



AGONDONTER

"Our business is to be ambassadors of a Spiritual government on high, and we must not immediately concern ourselves with aught but the representation of the will and character of the divine Father who stands at the head of the government whose credentials we bear".....The Urantia Book P.1565:7.

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Footnote from page 2076:6

The Urantia Book, "Materialism".

"At the time of this writing (the 1930's) the worst of the materialistic age is over; the day of a better understanding is already beginning to dawn. The higher minds of the scientific world are no longer wholly materialistic in their philosophy.....".

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.

A NEW WAVE OF THOUGHT by SCOTT FORSYTHE

In the November 7, 1964, issue of the Saturday Review there appeared a most interesting article entitled, "Can we learn from other planets?". The article is a production of the fertile intellect of the eminent British Cosmologist and theoretical philosopher, Fred Hoyle. It provides an excellent representation of the revolutionary wave of new thought currently taking place in the scientific community. In recent years it has become more and more apparent a drastic reorientation of scientific thought and philosophy is taking place. Less than a decade ago it would have been considered scientifically heretical to speak of a plan to the universe and other intelligent life in its infinite domains. I will let the following quote from the article articulate the point I am attempting to convey.

"I am going to make one big hypothesis - a religious hypothesis - that the emergence of intelligent life is not a meaningless accident. But I am not going to follow orthodox religions by presuming that I know what the meaning is. Intelligent life is such a remarkable phenomenon to emerge out of the basic physical laws that some connection seems implied; i.e., some correlation between laws and consequences of the laws - what in common terms we would call a plan. Let us see how much of the plan we can discover."

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FIELD REPRESENTATIVE - MEREDITH J. SPRUNGER, B.A., B.D.

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In order to escape the pitfalls of institutionalized religious movements, the Urantia Brotherhood attempts to keep its organizational aspects simple and free. There has been a concerted attempt to disassociate the Brotherhood from most of the formal functions of institutional religion such as conducting worship services and administering rites and sacraments. The activities of the Brotherhood are basically those of education and fellowship.

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In the event that members of a local Society of the Brotherhood should find it impossible to worship in the religious organizations of their community, it would be hoped that any church, synagogue, or other religious groups formed to take care of these formal religious functions would be completely separate from the Brotherhood Society. In this way the Urantia Brotherhood will always remain separate from institutionalized religion maintaining an ecumenical, non-sectarian atmosphere in which people of all faiths will feel free to fellowship.

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VICE PRESIDENT FELLED BY ALLERGIES -

Please pray for the well being of Mrs. Georgia W. Gecht, who has been forced to stay close to home due to smog allergies.

We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the spirit government for leading us to a teacher like Mrs. Gecht whose devoted, determined and spiritized mind has helped increase the light of understanding for so many of us in FUSLA.

May her group in Santa Monica, which she is still able to teach, continue to profit and grow through her ministrations of spiritual truth.

ADDITION TO THE MAILING LIST FOR AGONDONTER -

If you would like yourself or some one else added to the AGONDONTER mailing list please send the full name and address (and, if you wish, \$2.00 for costs) to Mrs. Lenore Eicher, membership chairman. 2215 Canyon Rd. Arcadia, California. 91006.

MRS. RONETTE DAVISON'S VISIT TO IDAHO -

Mrs. Davison went north at year's end for an extended visit with her nephew, Governor Robert Smylie of Idaho. Word has reached AGONDONTER that she is enjoying an interest-filled and stimulating vacation at the Governor's mansion.

LATELY AT 78 NORTH GRAND ----- by Helen K. Steen

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Mr. Schlundt is an artist and his pictures revealed this. Also, he had trekked far off the beaten path in order to show pictures of unusual and seldom seen places. We were all most grateful to Mr. Schlundt for his fine lecture and slides, and we are looking forward to a talk by him on "Jesus as presented in the Koran", when he returns from his current world travels some time in March.

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I enjoyed Chicago and the people there. Just wish I could have spent more time talking with Dr. Sadler. The group here in Beaver is small - only 8 to 12 people actively involved, but there are 17 books in the immediate area.

I was able to attend a number of art classes over the Texas-Oklahoma Panhandle areas. These people in these classes have heard about Urantia teachings from their instructor, Dord Fitz, who is a good friend of mine, and also from time to time, I've been able to discuss Urantia with them. Through Dord's efforts the past several years, these people are all searching and looking for newer and better meanings, and a better grasp of Reality.

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A number of books have been requested and a study group for the area is being formed to meet on Saturday nights in a little red school house near Arnett, Oklahoma, which has been converted into an art center for these people.

There is the possibility of another group forming in Amarillo, Texas but nothing definite yet. It is certainly going to keep me hopping to lead these groups.

Please give my greetings to everyone. Certainly wish that I could occasionally visit out there.....

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