of the radio show and sent them out all over the country, asking for feedback and suggestions. The comments that have come back are as varied as you would of course expect.

I've heard grunts of approval from people who liked it merely because they thought it might make "the
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(Australia)

ernment, the vagaries of world trade, satellite communications, and an epochal revelation.

At the recent South Pacific Forum, members endeavored to unite on a nuclear policy which seeks endorsement from China, the Soviet Union, Britain, and the United States.

Thirteen countries are planning a public broadcast service across the Pacific via Intelsat.

And there is a growing Soviet presence, both trade and naval, in this area. This is likely to cause a major shift in American foreign policy as the South Pacific becomes incorporated into the American political consciousness.

Like never before, Australia and its neighbors are part of the world. Our religious philosophy requires us to address these unprecedented circumstances with intelligent endeavor and social serving. Readers will refuse to remain in isolation and will form a fraternal network within this rich diversity.

In this beautiful region with its creative cultural mix, we shall be enthralled with the adaptive reality of the Spirit of Truth, who "directs the loving contact of one human being with another." (P. 1951)

Our very natures are thereby led beyond our homeland and guarantee the internationalism of The URANTIA Book teachings. This will herald a new stage in interplanetary cooperation.

FROM THE 606 NEWSLETTER

"Kathleen and Trevor Swadling, representing the Sydney Study Group, gave us a report of their group. This couple has been and still is very active in the placement of URANTIA Books in libraries. The results are slow but steady, which is a healthy growth sign. They were very happy to report a few new members in their study group, which has been going for many years.

Peter Webb had flown all the way from Perth just to be at the conference. He reported that they have quite a good strong study group in the West. Peter has a Book booth planned for the Australia Day long weekend in January 1987. He welcomes any support that we might be able to give him for his

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Exploring the Socialization of Religion

by Marvin Gawryn
Boulder, Colorado

"While religion is exclusively a personal spiritual experience - - knowing God as a Father -- the corollary of this experience -- knowing man as a brother -- entails the adjustment of the self to other selves, and that involves the social or group aspect of religious life. Religion is first an inner or personal adjustment and then it becomes a matter of social service or group adjustment. The fact of man's gregariousness perforce determines that religious groups will come into existence. What happens to these religious groups depends very much on intelligent leadership." P. 1090

If we take The URANTIA Book's teachings to heart, our inner spiritual lives begin to blossom. And eventually most of us begin yearning to share what is most important to us with others of like mind.

Good group religious experience offers many benefits. It supports our individual attempts to live spiritually, provides the joy of uplifting fellowship, and augments our efforts to share what we have been given with our spiritually hungry fellows.

During the past year we've been experimenting with a couple of activities related to group religious function: a monthly worship service and a research of The URANTIA Book on the socialization of religion.

The monthly worship service is held on Sunday mornings at historic Old Main Hall, a turn of the century auditorium on the University of Colorado campus. A monthly flyer notifies local readers of details on the upcoming service. The format includes music, time for group prayer and quiet worshipful communion, and an interactive sermon which combines a presentation and group discussion on a selected topic. The topics focus on the spiritual contents of The URANTIA

Book, and have included such themes as The Religious Life of Jesus and How He Lived It, Love: The True Guide to Real Insight, Soul Growth, Knowing and Doing the Father's Will, and Developing Spiritual Habits. After the service we enjoy a potluck meal and fellowship time at the nearby Alumni Center.

Attendance ranges from about 40 people on average Sundays, up to 90 on special occasions, and often includes visitors who are not URANTIA Book readers. The service is a group effort, with local readers pitching in to coordinate childcare, printing the monthly flyer, music, facility arrangements, the potluck meal, and collection of donations to cover costs. We continue to experiment with various elements of the service format.

The purpose of the second project, the research effort, has been to scan the entire URANTIA Book, looking for quotes related to the socialization of religion. A group of readers met weekly for nine months to share the material that was emerging.

This initial reading was completed, and the many quotes were sorted into topical categories, resulting in an organized listing of material on the socialization of religion. We hope to study these research results, discuss the implications, and apply them to our evolving worship service and other religious socialization efforts in the Boulder community.

Several passages in The

**The Religious Life of
Jesus and How He Lived It!**

**Love: The True Guide
to Real Insight**

Soul Growth

**Knowing and Doing
the Father's Will**

**Developing
Spiritual Habits**

URANTIA Book seem to indicate that, while there are potential dangers associated with the socialization of religion, such group religious function is desirable and, indeed, inevitable (966:1, 1091:6, 1083:1, 1864:7 & 10). The needs filled by group religion are universal. The question is not whether URANTIA Book readers have such needs or whether we should try to fill them. Rather the challenge is to socialize our religion wisely, using the guidance given in the revelation to, as much as possible, avoid the pitfalls and incorporate the major benefits into our group religious function. ❖



(Australia)

West Indies, there are about 23 million people who can read Dutch.

What specific activities have been carried out to spread The URANTIA Book? No specific activities at all, though the Amsterdam friends recently tried a small conference with the intention of drawing people who already knew about the Book, but not participating in a study group. Even a little bit of literal advertising was done. The latter had no success; there were a few new people, but they had been personally invited by members of that study group. I think the movement here is still too young to go in the direction of systematic outreach. I believe in growth, natural growth. Truth is a living, dynamic seed, inevitably yielding its fruit in due time. But truth is only in the inner understanding, the insight of the student. Then the dynamics of spirit become actual. The deeper our understanding, the greater the growth will be. I don't believe in reading groups; that is not what the revelators advised us. They always spoke about study groups.

The book has been placed in several libraries recently, thanks to the activity of an individual member of one of our study groups. Some stores stock or have stocked the book, but no members of study groups emerged from that. A store in The Hague sold it and in a short time sold about 15 books, and then his prospects were exhausted. Though he permitted me to put my name and address in the books, no study group members came from them. The best way of advertising and outreach is still, at least here, from person to person.

(New Zealand)

this year, when interested readers were brought together by a visit from John Hales, Berkeley Elliott and Tom Allen in June 1986. The group in Auckland was formed immediately after this and has been meeting regularly since.

II. THE PRESENT ACTIVITIES/FUTURE POTENTIALS

A. General Background

New Zealand has a population of 3,000,000, mostly English speaking, and spread out over a land mass the size of Britain, although 1,000,000 are concentrated in Auckland, the largest city. The culture is mainly of English and European origin, with a growing ethnic content from the native Maori and immigrant Pacific Island peoples, with the resulting trend in society towards multi-culturalism. Most New Zealanders are well educated, and a large proportion are also well travelled.

