



# SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA URANTIA® SOCIETY

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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### THE URANTIA® BROTHERHOOD 1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE

BY  
NANCY GRIMSLY

The 1981 Conference of the URANTIA Brotherhood will be held June 28 through July 3 at Snowmass near Aspen in Colorado. The Planning Committee appointed by the executive committee of the URANTIA Brotherhood, plus key leaders from several of the groups involved in arrangements for this conference, met recently at Snowmass. Terry McCade, in his capacity as SFBAUS Chairman, and I, as Chairman of the Planning Committee, attended from this area. The conference site is beautiful and very well-equipped, and the plans for the conference are well underway. The theme of the conference is "The Individual's Relation to the Universal Father." This theme will be considered by conference participants in workshops, and there will be a variety of other speakers and multi-media events. Evening entertainment is being drawn from conference participants all over the United States and abroad.

Terry McCade and the San Francisco Society are in charge of expediting this conference, which includes full responsibility for registration of participants. Gayle Eash is assisting in the Society coordination of registration. Anybody interested in helping either during the next months or at the time of the conference should let Terry know by writing to him at SFBAUS, Box 126, Berkeley, CA 94701, or calling him at (415) 849-1194. He will then keep volunteers informed when there are scheduled work sessions on conference materials. The first such big weekend of work was held recently to put together the registration packets. We started at 10 a.m. on a Saturday and finished at 10 p.m. on the following Sunday, tired but happy from lots of work and fun. Included in this issue of DEVELOPMENTS are several pictures of this work session.

We are expecting from 800 to 1000 participants at Snowmass, and the conference is going to be a fine one. John Hay and the Colorado Society are working on very complete and carefully organized childcare arrangements. Lucile Faw and the Los Angeles Society are in charge of scheduling conference participants into workshop sessions ahead of time, while Marta Elders and the Connecticut Society are in charge

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### SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE

BY  
JEFF WATTLES

How long has it been since you sat down for a conversation with a Hindu, a Buddhist, a Jainist, a Taoist, a Confucianist, a Shintoist, a Zoroastrian, a Jew, a Christian, a Muslim, and a Sikh? Not more than about a year, if you were at the last Spiritual Renaissance Conference.

This year's conference, the seventh annual one, is being co-sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society and the SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE INSTITUTE. The theme is "The Supreme Goal of Religion—What Can We Agree On?" It will be held on March 14 and 15 in the chapel of the Pacific School of Religion, Scenic and LeConte Streets, in Berkeley, California. The first day (open to the public at no charge) will be filled with the speakers' panels, moderated by Vern Grimsley; it will start at 9:00 and end at 5:00. The second day (for students of The URANTIA Book only—donations requested) will begin at 10:00 and end at 3:00; we will discuss as a group the evolutionary religions from the perspective of The URANTIA Book.

We have experiences that the Spiritual Renaissance Conferences foster understanding, tolerance, friendship, and love among religionists. Past years' participants commented: "No other conference could be more relevant." "It was a sharing on an intellectual and personal level which was valuable to me because it didn't just deal with theology." "The sharing and love which I felt was an inspiring and uplifting spiritual experience."

We have something to learn from every one of these great traditions. If you desire to attend this conference and need more information about accommodations, etc., write (c/o SFBAUS, Box 126, Berkeley, CA 94701) or call conference Chairman Terry McCade, (415) 849-1194.

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY  
TERRY McCADE

On February 8, 1981, the members of the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society made decisions in the following areas: the Governing Committee, Membership, and our Constitution. It is my privilege and

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of scheduling participants into the larger morning sessions. Berkeley Elliott and the Oklahoma Society are in charge of the evening entertainment. David Kulieke and the First Society in Chicago are coordinating the Art Exhibit. The site itself, Snowmass, is a resort center replete with recreational activities. One of the advantages of

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responsibility to address them in this column.

### GOVERNING COMMITTEE

The officers who will manage all the affairs of this URANTIA Society in accordance with the constitution are:

**PRESIDENT . . . . . TERRY McCDADE**  
**VICE PRESIDENT . . . . . GAYLE EASH**  
**SECRETARY . . . . . FRANCYLYN GAWRYN**  
**TREASURER . . . . . NORM HETLAND**

### MEMBERSHIP

This URANTIA Society initiated Dana



#### NEW MEMBERS

NANCY SULLIVAN, REBECCA MARSHALL  
 DANA BREDEMAYER,

Bredmeyer, Rebecca Marshall and Nancy Sullivan into its membership. They have all completed a reading of the URANTIA Book, affirmed acceptance of the Brotherhood and Society's Constitution, support the URANTIA Foundation in its mandate to maintain legal protection of the concentric circles symbol, the URANTIA trademark and service mark, and the copyright of the URANTIA Book.

