

The GGC Galaxy

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Invigorating Faith" in Santa Cruz, August 9-12 **FELLOWSHIP'S ANNUAL SUMMER SESSION TO BE HELD IN THE BAY AREA**

The Urantia Book Fellowship's Summer Study Session will be held August 9 to 12, 2001 at the University of California at Santa Cruz, marking the first time this educational gathering has been held in the Bay Area. This year the local Golden Gate Society has joined the Fellowship's Education Committee as the official host of this event. Numerous GGCers will assist in the hosting as well as speak or give workshops.

"Readers throughout California particularly look forward to welcoming attendees from all over the world at this especially beautiful site," said Lee Smith, chair of the Education Committee and long-time Bay Area *UB* reader. "I urge those who want to attend to remember to register early so as not to miss one of the most important *Urantia Book*-related events ever to be held in the Bay Area."

The Fellowship's Education Committee has sponsored these intensive study sessions since the 1960s to promote scholarship and stimulate socialization of new and seasoned readers of *The Urantia Book*. Over 300 attendees are expected to attend this year's Summer Session.

In addition, a pre-conference spiritual retreat will be held just prior to the main events, and governing bodies of the Fellowship will meet both before and after the annual educational conference.

To get details about the Summer Session, including registration information, please go to <http://www.urantia-book.org/conferences/ss2001.html> or call the Fellowship office at: 773/327-0424.

A large group of Bay Area Urantians have assembled committees that are busy working on logistics for the conference. A local program committee is also working closely in cooperation with the Fellowship's Education Committee.

This summer's session will also serve as a prelude to the Fellowship's 2002 International Conference in the Colorado Rockies, June 30-July 5, 2002.

Study Session Program

Each full day of the conference, group worship will commence at 9am, followed by plenary session presenters who will kick off each morning, examining the sources and foundations of faith from an educational

AN INVITATION TO THE SUMMER SESSION

Dear Friends,

It is my special pleasure to invite you to join us for *The Urantia Book* Fellowship's Summer Study Session on August 9-12, 2001.

The theme of this year's Summer Session is *Invigorating Faith*: "The world is filled with hungry souls who famish in the very presence of the bread of life; men die searching for the very God who lives within them. Men seek for the treasures of the kingdom with yearning hearts and weary feet when they are all within the immediate grasp of living faith."

The resplendent setting for this event nicely complements our inspiring theme: the University of California campus at Santa Cruz (UCSC). Our sessions and housing will be primarily located at the College Eight campus: a prominent location within the university that features a large open commons area and café for evening socializing and contemplative vistas of the setting sun.

This summer's session will also serve as a prelude to The Fellowship's 2002 International Conference in the Colorado Rockies, June 30-July 5, 2002. The Santa Cruz/Monterey Bay area is a highly popular vacation destination, so early registration is encouraged.

I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Lee Smith

Chairman, Fellowship Education Committee

point of view. The follow-up workshops in the afternoons will be interactive small groups where participants can share the experiential meanings and values of their own faith adventures.

Pre- and Post-Session Activities

As stated, other important activities will occur just before and after this year's Summer Session: The Triennial Delegate Assembly 2001 annual meeting will convene before the Session, and the Fellowship's General Council Meeting just after. Both meetings of these governing bodies of the Fellowship are open to *Urantia Book* readers who may want to observe the proceedings. Also, a Pre-Session Retreat, "The Faith of Jesus," will take place August 7-9 at Oakes College (adjacent to College Eight). For more detailed information on this retreat, you may contact Dolores Nice, dlnice@worldnet.att.net or call 650/369-6803.

Retreat Center for Serious Spiritual Seekers and Urantia Book Readers

KINDRED SPIRIT CENTER LAUNCHES PROGRAMS

1100 High School Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472

In July of the year 2000, the first steps were taken to establish a living, working retreat center for serious spiritual seekers and Urantia Book readers in the Northern California area.

Three individuals (committed Urantians) took advantage of a vigorous real estate market to acquire a unique property in Sonoma County north of San Francisco. Encompassing nearly three acres of botanical splendor, this former private residence was acquired from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Santa Rosa. They had maintained it for five years, naming it the House of Prayer.

Previous owners were serious botanical collectors who were undoubtedly attracted to a striking ancient fir tree as well as other magnificent specimens of redwood, giant sequoia, walnut and buckeye. Since the property is located not far from the experimental farm of (noted Horticulturist) Luther Burbank, many grafted hybrids of fruit trees are also present.