There is a small and decreasing percentage of regular orthodox Christian

Preferably from a transformed person to person. We understand the book in the measure it has transformed us.

I don't know what the stores charge at the moment for the book. I have my own stock from Asoka Foundation. The dollar rate has gone down considerably these last years.

I do hope you have gotten some idea about Urantia Holland now. We are a quietly working group here, not very well known in America, but we are growing well, not only quantitatively, but especially qualitatively. ❖

church members, a growing interest in alternative lifestyles and beliefs, with the presence of groups like Hare Krishna, Divine Light, Moonies, Rastafarians, Scientology, and various Eastern disciplines. An interesting development recently has been the resurgence among the Maori people of their own cultural and spiritual identity, and the continuing adherence of the Pacific Islanders to Christian churches (reflecting effective missionary influence!)

The average annual income is \$9,000 (US equivalency), and most people enjoy quite a high standard of living, though this is fluctuating under present economic and social conditions.

The cost of The URANTIA Book is \$40.00 (US equivalency) in the bookstores, which is rather expensive - nearly a third of the weekly wage. The exchange rate is not in our favor at present, and the Book is therefore more accessible to more affluent people. It is being sold in a small number of bookstores - mainly those carrying occult and Eastern books - there are two stores in Auckland, and one has been carrying it for at least 8 years.

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B. Library Placement

A few present members of our study group have been fairly active in this area over the past decade or so, and 12 large city public libraries so far have accepted books or are in the process of deciding to do so. Much follow-up work will

need to be done, with perhaps a look at other areas apart from the Public Library Service. However, this will be a strong emphasis for us for next year, and we have received our first shipment of 10 books for library placement from the Northern Lights Society of Alaska, who is sponsoring us.

C. Contacts with other readers

1986 has been a very fruitful year as regards meeting other readers, with visitors from Alaska (Tom and Jan Choquette), Tahiti (Emmanuel Lou), the visit with the members from URANTIA Brotherhood, and correspondence has been started with a group in Melbourne, Australia.

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We are looking forward to the South Pacific conference in 1988, and hope to further develop and strengthen our ties with readers throughout the Pacific Basin.

D. Future Potential

The UB is still fairly young in this country and we are still in the pioneering stage as far as disseminating the truths in the UB, so the potential for growth is enormous!

The reaction of New Zealanders to the Book would be pretty similar to that in other Western countries, and much will depend on the method of presentation that each of us adopts. A certain amount of inbred suspicion among a large number of the population of both regular Christian churches, and "way-out" organizations, due to the much

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(Saudi Arabia)

devout, Islam is a way of life. God is always first - in the public sector and the private life. Evidence of this fact is all around.

Government and military buildings, airports, hotels, hospitals, office buildings and shopping malls, all reserve a corner (if not a room), facing Mecca and covered with oriental carpets, for prayer.

Prayer is obligatory five times a day. Islam teaches that God does not need man's prayers but rather man needs to pray. Prayer is considered vital to growth. Three or four of the daily prayer times fall within the working day (noon, afternoon, dusk, evening). Banks, stores, restaurants, government agencies, doctor's offices (non-emergency), travel agencies ... Hardies, Baskins-Robbins, Safeway, American Express, to name a few, all close three or four times a day for prayer.

To the westerner this is often an inconvenience. To some it is a required act while to many it is a time of true devotion.

While the public sector stops for prayer so does the private. I have been at dinner parties where the hostess will unobtrusively prepare an area for prayer and the guests, just as quietly, adjourned to their prayers.

My husband and I have often wondered what the long term effect will be upon the western children growing up in this country. For them it is commonplace to hear the prayer calls, to discuss shopping times in terms of "After Prayer Call" or to witness a car pulled over with its occupants bowed in prayer. It is not so much seeing people pray as much as the idea that all stops for

God.

Facts about Islam

Over 800 million people espouse Islam and call themselves Moslems. That equates to roughly one in every five people on Urantia.

While Islam sprang from the Middle East, and most Middle Eastern countries are heavily Islamic, the majority of Moslems are not Arab. Instead they come from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, China and the Soviet Union (over 40 million). There are 2-3 million Moslems in the United States. Islam is currently considered the world's fastest growing religion.

The Hajj

It may be a conservative figure to say there are five million foreign workers in Saudi Arabia. The majority are Moslems from surrounding countries or from places like Bangladesh, Indonesia and Phillipines. The lure to Saudi Arabia was not just employment but the opportunity to make a Hajj.

To every Moslem who is mentally, physically and financially able, a pilgrimage to Mecca, at least once in a lifetime, is not just an obligation but...

(New Zealand)

publicized tactics of the Moonies and others.

However there is also a widespread mood of searching for the Truth, and a fairly general tolerance of the various means people adopt to do this, as long as these means are not socially disruptive.

The biggest hurdle we will have to face is general apathy and disinterest in the spiritual dimension, but we hope and pray to meet these challenges with the love and inspiration they require. ❖

THE DREAM OF A LIFETIME.

They have started to come. Many have dreamed of this for a lifetime, have saved for years, planned for months.

They will come mostly by plane, thousands by ship, hundreds by road and if no other means is available they will walk.

They come - the wealthy and the poor, the cultured and the ignorant, the talented and the simple. They are yellow, brown, black, white, red, tall, short, healthy, crippled, male, female, old and young.

As they approach, they stop to prepare themselves. They cleanse the body and mind. They leave behind the daily concerns. They leave behind their jewels or rags and come dressed in two simple white robes, heads exposed and bowed. They are equals before Him - whom they have come to venerate. They are all His children and the feeling of brotherhood is alive, strong, and contagious.

They come to Mecca, to the Ka'aba, to pray. Many came weeks ago to perform their special devotions.

Others arrived just in time for the beginning...

The first day of the lunar month, Dhu Al-Hijjah. A few are late but arrive in time for the ninth day, the day of Arafat. It is here that the days of prayer culminate in both prescribed and personal acts.

It is to here they comeThe barren plains of Arafat, in total submission and devotion. They come, each an individual, and by the millions they stand together and pray "here I am, my Lord, before Thee."

(Telephone)

long as you could ask for someone's attention.

Most people don't leave a message. They listen to the whole thing and then hang up before the beep so the machine doesn't signal that there was a call. I know when I am here if someone calls because I hear the machine click on and go through the recording. One person out of ten will leave a message for more information. Every week the ad has run, which is four total so far, I have had 30 calls. I send them a pamphlet and tell them where they can find the book. I've tried to place as many UB's in libraries in this area, as I've been able.

