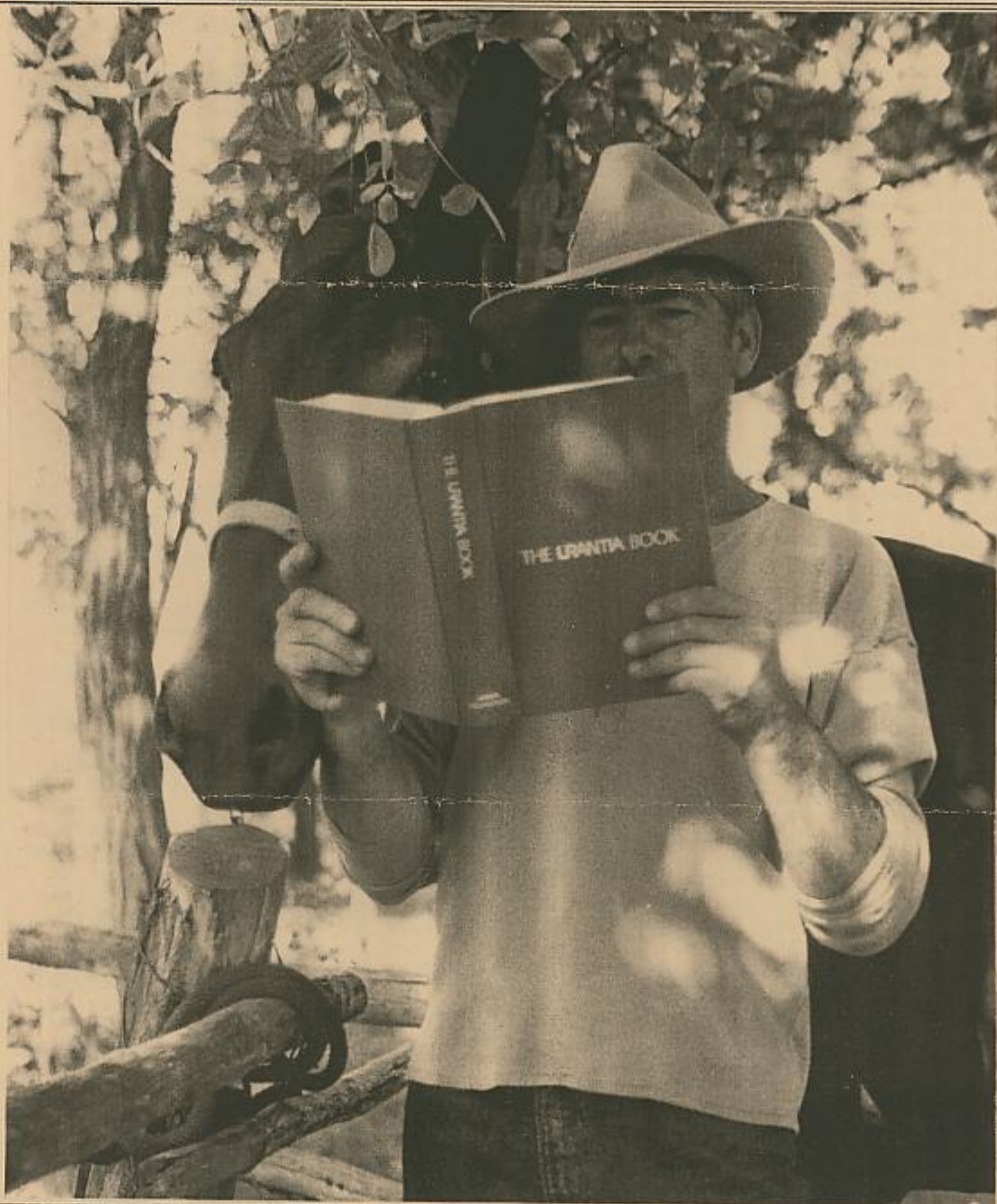



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EARTH CREATURES

Have you ever tried to imagine what an extra-terrestrial being might look like? Would he have antennas on his head? Green scales? Would some look like E.T.? I don't know, but if you look in the mirror don't be amazed if there's a real live "earthling" looking back at you. We are outer-space beings.

Do you suppose we would appear curious and comical to an intelligent being from another planet? Perhaps they might think that some of our other earth creatures were more physically attractive, but they would be dazzled at the mental achievements and spiritual development of us human-mortal-beings..... wouldn't they?

A few friends admitted they didn't even know the difference in classification of an animal, and a human. Another friend said that you could determine the critter every time by how it's index finger and thumb manipulation had developed.

Now most of us have furry companions around the house. Four legged friends that we like to scratch behind the ears or massage above the tail. We even talk to them and tell them how cute they are, and how smart they are. They are a great joy and satisfaction to us.

It's hard to relate to the fact that "To start with , the entire animal world was man's enemy; human beings had to learn to protect themselves from the beasts." This hardly describes the best friends we know in this day and age when the animals of our world have been almost completely subdued, domesticated, or managed. This situation has come full circle in the long course of human history.

It's obvious that we were born among the animals of this realm, and several reliable sources say that we humans have actually evolved from the animals. Some people have a hard time dealing with this Idea. But it doesn't matter to me where I've come from, just as long as I know where I am and where I'm going.

