

AGONDONTER

"The better man understands his neighbor, the easier it will be to forgive him, even to love him." The Urantia Book P. 248:2:4.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

(NOTICE:- As previously announced, material concerning the activities of the three study groups must be submitted prior to the 5th. of each month covering from the 15th. to the 15th. of the following month or it cannot be included in the CALENDAR.) Note: See the corrected CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON Page 4

SANTA MONICA - for information contact Mrs. Georgia W. Gecht, 2034 Stewart, EX 4-2623 - meet 1st. and 3rd. Saturdays at 8:00 P.M. See Page 4

PASADENA - 78 Grand Ave., SY 3-8971, Helen Steen.

1 - Sunday, April 25th, 2:00 P.M., Hays Schlundt again takes over to introduce us to India in more of his sensitively artistic color slides, while he discusses the treatment of Jesus in the Koran, one of the Holy books widely followed on the Subcontinent.

2 - Sunday, May 9th., 2:00 P.M. Part I:- Helen Steen speaking on "The Spirit Beings stationed thruout the Universe", Part II:- William Burton King beginning a series of talks.

LOS ANGELES - for information contact Ward and Maria Culbertson, 317 North Orange Drive, Los Angeles, WE 6-0011 - meet 2nd and 4th Fridays at 8:00 P.M. See the necessary information on Page 4

FINANCIAL APPEAL - To all who are interested in the Urantia Book:

The URANTIA BROTHERHOOD required approximately \$12,000 annually to pay for rent, telephone, postage, office supplies, committee expenses, cost of books, plus miscellaneous expenses. (There are no paid workers.)

The URANTIA FOUNDATION must accumulate funds now for the second printing of the Urantia Book, which probably will be undertaken during the year 1966. This will require an outlay of between \$65,000 and \$70,000.

At present both organizations are behind in their needs.

Those wishing to help may mail contributions and/or pledges to:-

Urantia Brotherhood
533 Diversey Parkway
Chicago, Illinois 60614

and specify (if you wish) whether they are to the Brotherhood or the Foundation. (If you do not specify they will be equally divided).

GENERAL EISENHOWER, not long ago said: - "We should enroll under the banner of common sense." That suggestion should receive unanimous approval.

But whose common sense? That really poses the problem. Individually we must make our own decisions for our personal progress, trust our own intelligence, and depend on our own inner guidance to help us recognise the best way from the not so good.

"Culture presupposes quality of mind; culture cannot be enhanced unless mind is elevated. Superior intellect will seek a noble culture and find some way to attain a goal. Inferior minds will spurn the highest culture even when presented to them ready-made." Urantia Book P.578:4.

AGONDONTER: An ascender from isolated world. One "who can beleive without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties wven when alone". The Urantia Boob P. 579:1

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN:-

Sunday Afternoon, March 14 - the Eicher's opened their beautiful home, high in the hills above Arcadia - for a party, honoring the Burtons. This was the first time our three groups, including the five new members had been together. It was a momentous occasion because it marked the first time a class of the Brotherhood School had ever been held outside Chicago.

Ruth Burton handed out certificates to all of the members who had attended the school. We will know later how many received the valued half credit for the course. Our heartfelt thanks to Christy and Ruth for making this "first" possible. We are looking forward to more classes in the future.

Helen K. Steen

AN EVENING AT MALINE ENGLESTAD'S

The final session of Ruth Burton's Santa Monica study group was highlighted by a buffet supper on Saturday evening, March 13, at the home of Maline Englestad. The affair was in honor of Ruth and Bob Burton and the newest member of First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, Wilma Walker. There were 15 members of the Santa Monica group present and all agreed that Maline is a wonderful cook and hostess.

The solemn event of the evening was the initiation of Wilma Walker into membership of FUSLA by Vice-President Georgia Gecht, Secretary Julia K. Fenderson and Ruth Burton. Wilma is the fifth of five members to be inducted during the study sessions led by Ruth, others are Wally Ziglor, Dick Ziglor, David Saunders and Polly Parke.

A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY

The high success of Ruth's study sessions held in three different areas each week during her nine week stay here indicates that "the harvest is ripe" for more of the same. There were 31 persons who attended these sessions regularly during Ruth's nine-week course.

This shows the great importance of having instructors of high calibre sent from Chicago. We eagerly anticipate the next class to be sponsored by the Brotherhood School of Chicago. There is no other school or source of teachers for credit -- thus we are dependant on the Brotherhood School which has been training teachers for many years.

We desperately need these teachers to follow through with the wonderful job Ruth Burton has done. Please send them out to us and soon.

Julia K. Fenderson

MAPS AND CHARTS TO BE COLLECTED BY BROTHERHOOD

The President of Urantia Brotherhood, E. L. Christensen, has appointed a committee of three, known as the Committee on Maps and Charts, consisting of Thomas A. Kendall, Harry E. Rowley and John J. Seras to assemble material which they eventually hope to publish in book form as an integrated series of instructional illustrations. They would like to see what people have done and would appreciate your sending them your completed or nearly complete charts or maps along with any explanatory material.

Examples might be the headquarters clusters of the system, constellation, local universe, superuniverse, etc.; maps of Jesus' activities, racial migrations, evolution, etc.

Your comments and suggestions for other charts or maps that you think are needed would also be appreciated.

All artwork remains the property of the artist and they suggest you retain copies. Please advise them if you want your material returned.