The results of this "answering machine service" have been so exciting! It's a low-key but potentially powerful tool. People are willing to call and listen if they know they won't have to talk to someone directly. And it's no inconvenience for me when the phone rings, the machine does it all. I'm always excited when I hear it playing. For me, there is nothing more thrilling than knowing you helped "open the door" for someone when they've been knocking.

I feel strongly led to get the "good news" out about The URANTIA Book. In my opinion there are thousands of people who are yearning for the truth and beauty of The URANTIA Book, they have just NEVER HEARD OF IT!

Those of us who know about The URANTIA Book have been entrusted with the most important book on the planet, "10 talents" so to speak. Jesus was the 4th epochal revelation, The URANTIA Book is the 5th. Can we be less accountable than the apostles with the knowledge we hold?

We cannot stand still in the affairs of the eternal kingdom. We must grow in grace and in a knowledge of the truth. We must manifest a growing devotion to the unselfish service of our brothers and sisters according to our abilities. "In accordance with the truth committed to your hands will the Master of truth require a reckoning." UB pg. 1918 ❖

(Hospital)

very tightly. She calmed down and began to smile ever so slightly as she looked into my eyes. We both seemed to have a deep, caring experience. Knowing that a conversation was impossible, I just stood there, trying to commune with her nonverbally through our touch. She seemed at peace when I finally left. The nurse told me she had had several strokes in the last two weeks.

The second room I entered was occupied by a 70 year old man who was alert and planned to go home the next day. His wife had brought him to the hospital when he awoke one day feeling dizzy, totally disoriented and losing his memory. He just passed this off to getting old. He didn't feel bitter about old age because he said God had given him seventy wonderful years. He said he and his wife had raised three good children and that his family had never caused him any disappointment or pain in all their years together. He said faith was the binding element in his family and that faith allowed him not to fear old age and the decay of his body or death. I commended him on being a very inspiring patient. We discussed the importance of allowing every person to develop their own relationship with God. He had just viewed the U. S. President on TV, talking about his impending visit with the Soviet Chief. He commented that if we could all acknowledge our relationship with God and allow there to be many paths to God, there would be no need for war or weapons and we could begin to pool our resources to manage this planet. Since Hospital Ministries is non-denominational, I did not tell him how his ideas paralleled my Urantian belief that our human acknowledgment of God, as our Father, will help us to transcend all national boundaries and bring about the Brotherhood of Man. Since he had the idea all sewn up, I just said joyously that his faith and his conclusions about how to bring peace to our planet were illuminating and rang true in my experience. He told me what a great job I was doing by reinforcing people's faith. The visit ended as the nurse brought his dinner. We both told each other how we had been strengthened by our time together.

(Denver Free University)

hundreds of ways to do this and if we each find just one facet, then sooner than we think the teachings of this book will start transforming our world. We can see a difference even in our lifetimes by living these truths, but Jesus and his apostles didn't just sit around waiting for the whole world to come in contact with each of them in their former daily lives. They actively sought out the people whom they thought might be ready to receive the gospel. They made it available.

Several 'classmates have attended the Boulder worship services and study groups in their area. The next class at DFU, which is now known as Learning Unlimited will be starting soon.

"Modern man is confronted with the task of making more readjustments of human values in one generation than have been made in two thousand years." (P. 1013) The world needs this book now. ❖

When you love
you should not say
"God is in my heart,"
but rather,
"I am in the
heart of God."
Kahlil Gibran

Giving service takes some extra time, energy, and commitment in my life. Sometimes it is difficult to squeeze it in with all my other jobs and roles. Yet the moment of doing Hospital Ministry often stands out as the most significant of my week. I feel glad to follow in the footsteps of my dear older brother, Jesus, who showed us the way in his life work, by being there for those who are sick, lonely, and in need of spiritual refreshment. ❖

(Crossing Theshold)
become the producer of an interfaith
panel discussion program called
Spiritual Spectrum.

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Imagine a television show focusing each time on a different philosophy or religious belief, with individuals discussing the effects of religious growth on their lives. A small studio audience, usually fellow believers referred by the show's participants, is the source of some of the questions.

The four programs taped and aired in 1986 have explored The URANTIA Book, A Course in Miracles, Sikh Dharma, and Unity Church. Very old and relatively new belief systems are featured, with emphasis on the less well known groups. Future shows will explore Hare Krishna, Religious Science, and others. After eight interview and discussion shows each focusing on one religious group, two shows will feature a mixed panel. The final three shows will select music from a variety of religious services.

Spiritual Spectrum is broadcast by American Cablevision of Littleton. The talent are all volunteers, both behind and beyond the cameras. Because every cable company must provide the public access to its facilities and air time, the cost of making this program available to the public is nearly nothing. The price of video tape is the major expense! When complete; the thirteen part series can be offered to other public access channels and even to public television stations.

The crew was originally composed of friends of Julio and area URANTIA Book readers with interest or talent in the media. Two of the current technical people became interested in the show when they were audience members, and volunteered their services. Opportunities abound to discuss religion.

(Booth Stories)
decided that she had to have a Book of her own and recognized the value of the low Fair price. This was fairly early in the day and I suggested she return when she was through with the Fair, as The URANTIA Book is heavy on all levels. I left the booth at noon, certain that she would return and buy a Book, which she did.

JENNIFER BLAIR PICKERING

An elderly gentleman came up to the booth and said he had just been to the atheists' booth where he had had a frustrating discussion with them about the reality of God. He wondered how you could look around you and see the life and beauty there was and not know it came from God. It seems he then wanted to know what The URANTIA Book said about salvation and during my talk with this man I came to sense that this was one of those occasions where the value of the meeting lay in sharing with one another as spiritual brothers though we had and would probably continue to take different paths toward the Father and Jesus. I spoke of the incredible opportunity God had

The Course in Miracles show created an occasion for over twenty area teachers of Miracles study groups to learn about The URANTIA Book. Many of them had copies at home!

An American Sikh in the audience said she had never before seen American and Indian Sikhs sit down and discuss their faith. There is excitement associated with working on a project with so much potential for good. If you are interested in learning how to do something similar, contact Julio Edwards in care of the Planetary Prints.

Not every project is appropriate in all places. There are tools available in our times that never existed before. We inhabit a global village -- news can be known to virtually the entire planet on the same day it happens. Planetwide events are beginning to occur -- witness the World Instant of Cooperation. On December 31, 1986 millions prayed for peace all over the planet at the same hour!