### CONSTITUTION

More meaning was given to the word "membership." A Voting Member must maintain regular participation in study groups and the payment of Society dues. If a member fails to maintain an active participation in the affairs of the Society for two years, then the result is his Termination of Membership and his name dropped from the Roll without prejudice to any future application for membership in URANTIA Brotherhood. All members should have a copy of the amendments to Article IV and V to the SFBAUS Constitution. Please ask for an additional copy if you need one.

this conference site is that participants may make arrangements to go early or stay later in order to combine a family vacation with the conference. Swimming, tennis, golf, rafting, and horseback riding are only some of the activities available. The first formal day of the conference is Monday, but registration will be going on all day Sunday. That evening there will be a social for the entire group which will include a live band. We expect there to be some square dancing. It will be a fine beginning. The culmination of the conference on Thursday evening will be another large social, this time starting with a bar-b-que in the big tent, evolving into one last big party to bid good-bye to old friends and new.

Anybody who does not have information and wishes to attend should mail \$12.50 per adult and \$6.00 per child by April 1 to Nancy Grimsley, Conference

Chairman, Box 126, Berkeley, CA 94701. There are late registration fees after that date of \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. June 1 is the deadline for refund of registration fees.

The last large conference of this kind was three years ago at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. The next General Conference of the Brotherhood, after Snowmass, will be three years later in 1984. I would really encourage everyone to consider attending this international conference.



81 CONFERENCE EXPEDITING COMMITTEE  
 NANCY GRIMSLY,  
 GAYLE EASH,

TERRY McCDADE

## BAY CURRENTS

BY  
 SUE KANTOR

At the annual meeting of SFBAUS, outgoing officers David Gray and Gard Jameson were presented with gold pens in honor of their service to the society. David had served as society President and Gard as Treasurer since the society was initiated in February of 1976.

Congratulations to Paul and Phyllis Buttitta. They were married on New Year's Eve. Both are active in the San Jose study

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#### PRESENTATION OF PENS

DAVID GRAY, GARD JAMESON, FRANCYLYN GAWRYN, SUE KANTOR, TERRY McCDADE



## HISTORY OF

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA URANTIA® SOCIETY

BY

TERRY McCADE

**FOUNDING MEMBERS**

VERN BENNOM GRIMSLY  
 NANCY GRIMSLY  
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 MARY ECHLIN  
 SARA BLACKSTOCK  
 DAVID KANTOR  
 SUE KANTOR  
 TERRY McCADE  
 CONNIE ALLER  
 MARY BRUNNER-BLESSING  
 FRED SHUPP  
 SUSAN HALBERT-SHUPP  
 JEFF WATTLES  
 GARD JAMESON  
 BRIAN COX  
 PENNY POOLE-OSTER

**CHARTER MEMBERS**

FRANCYL STREANO-GAWRYN  
 MARVIN GAWRYN  
 ROBERT BLACKSTOCK  
 MARILYN NELSON  
 MARK TURRIN

The San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society was officially chartered and installed on February 8, 1976. Present were Paul Snider, presiding URANTIA Brotherhood President, and Mary Lou Hales, presiding Charter Committee Chairman, along with special guests Julia Fenderson, Scott Forsythe, Richard Keeler, Barbara Newsom-Kulieke, Mo Siegel and Herman Schell. All twenty-three of the Founding and Charter Members were members of the URANTIA Brotherhood, as members-at-large or as transferring members of other societies. The society had its origin 13 years earlier in 1963 when the first study group in Northern California was begun in the living room of Vern and Nancy Grimsley. This group grew and developed into the nucleus for the group requesting the charter. At the time of this writing, our society has forty voting members.

Our society receives letters from the URANTIA Brotherhood office in Chicago informing us of readers of The URANTIA Book in our surrounding area who would like to get together. Conferences have been scheduled for the purpose of:

1. Sharing information about The URANTIA Brotherhood.
2. Laying the groundwork for regular study group meetings in their areas.

the theme of which has been "A Consideration of Evolutionary Religion from the Perspective of the URANTIA Book." One of the highlights, in past years, was an exhibit loaned by the Palestine Institute of Pacific School of Religion featuring artifacts from the Holy Land. The biggest attraction was an oil vessel with three perfect blue concentric circles, which was found near Hebron, the home of Abraham after Melchizedek left.

SFBAUS sponsored Jim Mills' seminars on The URANTIA Book, Clyde Bedell's lectures on The URANTIA Book, and a presentation by Meredith Sprunger. During the Spiritual Renaissance Conferences Tom and Carolyn Kendall have been active guests.

SFBAUS sponsors many study groups, including a weekly group now in its seventeenth year of existence. We also foster a study group in Jabalpur, India.

At the 1978 General Conference at Lake Geneva we were responsible for conducting the Tuesday morning session on parables as well as the Remembrance Service on the last evening.

For many years we have made annual visits to Los Angeles to participate in FUSLA programs. Another annual event is the Jesus' birthday celebration.