However, several hundred roses, rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias upstage most of this flora. Even so, one cannot ignore the awesome octagonal wisteria towers, soaring thirty feet high, set amid many varieties of Japanese maples and other flowering ornamentals.

Two houses and a large shop building are set amid all this glorious floral beauty. The main house has large common rooms that can accommodate groups of 25 or 30 for meetings or seminars. Presently, full-time residents occupy two of the six bedrooms. There is ample space for tent camping and RV parking. Future plans call for converting the shop area to sleeping accommodations for overnight guests.

For this summer of 2001, we are inviting individuals, couples, and families to come and experience this serene beauty. We will operate as a bed and breakfast at the rate of \$45 per person per night, \$65 per couple (Urantia reader rate). Rates for longer stays for personal retreats are negotiable. Work exchange programs are also possible. Meanwhile, rudimentary barracks-style accommodations are available for those who want to come and help in the garden or assist with repairs.

We are presently reconditioning all the lawn areas (de-thatching, aerating, and composting). An automatic irrigation plan is nearing completion. We will be self-installing it this summer. The guesthouse has been

updated, but the main house needs a new kitchen and several other refurbishments. Conversion of the shop area is projected for this winter. Major financing for these projects is already in place.

Finally, we want to find an appropriate name for this venture and this marvelous garden. A contest is underway, with a final decision to be made on Memorial Day weekend. The winner receives a free two-night stay in the master suite and unlimited use of the Jacuzzi therapy hot pool. We will probably throw in a couple of extra meals as well. For more information contact Larry Geis, (707) 824-9234 (lrgeis @ aol.com) or Bob Fontana (707) 829-7372 (Fontana @ junos.com). For those interested in scheduling day use retreats, please contact Dolores Nice (650) 369-3803 (dlnice @ worldnet.att.net).

Immersed in starlight, lying on the desert floor,
Viewing silver shining of the nighttime heavens,
I flow with no effort into space travel, to wend
My imaginary way where no quarantine
Can fence me in, nor rebellion bar my way.

Far in the depths of inner knowing I find
Profound peace and light; my human cares
Receding into nothingness, as love enfolds
My thoughts, and rests me on the cosmic bosom.

Words are useless, as ideas flow toward
Inner knowing. All the myriad pieces meld
In a mandala of majesty and meaning.
My mind is cleansed, emotions burnished bright,
As I contemplate these lovely stars of night.

—Stephen Zendt, San Francisco 2001

\$10,000 MATCHING GRANT FOR COMPLETION OF SERBO-CROATION TRANSLATION

by *Claudia Ayers*

I am delighted to share some exciting news regarding our ongoing service project of funding the Serbo-Croatian Translation of the Urantia Papers. As you know, we are supporting the work of Nora Moakher, a native of Bosnia, who has been a Urantia Book reader for many years, and an active member of our Golden Gate Circle Society. Nora's dedication to this translation project stems from her own experience of escaping war-torn Bosnia as a young adult, losing loved ones in the war, and finding solace and inspiration in *The Urantia Book*, which she discovered while living in Sweden as a refugee.

I am happy to announce the offer of a \$10,000 matching grant toward completion of this important project. Every dollar donated toward this project will be matched dollar-for-dollar by a recent grant donated by Charles A. Coulby—father of Golden Gate Circle member Susan Kimsey—in memory of Faith F. Coulby, his wife, and Susan's mother. Our goal in supporting Nora's work is to raise \$500 per month, and with the help of regular generous donations from loyal supporters such as Harry McMullen, Denis Neumann, Keith & Diana Malley, Sara Blackstock, John Creger, Jeff & Penny Oster, Pat Martin, Lee Smith, David & Rebecca Kantor, and Michelle Klimish.

All new donations will be matched from the \$10,000 fund. We ask you to please consider a \$50 donation. This will be matched, for a \$100 total. That amount would allow Nora to finish another 4 – 6 pages. (Send donations to GGC; see next column.) The translation project is now in its 5th year, and it is anticipated that by the end of 2003 the Serbo-Croatian translation will be substantially complete. Nora Moakher's dedication to this project is undiminished, even though she now attends UC Berkeley's Business School as a full-time student.

From the Cosmic Duty Department:

PLEASE PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES

As your new GGC treasurer, I also encourage you to pay your annual dues. Dues support the cost of running our Society, the production and mailing of our newsletter, our GGC website, our bi-annual GGC retreats, and the many social events that we plan throughout the year, including a small percentage that we contribute to the Urantia Book Fellowship. This is a particularly big year for the GGC, as we are hosting the Annual Fellowship Summer Study conference at UC, Santa Cruz, from August 9-12. GGC will be hosting one of the evening socials, and our dues will help to support this party as an expression of brotherhood to all who attend our conference.