In a world where these things are happening revelation has a right to help shape the future. That's why it's here. ❖

given us not only in creating us and the world around us but in making it possible to actually be His children. I told him The URANTIA Book said Jesus created us and the world around us. I really enjoyed talking to him not as a possible future reader of the book, but as a fellow God seeker and truth seeker. He was glad to hear the UB said some of the things I told him and seemed very reassured by them. He said he couldn't read the UB because his eyesight is poor and he cannot read for very long. This made me think of the need to have The URANTIA Book available on tape.

Speaking with this spiritual brother showed how good it could be to try and share and help one another upon our journey to God on the right level and possibly in some small way rather than trying to only see the other person as someone to convert to your path to God. And it is good to have this proper perspective when we are trying to share and spread the UB revelation, whether it be while at a Urantia Booth or some other time in our daily lives.

JACK KANE

The RMUSD booth at the Capital Hill People's Fair provides us with a great picture of who we are to be as children of God on this planet. The fruits of God's ministry within us are the signs that initially attract people with interest to approach our booth. We can then let them in and share our inner lives to the degree we discern openness to our message. This is an everyday process that we individually grow into, wherever or however we set up our booth.

Disputes about what to do with the UB revelation are missing the point. You see, the issue is one of who we are not, what we do! The measure of maturity is the drawing power or attractiveness we display over the degree to which we have to go out with our message. It was said of Jesus that perhaps the reason young people were so attracted to him was that, "He was always interested in what they were doing, while he seldom offered them advice unless they asked for it."

I make my living in sales, and I know the great power in displaying your product so that people come to you. It is a great thrill at the People's

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(Another UB)

section is really doing more than one job.)

--What are the different emphases in similar passages, e.g., at the opening paragraphs of Paper 3, Section 2?

Sometimes these detailed investigations will yield little, if any additional insight. Sometimes you will come up with no subtitle for a section different from the title in the text. Sometimes you will find no special comment to make in reflection upon your carefully written overview summary.

It is not necessary to work on the hardest questions in order to profit immensely from this effort. One student has been consistently asking the simple question of why this paper was written; he has found a flood of new insight. Another great question to ask is about what problems we face today that are similar to the ones addressed in this paper?

Naturally there is more than one good way to do an outline and more than one method to gain an overview. But "the wise philosopher will always look for the creative design which is behind, and pre-existent to, all universe phenomena." (p. 42). It is a great delight to see what different people find. God has something special to reveal to each person. And when this labor has been completed, a holistic view of the paper has been achieved.

Later a quieter, more spiritual phase begins. It is very interesting to see what different types of minds will come up with as they compare notes. It is more than interesting to see what the Spirit can impart to the student who has exhausted his or her evolutionary mindal capacity in the effort to comprehend. In this phase, the student prays for added wisdom and insight, and for the experience of the values referred to in the study. At school we have a time to reflect on papers and listen for the teaching of the Spirit. Then, if new ideas come, we share them without speculating on the source of the ideas.

A dry presentation of method can hardly suggest the richness of its results. But can you begin to see why I feel as though I have been given another URANTIA Book? Whatever methods you use, we at the Boulder School wish

(Profile)

see if I could spy the now-familiar blue cover. I was getting excited - this was something new for me! When the space became free, I dashed around the shelf to look for what I wanted and, yes, it was still there, and still only \$15.00! Such a bargain! I took it up to the clerk and expressed my joy at finding the book after explaining how I had first come across it a year before. He said "You know, someone called about that book a couple of months ago, and I couldn't find it back there. I was sure I had it, but couldn't find it." I, of course, replied, "you couldn't find it because it's my book." And it is.

Since that day I have been having a love affair with the book, and through the book, with Jesus, and God, and I have been learning to love myself again, too. Never in my 39 years have I felt so sure of anything as I feel about the revelations within The URANTIA Book. I delved immediately into the Jesus papers and was washed with renewed love for my Great Friend Jesus. This initial phase of discovery was almost overwhelming in its impact. I found the Jesus that I first recognized as a child; tears rolled down my face as I read the whole story, an experience which I am sure will be familiar to many readers. He truly is everything the church says He is, and more than they have imagined. As I read the Jesus papers, I was inevitably led to other parts of the book and eventually, the enormity of the Truth I was reading began to dawn on me. It was a bit disconcerting at times, and I felt an increasing desire, more a need, to share this revelation in some way. My solution was to place a classified ad in a local weekly, asking for interested persons to form a study group. The one and only response to my ad came in Christmas week from Julio Edwards. From him I learned of a study group in progress, of which he was a member, and received an invitation to attend the next meeting on New Years Day, 1986.

It was a blessed relief to experience the Denver Study Group. I had finally found my milieu; Jim and JoAnn Brummett warmly welcomed me

you a superb experience as you share in studying this majestic and many-sided treasure! ❖

into their home and I became a weekly fixture for many months, soaking up new information like a sponge. We were primarily reading through Part IV, and I took numerous side trips through the book, inspired by a discussion here, a suggestion there. I re-discovered the Bible while in communion with this group and found it to be far more interesting and far less forbidding in contrast to my youthful impression. Not only that, but it was refreshing and no small relief to discover how closely the Jesus papers parallel the bible stories of Jesus' birth and death - a relief because these stories were among those which most deeply affected me as a child. It has been like "coming home" in a way, and to discover this vast store of information about Jesus' "lost years" - heady stuff! And just the grist that this tired old mill needed, I can tell you.

Jim Brummett maintains that one can get a college education by studying the UB; I'd have to agree. Since I have been seriously perusing the UB I have learned quite a bit about subjects that interested me before, that I felt were beyond my comprehension; subjects like physics, astronomy and geology. And it's such fun to witness when modern science makes a discovery that verifies what I have learned in the UB. I attended a seminar at The Boulder School given by Dan Massey, in which he paralleled the UB with modern thought and discoveries. There are now several areas that I watch with great interest, as I anticipate the inevitable joining of modern science with religions and spiritual realities. This is a true privilege, as I see it.

At one point in my re-awakening this past year, I desired to be included on the mailing list for Urantia literature, and it was suggested that I contact Don Guimond. This I did, and we had quite a lively discussion about Urantia (of course) and our similar backgrounds. It was during this phone conversation that Don asked me to write this article for the Planetary Prints. So,

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Fair once a year, or any day in our lives, to have someone approach you and ask you to share your faith.