3. Meeting with other readers of The URANTIA Book.

Our society co-sponsors with the SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE INSTITUTE, an annual Spiritual Renaissance Conference in Berkeley. SFBAUS sponsors the second day,



**FOUNDING AND CHARTER MEMBERS** LEFT TO RIGHT: B. COX, J. EICHMANN, F. SHUPP, M. TURRIN, S. HALBERT-SHUPP, G. JAMESON, M. NELSON, T. McCADE, M. BRUNNER-BLESSING, N. GRIMSLY, B. GRAY, D. GRAY, V. GRIMSLY, S. BLACKSTOCK, M. ECHLIN, C. ALLER, M. GAWRYN, F. GAWRYN, B. BLACKSTOCK, J. WATTLES, S. KANTOR, P. POOLE-OSTER, D. KANTOR

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group and Paul is a member of SFBAUS.

Best wishes to Larry and Marilyn Nelson and their family in their move to Washington. The Nelsons had been active in Bay Area study groups for many years. Marilyn was a member of SFBAUS. We hope they will find other URANTIA Book students in

their new community.

After years of hard work, Marvin Gawry has completed his book, "Reaching High; The Psychology of Spiritual Living." It has been published by the Spiritual Renaissance Press and a number of major distributors are carrying the book. Congratulations, Marvin, for work well done!

One of our new members to SFBAUS, Becky Marshall, has just received an award for her work on a brochure that she designed and produced. The award of merit was given at the Admark Annual Awards Competition, which is a professional Bay Area advertising association. Congratulations, Becky!


**SOCIETY SPONSORED  
STUDY GROUPS**
**HOSTS**

MARY BLESSING  
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 MARVIN and FRANCYL GAWRYN  
 VERN GRIMSLY and JEFF WATTLES  
 MICHAEL HAGAN  
 DAVID and SUE KANTOR  
 TERRY McCADE and NANCY GRIMSLY  
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JOY WATTLES	
ELDON WARMAN	

**EDITOR'S COMMENT BY N. GRIMSLY**

During the annual meeting it was suggested that we expand our efforts to keep readers of The URANTIA Book in Northern California informed of local and Brotherhood events. In order to accomplish this, the DEVELOPMENTS staff is planning to make copies of DEVELOPMENTS available to study group leaders to distribute at their meetings, and to amplify our mailing list. Study group leaders are encouraged to give members of their groups the opportunity to be included on the mailing list. Those who wish to be included should send name, address and zip code to SFBAUS DEVELOPMENTS, Box 126, Berkeley, CA 94701.

# STUDY GROUPS ABROAD

BY

**MARY BLESSING**


URANTIA Book study groups are not simply limited to readers throughout the United States and Canada. We know of well established groups in Australia, Europe, South America, and, now, **India**!

The San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society, in conjunction with SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE INSTITUTE, is largely responsible for the forming of a new group of readers gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rajah S. Chauhan, in Jabalpur, India. Many of you may not be aware of international outreach extended by our Society due to the facilitating factor of SRI.

The radio broadcast produced by SRI limits its message to heralding the spiritual teachings of the URANTIA Book (without specifically naming it as a source), yet there have been astute listeners who persistently wrote requesting deeper and deeper answers to spiritual questions. After many months of correspondence with such an individual, SRI has sometimes determined that the questions could only be answered through a study of the precious Fifth Epochal Revelation! Such was the case for R.S. Chauhan.

An initial copy of the URANTIA Book was sent to Mr. Chauhan by the URANTIA Brotherhood in 1977. Rajah received his book with great enthusiasm, and after reading it he wrote thanking us for introducing him to this profoundly "eye opening" book. Before long he found his friends and relatives wanting to borrow his book, and requested that we send more copies. In his words, "[please send] at least 10 books so I can make a URANTIA Society in India of

my friends and relatives (an intellectual middle class group)."

Ten books were a little more costly than could be afforded, especially when you consider the cost of postage overseas. Nonetheless, in March, 1978, our Society sent three more books, and in Fall of 1980 we sent four Concordexes to aid Mr. Chauhan and his group of about thirty readers.

Thanks to the generosity of two members of our Society, R.S. Chauhan received money to buy a "much needed" cassette tape recorder. By December, 1980, the Chauhans had produced a recording of one of their study group sessions, which included readings from the URANTIA Book, original music, poems, and personal prayers. What a great Christmas greeting this tape was to the members of our Society!

It is so rewarding to share in the birth and development of URANTIA Book study groups throughout the world, and to watch the spread of the teachings of this priceless revelation in the hearts of sincerely seeking spiritual brothers and sisters from diverse cultures. It is now the prayer of the undaunted Mr. and Mrs. Chauhan to be able to attend the 1981 URANTIA Brotherhood General Conference in Colorado, where they would be able to have their eyes, and hearts, opened to the beauty of being in association with hundreds of readers of the URANTIA Book—all in one location!



**NEW OFFICERS**  
 GAYLE EASH, TERRY McCADE, FRANCYL GAWRYN, NORM HETLAND