Annual Dues start at \$12 per year, but we greatly appreciate any contribution you wish to make above this minimum amount. We hope to average about \$20 per person from this year's dues, because this will allow us to continue to provide benefits to all our members at the current levels. As our Society continues to grow, we anticipate funding even more events, projects, and activities that will support you in your participation in this community of readers of our beloved Fifth Epochal Revelation.

You can make a contribution to our Society, whether you are an "official" GGC member, or simply a happy participant in our many activities. If you wish to support our Society in this manner, any contribution is greatly appreciated!

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Over 75 attendees from Six Latin Countries

FIRST-EVER URANTIA CONFERENCE IN MEXICO

by Dolores Nice

Two members of our Golden Gate Circle Society, David Kantor and myself, joined 75 readers from six countries for the first Urantia conference ever to held in Mexico, held at a Benedictine Monastery near the city of Cuernavaca about a two hour drive from Mexico City. Travelers from Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Venezuela and the United States joined Mexican readers for study, fellowship, and worship. David also gave a well-received talk in Spanish entitled "Faith and Cosmic Citizenship."

The conference was organized by Grupo Guetza, a group of readers from all over Mexico who are dedicating their time for outreach activities such as library placement, prison ministry, educational programs for children, and the fostering of study groups. The word "Guetza" has several meanings in Spanish, but the one they have selected is "fraternity".

On a free morning the entire group traveled to the nearby town of Tepozteco for some sightseeing. Some brave souls even climbed to the top of an ancient temple on the site, one reader even commenting that the climb was almost as difficult as the "Paradise accent."

Another conference was originally planned for 2003, but conference organizer, Agustin Arellano received over 100 request to have it next year.

Report on a wide-ranging discussion
on religious organization

Should we initiate a UB-inspired church?

By Keith Malley

A goodly number of Urantians from Northern California (and one couple from Nevada) gathered in April for a spring retreat at Bishops Ranch, near Healdsburg. The idea of forming a Urantia church, was the subject of Saturday nights discussion. My interest was piqued by an article entitled "Why Initiate the Spiritual Fellowship?," by Meredith Sprunger, that was posted to the GGC email list via e-mail by Laurence Brown with permission of Mr. Sprunger.

As is the usual case with such a determined group of individualists, nothing near consensus was achieved, but a wide range of opinions were expressed, both pro and con. I will not even attempt to reconstruct the discussion, but I will try to recap some of the key ideas without attributing them to any individual.

There were a number of fears expressed regarding the establishment of a church hierarchy, dogma, and formalized ritual. The Family of God, a local UB-inspired organization that experienced dissension and was dissolved in the late 1980's, is part of the personal history of a number of local readers. Worries about "Urantian fundamentalism" perhaps fragmenting the movement even further were also expressed. Others felt that the book espouses a personal relationship with God and questioned how this concept could be reconciled with the idea of a church. One reader expressed concern that a church would tend to take away our personal spiritual responsibility.

There were, of course, those who spoke of the benefits of having a UB-inspired church. A number of readers present attend Christian churches already. Some loved the idea of being able to attend a church where their beliefs could be openly expressed rather than having to be constantly "screened." Members of families with children expressed the need for spiritual fellowship for their children, stating that a church could provide for this in ways that most study groups do not. Some even stated that they miss the ceremony and ritual of a church.

On the very practical side, there was doubt that there were enough readers in most areas to support a church congregation; it was pointed out that often it is

This year's retreat theme: "The Universal Father"

GGC FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 2-4

"The Universal Father is an infinite spiritual reality; he is "...the sovereign, eternal, immortal, invisible, and only true God." —The Urantia Book,

PLACE: St. Dorothy's Rest, Camp Meeker, CA

DATE: November 2-4, 2001

COST: \$90 plus the cost of one meal per cooking crew

\$50 deposit with reservations

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difficult enough just to maintain an ongoing core study group. A Urantia-inspired church, if not successful in recruiting sufficient numbers, might then be relegated to the ranks of just one more Christian sect.

There was also concern about how the media attention that would inevitably follow the formation of a new church. Our book might then be subject to intense scrutiny by theologians, historians, and scientists. Some whose stature or position felt threatened, might have a desire to destroy both the church and the book. Critics could certainly point to our own divisive history and current litigation as evidence of our inability to unify our own movement.