RICK GOEBEL ❖

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fruitful readers of The URANTIA Book on the international and world-wide level.

From my personal experience, I believe it is possible to establish thousands of readers here in South Korea. The level of receptivity that I have found here is truly amazing. The young Koreans are far less materialistic and far more idealistic and spiritually minded than the average Westerner. They are enthusiastic to examine new truth and to pursue an understanding of the teachings of The URANTIA Book.

The fundamental guiding idea for the dissemination work here in South Korea has been to "establish a readership and nurture a leadership." There are many factors unique to the Korean culture that make this country ripe for the revelation, and central to its possible spread throughout the Asian world.

To quote Asian religious leaders in attendance at the Asian Conference on Religion and Peace: "*Asia is rich in its spiritual heritage. It has a history rich with sublime religious thought and activity. This dimension of its inner resources is full of vast potential.*" "*People of religious belief*

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now you know who's to blame! Seriously, it was an opportunity I welcomed. Writing this article has been very helpful in a personal way for me and I thank Don for asking.

And I thank my heavenly Father for revealing Himself to me in so many wonderful ways - in so many faces through which He smiles at me. It is comforting to be able to find Him anywhere, everywhere, all the day.

This past summer, I was asked to participate as a reader/representative in The URANTIA Book booth at the People's Fair. Needless to say, I was thrilled at the opportunity to reach others as I had been reached. I watched the people who stopped, especially those who didn't have much to say. My hope is that the healing words of the Urantia Revelation will reach the waiting soul of another impoverished soul, such as I have been. ❖

look forward to a new dawn as we near the twenty-first century."

I arrived in this country a year and a half ago and was stationed in the northern portion of South Korea, bordering on the DMZ between North and South Korea. I immediately set about to establish a readership and found this far easier than I had ever expected. Through a series of lengthy conversations, I introduced The URANTIA Book to a young Korean soldier, Kim Suk Su who was very interested in the teachings I

The level of receptivity that I have found here is truly amazing

had been sharing with him.

Kim Suk Su and I began to study together on a regular basis. Soon thereafter he presented me with several of his friends whom he had told about our studies and who were interested in the study of this "great book!"

We initiated a study group that met on a weekly basis as regularly as was possible, due to Army constraints. I was impressed by the spiritual truth hunger of these young Koreans, their depth of spiritual insight and the many insightful questions they posed during our study groups. While some of the physical cosmology and celestial hierarchies presented in The URANTIA Book were a little difficult for them to

(Australia)

project, but we will keep you informed as time goes by.

Life is full of surprises. That certainly was the case for Monika and Mike Patterson from Hobart, Tasmania. Monika wrote to Chicago and received news that a conference was to be held in Melbourne. Although they had read The URANTIA Book for many years, they never knew that there was any Urantia Movement in Australia. Recently they have introduced two more people to The URANTIA Book. With the four of them they came to the conference and so ended all the years of reading in isolation. We were just as delighted as they were to see some friends from Tasmania. Mike and Monika are planning to place free URANTIA Books in libraries over there. So next year we might even see a few more people from the apple isle." ❖

understand at first, they were sincerely responsive to the spiritual truth contained therein. It was this area of personal realization that most impressed their minds and hearts.

All of these Korean readers of the 2nd Infantry Division study group have since returned to their respective homes throughout South Korea to continue their educations or to resume work. I have been able to maintain contact with several of these readers, one of which is Kim Suk Su, who has become an active evangelist of The URANTIA Book in his area. He has been presenting

The URANTIA Book to Buddhist monks in his surrounding area, which happens to be one of the major centers of Buddhism in South Korea. The last I heard from Kim Suk Su, a number of his friends had become interested in the study of The URANTIA Book through his personal efforts. Kim Suk Su has expressed to me his desire to see a Korean translation of The URANTIA Book become a reality, as well as the commitment of his life to the realization of this endeavor.

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(Radio)

"Foundation" mad. I've read helpful, objective suggestions from people who saw it as one hour of one morning on a local radio station. I know people who have been appalled and shocked at our blubbery attempt that has given bad press to The URANTIA Book forever and ever, world without end, Amen.

Even people who don't like the whole concept have given advice. Advice based on theory is never as good as advice based on experience, however. And, as we all know, experience is only obtained in one way.

As for my advice (you didn't ask for it but that's the advantage of sitting down and writing an article) I have only this humble offering: When considering a radio program, an article in a newsletter, a marriage or a grocery list, be responsible, weigh the pros and cons, but above all else, don't take life too seriously. ❖

(England)

Getting to know the English people somewhat as I have, I can tell you (because they themselves have told me) that they are a shade on the stubborn side when it comes to adopting new ways or ideas, especially if they come from abroad, including America. As much as the English admire our more positive attributes, they are loath to adopt the many things of our culture that wash over them, since many believe there's just so much of it here already. Certainly, I would be apprehensive about initiating promotions or "evangelizing" in any way. At the same time, I feel it is a waste of resources to sit back and wait for some kind of "trickle down effect" to occur in other lands. The following article then, shows how the problem outlines itself to me from this end.

Within the fold of URANTIA Brotherhood there is a broad spectrum of response to the idea of mission. On the one end, there are those groups of individuals who interpret "Go into all the world and preach the glad tidings of the kingdom," as meaning, "Tell everyone you meet about The URANTIA Book, whether they want to hear it or not." This lot seems to be under the spell of modern mass-media marketing techniques. I think their underlying strategy is, analogously speaking, that if you rub John Q. Public's nose in the good fragrance of The URANTIA Book itself, eventually he'll have to breathe, and when he does he'll be hooked forever on "our product." I exaggerate slightly, and doubtless, the people who actually think like this are probably a small, fringe minority. Nevertheless, if this group were given free reign, I think we could forecast the consequences of such overzealous evangelism. I don't believe this kind of tactic would fare well here in Britain.

On the other end of the spectrum sits the so-called "closet reader." He knows the message in The URANTIA Book is a good thing and ideally ought to be shared by all. But he also believes perhaps, that the Book is really somewhat in advance of its "real" time; that it is a thing of the next dispensation, or the salvation of some post-apocalyptic world. Or, he may

believe that the Revelation will just somehow take care of itself; sort of a "let the Midwayers do it," kind of attitude. Mostly though, this group believes that URANTIA Books are moved, confidentially, by one person telling another. The core of readers gained by this latter approach will doubtless be solid, but also, I think, comparatively small. Still, why should this confidential, conservative method be insisted upon (if indeed it is) when we have at our disposal the means to potentially access many times the readers over the old method in the same time frame?

