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Mr. William Burton King, Mrs. Barbara King and Miss Doris George have begun their exciting "Question and Answer Man" show on station KBLA, 1490 on the dial, at 8:30 Saturday mornings. This show, which they write, edit and take part in themselves is their own private undertaking and is not directly tied to the work of our Urantia Society or of the Urantia Brotherhood. It is a great joy, nonetheless, to hear the dynamic power filled words of the Urantia Book read over the air waves for all to hear. Mr. King does not cite his references (except when quoting the Bible). So he is doing what is fondly referred to as "bootlegging" the Urantia teachings, with passages from the Book to reply to questioners. In the format of his program he offers to answer listeners questions on any matter in the field of religion, metaphysics or theology. (Questions may be addressed to P.O. Box 41302, Los Angeles, Calif. --90041)

AGONDONTER: An ascender from isolated world. One "who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone". Page 579:1, The Urantia Book.

"THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD and GOD'S EVERYWHERENESS", A Meditation of
Benedict Schiavo--(The Urantia Book, paper 3, page 44)

...There is but one Presence and one Power in our Universe. There is no contention of one person with another, good deeds are expressed by everyone connected with our Universal Father. There is no contention of one person with another, because we stand on ground consecrated to peace and brotherly love. We consecrate our thoughts, words and acts in loyal service to God.

When we are in tune with our Universal Father we become aware that there is no lack in our Universe, as we are conscious of the one living substance as the reality of all things. We are ever unified with the one eternal, ever-existing substance out of which all things are formed and out of which our good comes into expression. We acknowledge God's substance becoming manifest as our abundant prosperity.

As students of the Universal Father we reconsecrate and rededicate ourselves to the awakening and quickening of the consciousness of eternal life. We unify ourselves, spirit, soul and body with the Universal Father and we are eternally alive. God's free-flowing, harmonizing healing life is the eternal life of our being. Our Universal Father is giving us an understanding heart. Omnipresence; God is everywhere present. The constant presence of God. God is equally present everywhere.

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...Having the Burtons among us on an informal basis would be pleasure enough, but to receive Mrs. Burton as an Emissary Teacher from the school in Chicago is both a pleasure and a gift of the greatest value. We can truthfully say that the finest possible help is being sent to us who truly hunger for a better knowledge and deeper understanding of the Urantia Book and its truths. Mrs. Burton will be teaching an approximately eight weeks seminar on Part IV of The Urantia Book and all who are interested will be welcome to attend. The cost and details of time and place are yet to be announced, but it will be during February and March.

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...May AGONDONTER extend the genuine gratitude of all the recipients of this gift to our friend Mr. Bob Burton. Any one interested in receiving a copy of the Bible references who does not already have one please contact the paper and steps will be taken to obtain one for you.

THE LIVES WE LIVE - (Excerpts from the Secretary-General of the Urantia Brotherhood, Marion Rowley's outstanding collection of quotations from the Urantia Book)

Text:

"And it will not be so much by the words you speak as by the lives you live that men will know you have been with me and have learned of the realities of the kingdom." Paper 140, Ordination, p.1569, #5.

In other words, to use a nice switch, don't do as I say - do as I do. And how many of us could honestly say that without flinching? For, of course, this is the most difficult thing in the world to do. We know in our minds what we ought to do, what is the right thing to do -- but so often we fail to put into practice the things we know we should do. We accept the truths of the Book intellectually, but we don't use them in our lives.

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When you study the career of the Master, as concerns prayer or any other feature of the religious life, look no so much for what he taught as for what he did. p. 2088, #6 P. 196, Faith of Jesus.

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...Many times, when they did make sure to remember what the Master said, they were almost certain to forget what he did not say. But they slowly assimilated his teaching because Jesus was all that he taught. What they could not gain from his verbal instruction, they gradually acquired by living with him. P. 140, Ordination, P. 1584, #4,5

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There are many more quotes of this nature.

B. How? How can we do this -- this business of living to reveal that we know the Father? How can we live so that we will impress other people with the fact that we have something that's important -- that they might be interested in -- that they might like for themselves?

One of the things that will help is to try to co-operate with the Spirit.

...The Spirit never drives, only leads. If you are a willing learner, if you want to attain spirit levels and reach divine heights, if you sincerely desire to reach the eternal goal, then the divine Spirit will gently and lovingly lead you along the pathway of sonship and spiritual progress. Every step you take must be one of willingness, intelligent and cheerful co-operation. The domination of the Spirit is never tainted with coercion nor compromised by compulsion. P.34, Local Universe Mother Spirit. P.381, #5.

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...Jesus to the apostles: "While you cannot observe the divine spirit at work in your minds, there is a practical method of discovering the degree to which you have yielded the control of your soul powers to the teaching and guidance of this indwelling spirit of the heavenly Father, and that is the degree of your love for your fellow man. This spirit of the Father partakes of the love of the Father, and as it dominates man, it unfailingly leads in the directions of divine worship and loving regard for one's fellows." P. 146, First Preaching Tour, p. 1642, #3

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The consciousness of the spirit domination of a human life is presently attended by an increasing exhibition of the characteristic of the Spirit in the life reactions of such a spirit-led mortal, "for the fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." P.34, Local Universe Mother Spirit, P.381,#7.

Jesus said our ^{ly} business is to reveal God to the individual man-- to lead this same man to become son-conscious and then to present this same man to God as a faith son. (p.159⁴) You don't need complicated theology. You don't even need a book for that. All you need is to live so as to reveal the Father in your lives.

Jesus portrayed the profound surety of the God-knowing mortal when he said: "To a God-knowing kingdom believer, what does it matter if all things earthly crash?" Temporal securities are vulnerable, but spiritual sureties are impregnable. When the flood tides of human adversity, selfishness, cruelty, hate, malice, and jealousy beat about the mortal soul, you may rest in the assurance that there is one inner bastion, the citadel of the spirit, which is absolutely unassailable; at least this is true of every human being who has dedicated the keeping of his soul to the indwelling spirit of the eternal God.

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