Caution was expressed, citing the devastation caused by impatience during our planetary history. Perhaps a church is in our future, but is this the time to initiate its formation? Or are we in the foundation building stages, where we are learning, solidifying our faith, and refining our teaching techniques?

Currently, we as a movement are building a world wide network of readers through study groups, and supporting translations into all the major languages of the planet. We are gradually working out the differences between the various organizations, either through improved communications or through the courts. But I believe the time will come to formalize the religion of Jesus into a church whose congregations will retain a great degree of independence, and who will foster the individual believer's personal religious experience. I further believe that a time will come when we will unify all religions, not further fragment them. We each need to ponder and pray about what we can do to help bring about a new stage of religion to our strife-torn planet.

A History of The Urantia Papers

by Larry Mullins

with Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger

450 pages with over 100 photographs and exhibits

In addition to providing new details and insights into the known stories about the origin of the Papers, the this new book also chronicles the development of the text through its various printings since 1955. The authors also examine in detail the apocryphal stories which have been used in the creation of proprietary entitlement attitudes toward control of the UB.

For information go to:

http://urantiabook.org/mullins_book_promo.htm

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"What would your ideal church be like?"

An open letter on the inauguration of
The Spiritual Fellowship

"We believe that the time has come for the initiation of a religious institution that is dedicated to spreading the original teachings of Jesus as presented in The Urantia Book."

The topic of community worship is near and dear to my heart. You may have heard that I am coordinating, with Meredith Sprunger, the development of a new worship organization, The Spiritual Fellowship. We believe that the time has come for the initiation of a religious institution that is dedicated to spreading the original teachings of Jesus as presented in *The Urantia Book*. Forty people have come forward to serve on TSF's Research and Consulting Council, which was formally announced on May 1. The non-profit incorporation process has begun, and TSF will become a reality.

I know many of you have legitimate concerns. I share them. And I am hopeful that throughout this three-year research process, all of us can dialogue, with passionate but open minds. I will be giving a presentation on The Spiritual Fellowship at the conference. Please come and share your ideas and concerns.

I do have two requests. First, "Will you give us the three years to develop TSF before you judge it?" And second, "Will you pray for us, that we may better discern and do God's will?" I promise, TSF will not be like any religious organization that has ever been developed on Urantia. Never before in the history of this planet, has a religious institution been dedicated to spreading the unadulterated teachings of our beloved Jesus. We want to move very slowly, thoughtfully, and, God-centered on this endeavor. None of us wish to create another abusive religious organization; instead, we want to offer hope by sharing the Good News with the world. I hope to hear from each of you. And please let me know your thoughts about this question, "What would your ideal church be like?"

Sherilyn Henry
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The Third Annual Celestial Nights Gathering:

What Really Happened under the Big Tent?

An Interview on the Florida Sonship Conference Led by Rob Crickett

by Elianne Obadia

"I am fully convinced that a time of spiritual increase is upon readers of the Urantia Papers like never before in the history of the revelation. It is a time of cleansing, healing, restoration, growing, equipping, empowering. Sonship workshops confirm Jesus' gospel in people's lives and provide the opportunity for God to bring new life to one's connection with God. They are a celebration of sonship with Michael of Nebadon, Mother Spirit of Nebadon, and the Paradise Father indwelling."

—Rob Crickett

Editors Note: Rob Crickett is author of *Sonship and The Urantia Papers: Sharing the Mind of God*, a wide-ranging examination of spirituality in the light of the Urantia revelation. A former Buddhist monk and now a veteran UB reader, Rob lives in Melbourne, Australia and is about to begin a world-wide ministry based on the spiritual teachings of *The Urantia Book*. His new initiative is being launched in the Bay Area this month. Rob was also the featured speaker at the recent Celestial Nights gathering, which is sponsored by Urantians in Florida.

Imagine this setting: a cluster of beach houses on the Gulf of Mexico, and a big red and white tent only a few feet from the waves. Insert 50-odd bright-eyed Urantia types in a state of high expectation, and you have the ingredients for an uncommon adventure.

I interviewed Peter Hayman, a longtime member of the Tuesday night San Francisco study group, who along with me was one of three people from the Bay Area who attended the Sonship Conference held this February.

Elianne: Peter, what prompted you to go to this gathering?