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Fortunately there is a middle ground between the "hawking" zealots and the slow-as-she-goes approach of the more extreme conservatives. The thrust of this "centrist" idea is simply to **make books available** where books are generally found: in libraries and bookstores. Books are not usually acquired by reading adverts on laundromat walls, leaflets handed out in the street or random personal contacts. Even though I was shown my first URANTIA Book by the latter method, 99% of the time, when I'm looking for books, I go to the library or bookstore.

There are at least 4 good reasons for library placements and bookstore sales. 1) Besides putting The URANTIA Book where books are commonly found, it also (if I may borrow the Darwinian phrase here) tends to select those individuals who actually read books, whereas the mass-appeal, turn-on-everyone-you-meet approach may tend to select individuals disinclined to read, and in some cases, think for themselves. (Of course it is not my intention to imply that all bookreaders are inherently superior to non-book-

readers, or that all non-bookreaders can't think for themselves: or that we should "breed" an exclusive society of bookish followers. I would only suggest that bookreaders are a good place to start.)

2) Having The URANTIA Book just sitting there on a shelf, means that to the potential reader, it is, for all practical purposes, a **found object**. That is, it is more fully his or her own decision whether or not to pick it up. It allows the book to "sell" itself. Under these conditions The URANTIA Book is more truly self-revealing, unencumbered by the hype of prejudicial adjectives. The reader discovers on his own that the teachings are "supernal," "Uplifting," "Mind Blowing" and so on. The decision to purchase or draw from the library, pushes the potential reader into the psychology of investment. That is to say, (in addition to any money spent) the potential reader has at stake the integrity of his personal decision. Thus prompting him to see his investment through; to work for a "return," and to prove that his decision was not from the first, unwise or ill-conceived in any way.

3) Because URANTIA Books in libraries and bookstores are found objects, they are also, for all practical purposes, **anonymous objects**. In so far as the books carry this sense of anonymity, they are age, sex, and ethnically neutral in terms of who actually finds them. Thus, as a first impression, the potential reader will not have to confront so directly the idea of buying into an "American-made religion," or regarding personal evangelism, "that person's religion."

I am struck by the fact that the URANTIA revelation itself, or I should say, the appearance of it, has this marked air of anonymity about it. The Authors, while saying something about their order and so on, are not really forthcoming about themselves personally; and certainly as far as their actual personal presence is concerned, they hold to this principle of anonymity as far as possible.

4) The plan of library and bookstore placements is the plan of greatest simplicity. The history of progress in the fields of science, technology, even art and philosophical

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explanation is often the chronicle of the discovery of the simplest hypothesis, technique or explanation, usually adopted only after flirting and failing with the more colorful, grandiose and complex schemes.

I realize that in the process of offering some of these suggestions, I may be giving implicit criticism to some individuals and their interpretation of method concerning the dissemination of The URANTIA Book. I don't intend any criticism to be offensive, only informative; as information offered from some experience, and in regard to the focus on international dissemination.

I have been in Britain for a half-year. A few years prior I travelled extensively on the Continent for 7 months. I can say, I think, that generally considered, the Europeans have a slightly different notion about religion and religious talk than do most Americans. It seems to me, that on an average they are somewhat more quiet about their beliefs. I get a strong sense of an undercurrent of mildly cynical agnosticism. At any rate, they seem certainly disinclined to make pronouncements about God being this or that, or thinking such and such, and so on. I have been recently told by a British reader that, "We have found the Book to be extremely interesting and inspiring and have enjoyed the contacts it has brought us. We like the way it seems to be slowly spreading, without the cultish

attachments one often associates with anything 'religious' coming from America....it's a sentiment I've heard expressed by many British people in relation to 'religious organizations.' In fact, one of the study group members deliberately didn't follow up getting her own book for over two years when she heard the word 'brotherhood' attached to it." I guess after being affected one way or another by papal corruption, the Crusades, the Thirty Years War, the Inquisition, the burning of "witches," World War I, Hitler, Stalin, the Irish problem, the extreme right-wing religious-political fundamentalism in America and Iran, it is little wonder that Europeans tend to cast a jaundiced eye at charismatic figures making claims in God's name, trying to sell, or more often, demanding you buy, their version of religious or political reality.

"Revelation" is a heavily loaded word. Whether we like it or not, that is essentially what "our product" is. And that is why I believe that the "quiet diplomacy" of stocking libraries and bookstores over (eventually) the whole planet, presents the path of least resistance and greatest acceptance of The URANTIA Book. Libraries and bookstores constitute the pores through which the Teachings would, initially, in an anonymous sort of way, seep into the world's societies. Better this, I think, than injecting the message into the social consciousness with the oc-

casional jab of American-made hypodermic needle. Following this general introduction via libraries and bookstores, just about the time curiosities are piqued, earnest personal and administrative contacts can begin to be made.

I have reservations about using this analogy but presently I find it irresistible. I see the strategy of the mission of book placements as resembling the Allied strategy for conquering Europe in the last World War: Prior to any ground assault by foot soldiers, fortified enemy territory was first "softened up" by saturation bombing and bombardment. Then the soldiers moved in to engage the enemy personally, hand to hand, as it were. Later, in the conquered territories, provisional governments were set up to minister to the needs of the indigenous population, until peace returned and in cooperation with the victorious forces, the "new" nation emerged to govern itself once again.

So, if England is our territory to be conquered, she must first be "softened up" by saturated library placements, then the administrative work of ministering to new readers can commence. Again I say, I use this analogy with great qualification, since we are not trying to "win England over," as against her will; we are merely trying to provide the opportunity for the people to make an unbiased decision. ❖

(South Korea)

Since the middle of July 1985, I have been stationed here in Seoul. The establishment of a study group here in Seoul took no longer than three weeks from my arrival. A young Korean soldier, Yum Sa Sung, whom I worked with here in the chapel, soon became interested in the study of the book through our many conversations. Once again, Yum Sa Sung presented me with several of his civilian friends who, through his recommendation and enthusiasm, were interested in the study of The URANTIA Book.

Our first few study groups focused mainly on clarifying the basic terminology of The URANTIA Book, exploring some of the funda-

mental differences between the teachings of The URANTIA Book and Jesus as presented therein, compared to the teachings of Christianity as it has been taught them by Christian missionaries. Kim Suk Oh and Lee Jong Kun both come from a Christian orientation, and Lee Jong Kun in particular, is exceptionally well studied in the scriptures and the teachings of Christianity. He is a leader within his

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religious community, and is open to further spiritual growth and the examination of new religious truth. Even now, Lee Jong Kun is applying these new insights and truths he is learning through his study of The URANTIA Book within the religious training courses he teaches at the junior high, high school and college levels.