The URANTIA Book goes to great lengths to help us understand how we are related to the animals, as well as how we differ from them. Consider the general theme of the following quotes:

" In every mortal there exists a dual nature. the inheritance of animal tendencies and the high urge of spirit endowment. (381B)

Man's ability to transcend himself is the one thing which distinguishes him from the animal kingdom. (1223A)

THE ADJUTANT OF WORSHIP--- the appearance in animal consciousness of superanimal potentials for reality perception...the primordial human instinct for Deity. (1003B)

Jesus said, "The soul is the self-reflective, truth-discerning, and spirit-perceiving part of man which forever elevates the human being above the level of the animal world." (1478C)

Man's mentality far transcends that of his animal cousins, but it is his moral and religious natures that especially distinguish him from the animal world. (193A)"

Of course there are many more definitions, and if you're interested here's a few: (772A) (784A) (135C) (1431B) (1468C) (1479D) (1775B).

Doing this little bit of research made me appreciate my endowments, as well as create a feeling of responsibility to more fully utilize them.

Thanks to the Authors of the above statements for helping to elevate us from "animal" to "angel", from "earthlings" to "universe citizens".

Not long ago a neighbor stopped by and found me reading my URANTIA Book in the shade of a locust tree. He asked if it was a manual for training mules:
Bert Cobb
Jerome, Idaho

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NORTHWEST

The 14th annual gathering at Indian Mary Park near Grants Pass Oregon will be held on May 20-21-22. For more information please contact: Dave and Rose Clearwaters, 838 Southside Rd. Grants Pass, Oregon 97527. Phone (503) 862-2093

Star Gazing Party

The weekend of June 25th is scheduled for a free camp-out, Turkey barbeque, and star gazing party. This will be held at the country home of Bert and Myrna Cobb, near Jerome, Idaho.

Thrill at the magnitude of the Grand Universe as it is viewed through an 8" motorized telescope....share in our non-structured format of spontaneous discussions, testimonies, and music around a campfire. For a map and further details you can write The Mountain Messenger, 286south - 100west Jerome, Idaho 83338.

Oregon URANTIA Book Family Reunion

The Oregondonters (representatives of several Oregon URANTIA Book study groups) invite you to the second URANTIA Book Family Reunion. The reunion will be held July 23rd-25th at Silver Falls Conference Center, 26 miles east of Salem. Those of you that attended the first reunion can attest to the natural beauty Silver Falls presents.

The conference theme of "spiritual teamwork" will be the focus for the youth program and adult workshops. Our aim is to create an enjoyable, spiritual atmosphere for all...For registration form and much more information write: Oregondonter's Conference PO Box 2046 Corvallis, OR 97339. 503-757-0027

GREETINGS FROM THE BEAUTIFUL SAN JUAN ISLANDS

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MICHAEL CELEBRATION/BEACH POTLUCK and MINI-CONFERENCE CAMPORAMA!!!

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Seven galaxies found in area of space once thought a void

WASHINGTON - Peering deeply into a part of the universe once thought to be an enormous void, astronomers have discovered seven rare galaxies that they say might be in the early stages of birth.

Astronomers said Wednesday that the void - an area 300 million light-years in diameter - still appears to be the biggest vacant area in the universe, but the new discovery shows it is not totally empty.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING



BOY, THOSE ASTRONOMERS KEEP PUTTING BIGGER AND BIGGER LIMITS ON THE UNIVERSE!

WELL, ONE VOID LEADS TO ANOTHER.

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Scientists probe massive string of galaxies

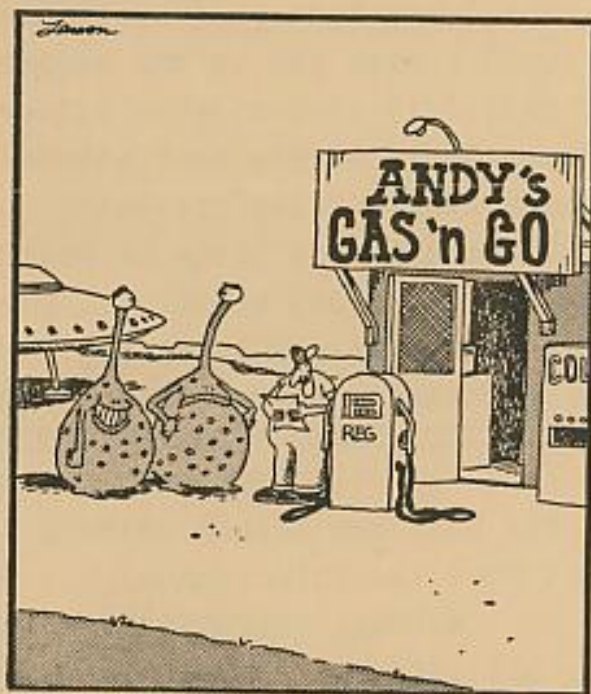
Over the past decade, as sophisticated computers and telescopes have become essential tools of the astronomer's trade, there has been a growing realization that galaxies seem to fall into coherent clumps and strings separated by vast voids.

The supercluster described by Tully, however, is bigger than anything envisioned before, and most scientists said Monday they would remain skeptical until they read his article describing the discovery. The article will be published in the Dec. 1 issue of *Astrophysical Journal*.

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"In the not-distant future, new telescopes will reveal to the wondering gaze of Urantian astronomers no less than 375 million new galaxies in the remote stretches of outer space."

(page 130d, URANTIA Book, published 1955)



"Shoot! You not only got the wrong planet, you got the wrong solar system ... I mean, a wrong planet I can understand—but a whole solar system?"