Peter: Well, I really wasn't going to go at all because I was saving my money for the Fellowship's Summer Session in Santa Cruz and the 10th Annual National Conference of the Teaching Mission in Utah. But I'd been communicating with a long-time UBer

named Mary Ebben about her healing work in Boulder, and I wanted to hook up with her at Celestial Nights. Meanwhile, Lynn Goodwin (a local reader) had ordered Rob Crickett's book. I knew that Rob was going to be there, so I thought I would read it.

Elianne: What did you think of the book?

Peter: Before I even finished reading it, I said to my sister Liz, "This book is going to be a revolution in the Urantia community." To be frank, I was expecting another paraphrasing of the UBook. But then I found myself sitting there reading chapter 21, with tears running down my face.

Elianne: Why?

Peter: I felt the book was speaking directly to me. At one point Rob describes two types of people: one has faith, the other actually lives in the experience of God. When I read that, I had to look honestly at myself. I knew I had a deep, abiding faith. But I couldn't say that I had a living, personal connection with God. So I was mightily moved when I read in chapter 21, "Put down the book. You have had enough conceptualization—the real thing is waiting for you now." Not his exact words, but you get what I mean. He was challenging me to seek the direct experience of God.

Elianne: So why did you go see Rob in person? Couldn't you have gotten what you were after on your own?

Peter: Because I thought that after 20 years of reading *The Urantia Book*, I had gotten as far as I could get. So I was open to seeing if someone could help me. And after reading about the amazing things that have happened in Rob's ministry of healing the sick and the "poor in spirit," I would have been surprised if he couldn't help me.

Elianne: So what was it like in the big tent?

Peter: I tell you, at first it was uncomfortable. Worshipping in front of people is new to me; I felt really vulnerable singing in public all those words that really felt true to me. Throughout all four sessions I had emotional reactions that didn't seem to have any mental parallel; there was no apparent reason for being so deeply moved. But I trusted the process, even though my mind couldn't grasp what was going on.

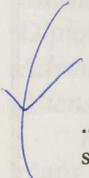
Elianne: Can you say what came out of all this for

you?

Peter: I feel that I have been transformed. And I don't really understand it yet. This man really did facilitate my connection with God. That was, and is, in my life so far, the most outstanding thing that has happened to me. I am really happy about it. And I feel that it is the impetus that has initiated my own personal ministry.

Elianne: What would you say to someone who is curious about Rob's work but may be hesitant to check it out?

Peter: Do you remember the part in *The Urantia Book* that says: "The world needs to see Jesus living again on earth in the experience of spirit-born mortals who effectively reveal the Master to all men?" I think Rob's ministry is raising up new sons and daughters of God. I saw amazing changes not just in myself but in many others in that tent. You were there; you know what I'm talking about. Those who already felt connected with God were really deepened in that experience, and many left with a much clearer sense of what it meant for them to be about the Father's business. I can only hope that other people will take a look and see if there's something there for them.



***Sonship and The Urantia Papers:
Sharing the Mind of God***
the new book by Rob Crickett

...may be ordered at <http://www.geocities.com/sonship606>.

The site also contains descriptions of and schedules for upcoming Sonship Conferences, workshops at Urantia conferences, and other events throughout the United States, Canada, Finland, Mexico, and Israel, plus news updates on ministry activities. Rob's next US tour begins in the Bay Area in late May.

Gather for Healing and Worship

**SPECIAL EVENT TO MEET
ROB CRICKET ON JUNE 9**

All are all invited to attend an after-lunch spiritual gathering with Rob Crickett at the home of Byron Belitsos at 1pm in Marin County on Saturday, June 9. For info on these and other local events, contact Elianne at WMidwife@aol.com or call her at 415/482-8277 or go to Rob's website (above).

Family Life: A Gentle Rite of Passage:

I had the privilege of participating in a gentle "rite of passage" a few weeks ago. A mother of a young girl who just turned 13 brought together woman friends who had played an important part in the life of this young girl to honor her at this time of life. The gathering was kept a secret from her. It had a few elements, mostly humorous, of traditional rites of passage, and secrecy was one of them. When she was brought to a home where her woman friends had gathered, she did not know what was going on. She heard us joking about a dip in the pond outside the home, about tattooing, about the mysterious sisterhood circle dance, none of which happened. We kept alluding to strange happenings off and on throughout the two hour gathering with a twinkle in our hearts.