The next area of outreach ministry that I would like to talk about, one that I believe has vast potential for future development here in South Korea, is the pen-pal sponsorship program initiated by Melissa Wells and the Nashville study group.

The goal of this project is to put one Korean
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reader in contact with one American reader through a pen-pal relationship. The guidelines of this sponsorship program are that the American reader agrees to supply a copy of The URANTIA Book to the Korean reader, and support his or her ongoing studies through the pen-pal relationship. The Korean reader agrees to study The URANTIA Book and also to maintain correspondence as required for support in the study of The URANTIA Book. There are currently five young Koreans being sponsored in such a manner, one of whom is Buddhist.

Another area of outreach ministry I have endeavored to carry out since I have been here has been the placement of gift copies of The URANTIA Book in university and public libraries. To date, 22 universities and 13 public libraries throughout Seoul have received copies. This has been a very rewarding experience and I was received warmly by all the directors of the libraries concerned.

to do so is due to your meaningful and significant writing suitable for the core of Won Buddhist doctrine. Among the doctrines of Won Buddhism there is a motto as follows: 'All truths lead to one (Buddha, Tao, God). So do the cosmic worlds. All human races are one family. The world is the same workshop. Lets open up one world.'"

The teachings of Won Buddhism strive for universality, and profess that the essence of truth is the same in all religions. In Won Buddhism, the circle is the symbol of ultimate reality and the source of all being. On the individual level they strive to become enlightened to their own original nature (Buddha nature or Il Won which means One Truth), and hence to personally realize the source of all beings in the universe. On the social level they aspire towards the ideals of public service and the spiritual transformation of the worlds' civilizations.

They teach that religion is a personal experience, yet that people

service to the Fifth Epochal Revelation, is to seek out, to make contact with, the leading social, philosophical and religious thinkers of today's world, and to bring the influence of the revelation "as a book" to them. The world is ripe!!! There are many leading social, philosophical and religious thinkers within all the world's nations ready to receive advanced and enlarged religious truth. Many of these great world religious leaders periodically get together and hold conferences and inter-faith dialogues. Should we not have someone there to speak in behalf of, the Fifth Epochal Revelation and the living gospel of Jesus?

It is obvious that at this time in the history of the movement, we are seeing an increasing awareness of the need for a more active, thought-out, world-wide outreach effort. There are many new, creative and pioneering efforts, moving towards such a vision of a more evangelistic orientation of outreach ministry.

We hold in our hands a most valuable resource for offering meaningful direction to our fellow religionists.

One of the highlights of my experiences in South Korea was the opportunity to attend a major gathering of many of Asia's most eminent religious leaders attending the Third Assembly of the Asian Conference on Religion and Peace held in Seoul, South Korea.

It was in this way that I had the opportunity to meet and converse with religionists, hailing from every part of Asia and from diverse faiths. There was even a sizeable delegation from mainland China. One of the most fruitful contacts that I was able to make was with a Korean Won Buddhist minister named Yoo Song Tae. We were able to initiate a dialogue through correspondence, and it was in this way that Yoo Song Tae requested to publish my letter of introduction in the major Won Buddhist journal. In his letter he says, *The reason why I've made up my mind*

must play a leading role in the transformation of society. They search for the truth and harmony of all the religions of the world, and don't hesitate to appropriate truth from, and use as reference, the scriptures of the world.

Won Buddhism is one of the major sects of Buddhism in Korea, and was founded by Park Chung-bin (Ven. Chongsam) in 1916. There are approximately 500,000 followers in Korea, with missionary activities overseas, including the USA.

Yoo Song Tae is even now studying The URANTIA Book as I am studying the Won Buddhist teachings and scriptures. In the future, we hope to exchange articles focusing on spiritual life goals and interfaith sharing, to be published in each others respective journals.

One of the most valuable of all experiences we could engage in, as a

This is an area of thought that is still largely unexplored and untried within our young movement, and I believe, it is an issue of central importance to anyone seriously interested in the future role and mission of The URANTIA Book on the international level. Personally, whenever I reflect upon this issue, one thought comes to the forefront of my mind loud and clear; "potentialities and unlimited possibilities!"

If our goal is to move toward an increasingly more active and world-wide outreach ministry, it would be the better part of wisdom to do our homework well. Our outreach and interface efforts should be carried out with a sense of relevancy to contemporary issues in today's philosophical and religious thought.

There is a real need at this time
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in the history of the movement to achieve an accurate understanding of the world's current social, cultural, philosophical and religious developments.

In order to establish a multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-religious readership of The URANTIA Book, we must familiarize ourselves with the forward-looking groups and individuals striving to realize the next stage of spiritual evolution upon our planet. If we remain sensitive and responsive to the living truth in all faiths, it will be easier to create an environment in which an atmosphere of meaningful exchange can take place.

I say this with all sincerity and conviction of heart; the time to act has come, the season of the dawning of a new dispensation is here and now. We hold in our hands a most valuable resource for offering meaningful direction to our fellow religionists.

We, who live in the full awareness of the revelation, who realize the clear light of the living gospel of Michael, can hardly stand by and do less than those who live in the light of the religions of tradition. Even now they are

striving to break down the walls of tradition, and to find the living God!

To the degree that we fail to bring an awareness of the revelation to those religionists of the world who are living spiritual lives and teaching on the same level as the revelation itself, to this degree we are failing to act upon the light we have been given and defaulting upon our responsibilities as recipients of the gift of the Fifth Epochal Revelation. Freely have we received, and therefore, freely and willingly should we give.

We have a responsibility to participate in the common quest of our fellow religionists as we together strive to realize the next stage of religious evolution. Our responsibility is to lovingly bring to their awareness the great truths of the revelation, as well as the revelation itself.

"Mankind can be unified only by the spiritual approach, and the Spirit of Truth is a world influence which is universal." P. 2065

"Religion does need new leaders, spiritual men and women who will dare to depend solely on Jesus and

his incomparable teachings." P. 2082

"...the spiritual renaissance must await the coming of these new teachers of Jesus' religion who will be exclusively devoted to the spiritual regeneration of men." P. 2082

"The call to the adventure of building a new and transformed human society by means of the spiritual rebirth of Jesus' brotherhood of the kingdom should thrill all who believe in him as men have not been stirred since the days when they walked about on earth as his companions in the flesh." P. 2084

In closing, I would like to express my deep appreciation and sense of gratitude to all those who have made this outreach ministry here in South Korea possible. Such an endeavor does not owe its success to any one person, not to the few, but rather to the help and service of many.