What we did do, aside from eat, was to make her the center of attention for a couple of hours. The women in her life—grandmother, aunties, friends who could not attend—sent wonderful letters of memories, hopes, and prayers for her life along with offers of support at any time. I gave her a drum along with a poetic talk about the power of drumming for women. Her mother remembered her younger years in a lovely letter. At each opening of a gift or letter the young girl/women shed soft tears; she was so touched by the expressions of love and appreciation. We circled around her at the end of this gentle rite, and said a prayer for her guidance by the Universal Mother Spirit. We not only told her we would be there for her, but added the reciprocal responsibility that we might need her someday. It was a most moving and profound experience for all; she was deeply touched and felt the circle around her was a supportive and real "sisterhood."

When I saw how touched she was, I found myself wondering what can be done for our children entering youth, both for boys and girls, to acknowledge the "new state" which is upon them, and letting them know we are here for them. What can we do to offer this to our young people? Do any of you have experience providing this for your youth? Have you experienced this yourselves? Do you think it has value? Please take a moment if you have anything to share and email me so we can share these experiences with others: slb@linkzone. If you would like to join the Family Life List let me know and we will add you.

Dedicated to quality of spirit in family,

—Sara Blackstock
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Transformation through Faith-filled Personality Integration

by Donna (Painter) D'Ingillo

For over ten years, I have been deeply looking into the ways that we craft our imperfect human nature into a spiritual jewel reflecting our Father's divine nature. My fascination with understanding how this occurs has led me to a personal healing ministry. I would now like to share some of the understanding I have learned with you.

The process of personality integration is one that will unfold throughout eternity. Always will we grow in acquiring true insight into the ideas, laws, and ways of the Father's diverse universal plans. How is this played out in the area of human life, particularly on our native planet? This unfolds as we gain accumulated experience through our interactions with others. Everything we think, feel, say, and do will be either of spirit, of our animal behavior, or some combination of these. The question becomes: What happens as we emerge from our mere animalistic behavior, divesting ourselves of these selfish tendencies to become the perfected gem of one facet of the Father's personality?

There is a general plan that humans follow, one that our Master forged for us, and one that is open to us if we have the faith to follow in his footsteps. Total human personality integration—that exquisite symmetry and harmony of body, mind, and spirit that Jesus attained—is ours for the striving. Fueled only by faith in the Father—the trust to be led—we can actually achieve what the Master achieved if we have patience, courage, insight, and support. This is more than possible; it is guaranteed. And it is in this light that I offer my ministry by outlining in this article some components of personality integration as I have come to understand them.

The body is an intricate mechanism wherein millions of chemical reactions are occurring at any given moment. A state of balance or stability in the workings of the body is necessary to allow the central nervous system to communicate with the mindal circuitry that is the link to the higher information that the Father wishes to convey through the Thought Adjuster. Maintaining this state of balance can be very difficult because proper diet, exercise, and appropriate relaxing of the mind may not regularly occur. Achieving this state of balance is fundamental for the down-grasp of

the Adjuster to have an open channel to convey information to the conscious mind. God cannot communicate to you if your body emits static; he would hear a busy signal. Thus, the physical body must be properly attuned to allow the appropriate communication to descend from spirit to mind to body. This explains in part the purpose of the workshops I will be doing in the future, beginning with the following:

EMBRACE YOUR HAPPINESS

A Workshop on Personality Integration

Our cosmic responsibility and joy is to become all that our Father has created us to be and to share our personalities in loving service with one another. This is the exquisite harmony and balance of personality synthesis that Jesus achieved while on Urantia. We can attain this if it is our will and desire. Without having to wait until we get to the mansion worlds, we have the opportunity to move through the steps here on our native planet toward higher personality self-realization. Join us for a day-long introductory workshop on the elements of personality integration. This will be a life-altering experience you won't want to miss!

Saturday, September 22 from 10:00-5:00
Kindred Spirit Retreat Center
1100 High School Road, Sebastopol

Agenda Overview:

First Lecture and Healing Meditation:
Physical Balance

Second Lecture and Healing Meditation:
Chakra & the Adjutant Mind Spirits

Third Lecture and Healing Meditation:
Emotional Balance

Fourth Lecture and Healing Meditation:
Personality Integration (Spiritual)

Workshop Facilitator:

Donna (Painter) D'Ingillo Fee: \$30.00

(Wear comfortable, loose clothing. Bring pillows/blankets and one dish to share for lunch. Beverages will be provided.)

"E.T. Dinner Party" Sponsored by
Jacques Lecouturier and Byron Belitsos

**EXCLUSIVE EVENT FOR READERS WILL
CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF UFO'S**

Extra terrestrial life, UFOs, and *The Urantia Book* . . . This fertile cross-section will provide the backdrop for a dinner party—whose the date is to be announced—that will be held for Urantians interested in ufology. The proposed event will feature presentations by two local Urantians who have done extensive research in the UFO field. What are the facts and the truth about these so-called spaceships originating from outer space ("sofos") and their occupants? What are the latest developments in ufology? How do these relate to *The Urantia Book's* teachings?

Those interested in attending such a dinner party, to be held in Berkeley, can respond to this article using the contact information below. We will build the event around your responses.

For those who attended the previous dinner party in Berkeley two years ago, the event will put them up to date with the latest developments pertaining to the progressive exposure of the reality of sofos. Byron Belitsos will join me in this presentation and in particular will introduce related books he has published on this subject, including *The Challenge of Contact: A Mainstream Reporter's Report on Interplanetary Diplomacy* by Pulitzer Prize winner Phillip Krapf, and *Adventures Among Spiritual Intelligences: Angels, Aliens, Dolphins, and Shamans*, by Timothy Wyllie.

At this time we need to know approximately how many readers are interested in attending this dinner party. We will then reply to you with details on time and location. (The last dinner cost \$25 per person; no fees for the speakers.) Those interested please give me a call at 1-800.995.0009 or e.mail me at jamaleco@pacbell.net. This is not a commitment—simply indicate your mention of interest and your desire to attend this dinner party if the date does not conflict with your schedule. E-mailing your response is preferred. The date will be sometime in the next few months.

"The One Who Loves You Best"

There is one who loves you better
Than anyone possibly can,
Whether you're young or old, white or black,
A woman or a man . . .

This love is unconditional,
This love is whole and true . . .
It isn't given second thoughts,
It lasts a lifetime through.

Despite the sins we make as men,
This love is so strong,
That we are always readily forgiven,
No matter what our wrong.

The road of life is bumpy,
And we often stumble and fall,
Feeling nobody cares and nothing is right,
But it's actually not that way at all . . .
There is one who will catch you,
One who will hold you,
One who will guide you on your way . . .
With a love you powerfully deep and real
To know and to care what you have to say.

This one who loves you better
Than you can comprehend
Is always there beside you,
A supportive, lasting friend.

Wherever you go, whatever you do,
As life puts you to the test,
Do not forget God's wondrous love,
For He will always love you best.

—Kaylin Pennington, age 13

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ADVENTURES AMONG SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCES *Angels, Aliens, Dolphins, and Shamans*

a new book by Timothy Wyllie

These uncanny adventure stories chronicle the author's research into subtle-realm phenonema. Wyllie plunges into planetary mysteries ranging from the hidden meanings of the Urantia Revelation to the nature of celestial and extraterrestrial intelligences. He is a long-time UB reader and author of the classic *Dolphins, ETs and Angels* and of the international bestseller, *Ask Your Angels*.

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*Urantian Author Confronts Doomsday Mentality
of Fundamentalist Christians*

**A UB-INSPIRED INTERPRETATION
OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

"The text of the Book of Revelation handed down to us is not authentic, and does not reflect the original hopeful vision of the Apostle John," says Stella Religa, author of *The Secret Revelation: Unveiling the Mystery of the Book of Revelation* (Origin Press/Celestia), which was launched on April 29 in a lecture and booksigning in Los Angeles that was attended by over 50 people. "*The Urantia Book* tells us that much of the original text of the Book of Revelation was lost or distorted by later editors," Stella Religa contends. "Literal interpretations of it are misleading Christians into believing that such doomsday scenarios as the rise of the Antichrist and the Rapture are now imminent. But I have discovered that John's original message was exclusively one of love and mercy, containing firm but gentle warnings to future believers."

Stella Religa introduced her new book to the public for the first time along with her publisher and

editor, Byron Belitsos, a member of the GGC.

Among the key findings of *The Secret Revelation* are that the so-called "end-times" will not materialize in the way that millions of Christians believe. "These terrifying events are dramatized in the *Left Behind* series of novels, now the best-selling religious books in the country and the subject of a new movie series," points out Belitsos. "We published this book, in part, to counter the fear-based and fundamentalist thinking that is so influential in our culture today."

In her book, Ms. Religa's reconstructs and reinterprets every verse in the Book of Revelation, with the help of extensive celestial guidance, using as her reference the *The Urantia Book*. *The Secret Revelation* also provides a comprehensive introduction to the major concepts of the Urantia Revelation for Christians or others who are looking for a rational alternative to the Bible that is harmonious with its core doctrines, such as the Fatherhood of God and the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus.