I have great hopes for the future unfolding of the revelation here in South Korea. There are great spiritual works waiting to be done in this "land of the morning calm," so ripe for the revelatory seed. ❖

*In the golden age of Asia
Korea was one of its lamp bearers
And that lamp is waiting to be lighted once again
For the illumination in the East
Rabindranath Tagore*

We must not drift away from the humble works, because these are the works nobody will do. It is never too small. We are so small we look at things in a small way. But, God being Almighty, sees everthing great. Therefore, even if you write a letter for the blind man, or you just go and sit and listen, or you take the mail for them, or you visit somebody or bring a flower to somebody- small things-or wash clothes for somebody or clean house.

Very humble work, this is where you and I must be. For there are many people who can do big things. But there are very few people who will do the small things. It is the small things that Sisters and Brothers do.

Mother Teresa

(Japan)

Colorado. He also gave me your address. I wish to purchase 10 copies of The URANTIA Book. I have some friends who want these books as well as myself - so I would appreciate if you would send them quickly. Also could you send some pamphlets. Also is there any information on how I might go about translating The URANTIA Book into Japanese - any funding, etc?
Japan

After studying TM and other oriental philosophies, I can see that The URANTIA Book is in a class by itself. I would like very much to understand more about the teachings of the book. I would like to contact other readers in the world. Do you have names and addresses of readers in Hong Kong & Japan (especially the Chinese, as I am Chinese).

Hong Kong

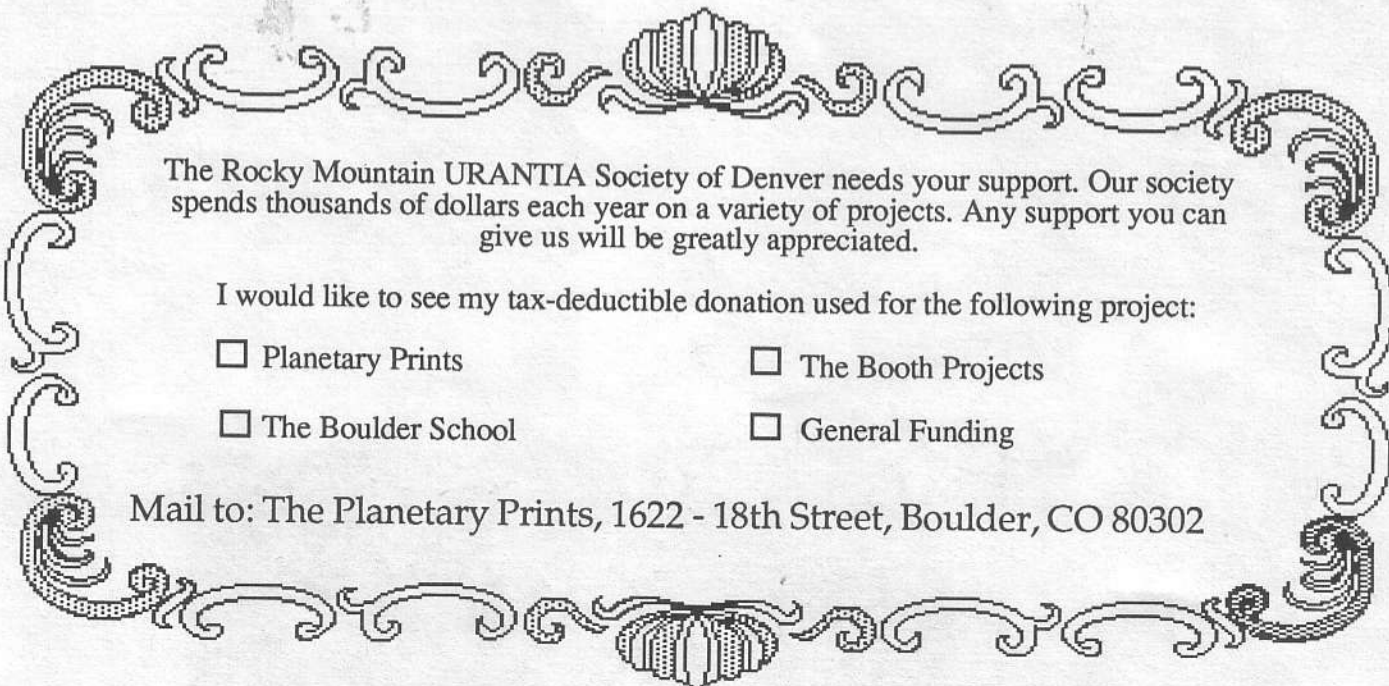
Thousands of my people here in India have been introduced to

The URANTIA Book over the past 9 years. Many have become devote readers. Over 100 books have come into this country that I personally know about. The cost of the UB is prohibitively high compared to what the average Indian earns. The need to get the book into libraries is also great for in this manner those who can not afford it can still have the truth available to them, if they choose to do the reading.
India

After only a brief survey of The URANTIA Book I can see that it contains much truth and is just what I have been looking for. Thank you so much for sending it to me. The joy it has brought me in truly knowing who and what God is is beyond words. Several of my friends here have also shown a keen interest in reading my copy. The cost to purchase a book is very high compared to how much money they are paid in their jobs. If you can please send more books.
Cameroon

There are readers of the book in all of the continents around the world. Some of the countries that are known to us include: Togo, Zaire, Jordan, Turkey, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, Ireland, Iceland, Pakistan, Burma, Singapore, Indonesia, China, New Guinea, Fiji, Tahiti, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Columbia, Peru, Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Canada plus those represented in other articles in this issue of the Prints. Many of these readers are also actively disseminating the Revelation. The staff for the Planetary Prints would welcome any letters from any readers around the globe. Please send your letters and mail to Planetary Prints, 1622 18th Street, Boulder, Colorado, 80302 USA. ❖

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I found no comfort in my mind
All the answers I had found
Seemed to leave me way behind**

**I felt so awful and alone,
Seems I'd lost my light along the path
And I couldn't get back home
When hope came flying in at last**

**Somebody said a prayer for me
I feel a peace within my soul
Somebody said a prayer for me
I've never felt this good before**

**Somebody prayed that I'd be well
Somebody cared to send me strength
Somebody wants me to have faith
I'm feeling healed once again.**

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