The book is available at 888/267-4446 or at:
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GGC TREASURER'S REPORT

—Claudia Ayers, Treasurer

GGC treasury update as of November 2001:

All income in 2001:

\$11,160.33

Translation project:

(9,500.00)

Net for year:

1,660.33

Balance forward from 2000:

2,316.36

Available cash:

\$3,976.69

Nora has translated nineteen papers this year, all covered by GGC donations; but funding is in hand for only six more papers.. The matching fund offered by Susan Kimsey's father remains in place, doubling every donation made to the project.

I have received dues this year from: Susan Kimsey, Denis Neumann, Keith and Djana Malley, James Read, M McNeil, Terry McCade, David Bradley, Christina Hutchins, Frank Jakubowsky, James Read, Halisha Hayworth, Richard Mogannam, Jim Sullivan. Some of these people have also been tremendously supportive of Nora's translation. Alexi's Coffee Shop and the Sacramento Study Group have also supported the translation. NOTE: if your dues or donation is not mentioned above, please let me know. My own contribution to translate one paper will be made this month; I hope others will consider doing the same.

For all you folks not named above, a basket for dues and translation donations will be set out at the Christmas Party. Otherwise, dues at a level you choose are now needed for 2001. Our Society will soon make our tithing donation to The Urantia Book Fellowship, so dues have a double impact. These and contributions to our service project to Croatia and may be sent to me at my new address: 3782 Vista Drive, Soquel, CA 95073. E-mail: c_ayers@pacbell.net Phone calls: 831 462-4823. I want to apologize for the delay in deposits of a few of the contributions, I have just not had the time to keep my files organized during my move to Santa Cruz and immediately subsequent teaching responsibilities (a situation that has now improved). Make checks payable to: *Golden Gate Circle Society*.

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

February 10, 5-7 pm
5 Welch Street, San Rafael

All GGCers are invited to a book party for —

The Secret Revelation: Unveiling the Mystery of the Book of Revelation

by Stella Religa, with Byron Belitsos
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The Secret Revelation offers a hopeful and original interpretation of John's famous prophecy based on *The Urantia Book* while providing a comprehensive introduction to the Urantia Revelation for Christians

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For directions and to RSVP: email: byron@originpress.com
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From the South: Take 680 to Walnut Creek to the Ygnacio Valley Road exit Left on Ygnacio, Left on Parkside, Right on Overlook, Right on Harvard

From the North: Take 680 to Walnut Creek to the North Main exit, South (loop right) on North Main, Right on Parkside, Right on Overlook, Right on Harvard

From the West: 24 to Walnut Creek to the Ygnacio Valley Road exit, Left on Ygnacio Left on Parkside, Right on Overlook, Right on Harvard.

Saturday, December 15
Starts at 2pm until -- dinner at 4pm
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AN EPIPHANY IN STILLNESS

by Donna D'Ingillo

Founder and director of the Stillness Center

... As I began to align myself in the bosom of our Father, I sensed that my Adjuster was leading me step by step to surrender myself to the most exquisite insights that I was able to readily accept.

I saw every attachment I had made in my life. I willingly surrendered every one of them at the feet of our Father. I was able to walk away from them and trust that our Father would decide which ones I needed to understand from His perspective and which ones were no longer serving me well so I could discard them. I saw myself following Him along just as a little lamb follows her mother. I was allowing myself to be imprinted with His direction.

Today, the insights expanded as I began to see how every aspect of my life—my cellular physical body, my thoughts and experiences—are reshaped when I am in total alignment with Him. This appeared to me in the form of taking each chakra and placing it with the bosom of our Father and pouring His healing power of love (and whatever else He does) into me, thus cleansing and purifying everything of the old experiential nature that was untrue and unholy. This was a joyful event; it was not difficult, nor did it feel energetically hard. Instead, it was soft and sweet. . .

With God all things are possible. Because our Father gives us everything we ever wanted when we wait for Him to please us in His time and in His way, and that can only happen when we trust Him. And then He said to me, "Now, will do things my way?" and I said, "Yes, of course I will!" I started to laugh uncontrollably because my resistance seemed so stupid and pointless! I see a new light and joy in my eyes that wasn't there before. I not only feel different; I even look different!

STILLNESS CENTER LAUNCHES IN LARKSPUR

Based on the teachings of *The Urantia Book*, the Stillness Center is dedicated to assisting people in their personal relationship with God, through instructions in the daily practice of stillness, prayer, thanksgiving and worship. The Stillness Center also offers healings by appointment with Donna D'Ingillo, the center's director.

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