Please send all material to:

Thomas A. Kendall, Chairman
Committee on Maps and Charts
Urantia Brotherhood
533 Diversey Parkway
Chicago, Illinois. 60614

TECHNICAL TRUTH MADE PLAIN by Barbara Ann King

There is no such thing as something created from nothing. All things are created from something. Trees, rocks, rivers, people, animals are expressions of qualities or things which first existed on higher planes of life before they were manifested in the material.

God is a Personality. He is Love personified, Wisdom personified. He is all things good and true...He is Life Itself. These qualities of His nature are ever seeking to express themselves, for there is no stagnation or decay in Him. We could think of Him as having an eternal desire to express what He is and what He feels, that we might know He exists, learn to love Him, and find our way Home to our Father's House.

Let us note the wording used in the story of Creation in Genesis. "And God said, Let there be...and there was." He did not have to summon all His reserve, dormant energy, as it were, sit down to meditate, and decide just what He should do with Himself, how to create this world, and why. It is almost as if the thought and desires of His nature were waiting patiently, but eagerly, to go forth from Him and create. And finally, when the time came, God gave His permission. He said "Let it be"...and it was. The energies or qualities of His personality (Deity Absolute) descended through various channels or stages, as it were, until they reached the level where they became impersonal energy (Unqualified Absolute). By means of this impersonal energy the various material manifestations of our world came into existence. The spiritual Light in Him descended and became the light of day in our world. His love went forth from Him and became the warmth of the sun in our sky...the warmth in our bodies, which keeps us alive. His feelings of tenderness or patience went forth and were embodied in the gentle sheep, the patient ox. Plants, flowers and trees became living, growing "demonstrations", as it were, of how His Divine Truth grows from the first seed which He plants in our hearts.

It is true that in the lower manifestations, these qualities are not as pure or intense as they exist in Him; nevertheless, they are here, terminated in the things of our earth plane, that we might see them and know they exist on higher planes too...in higher forms. The two--the Spiritual cause or source, and the material manifestation are COUNTERPARTS.

There is a statement in Genesis, 2:4,5 which tells us, "The Lord God made the earth and the heavens, and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew." This is stated a little stronger in the spiritual records called the Book of Moses..."For I, the Lord God, created all things...spiritually before they were naturally upon the face of the earth...I made the world and men before they were in the flesh".

It is obvious to us that birth, growth and death exist in the animal and vegetable kingdoms. But the lowest of the three kingdoms of our world is the mineral kingdom, where things are seemingly in a solid, crystallized state. And yet it is interesting to note that even on this plane of manifestation, nothing exists independent of God; for having once created something, God must continue to sustain it lest it disintegrate. A rock on the hillside, a piece of lead, a telephone pole by the side of the road...these things seem to be made of solid, dead substance, but even science tells us that there is no such thing as perfectly solid matter. All things are made up of millions of tiny molecules which are continuously moving and vibrating.

The energy which causes these molecules to move and vibrate in all substance...where does it come from? From the Lord, of course, down through the channels we have mentioned. This energy is an impersonal manifestation of God's Love, as compared with something like a word of kindness spoken by Jesus, or by a true Christian, which has personality in it. It is the personal, or personal energy of God, which changes a man's life. The Impersonal energy creates and sustains all material things.

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EDITORIAL

SEMI-AUTONOMY FOR STUDY GROUPS?

Because of our great distances in this area it has proven increasingly difficult to keep the machinery of our society functioning smoothly and adequately for the needs of our rapid expansion of the past two years.

It has come to the editor's ears that some members would like to see three separate societies formed out of the nuclei of our present Pasadena, Santa Monica and Los Angeles study groups. This, however, generates the problem of getting together ten persons who have read the Book from cover to cover in order to obtain each new charter. It would seem that this is not yet a real possibility as we would need two new charters.

There is one interim solution, however. At the annual assembly in July, we could give considerable freedom to each study group to manage its own affairs without reference back to F.U.S.L.A. for each of its decisions. What better way out of our dilemma than to give each study group, now the excellent experience of owning itself, with the view toward eventually dividing into three wholly separate societies? Under such an arrangement the officers of the various study groups, President, Secretary and Treasurer, might automatically serve as a united governing board for F.U.S.L.A. meeting perhaps only once a year just prior to and/or just after the Annual Assembly of the Society as a whole.

NOTICE: Due to the following information reaching me late it became necessary to make this correction---Please note:

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS (Regular Assemblies for study:-

- SANTA MONICA -- 1st & 3rd Sunday at 1:00 P.M.
- PASADENA -- 2nd & 4th Sunday at 2:00 P.M.
- LOS ANGELES -- Every Thursday at 8:00 P.M.

SANTA MONICA 4/25/65 at Mrs. Maline Englestad's (This is not the third Sunday because Easter Sunday falls on that day this month) Address:- 11852 Gorham Ave., West Los Angeles, Apt. 6, Telephone 478-6614; Topic (Georgia Gecht teaching). Part 1 - study of the Father (Papers 1-5), Part 2 - study of The Supreme.

5/2/65 - The Same - at Alice Anderson, 201 San Vincente Blvd., Apt. 14 - Santa Monica.

5/16/65- The Same - same address PASADENA 4/25/65, 78 N. Grand Ave., Pasadena, SY 3-8971. Mr. Hayes Schlundt speaking on "Jesus in the Koran" and showing, in color, pictures of India from his personal collection of slides taken on one of his world wide tours.

5/9/65 -- same place, Mrs. Helen K. Steen teaching Part 1 om "The Angels and other Spirit Beings stationed thruout the Universe". Part 2 - Mr. Wm. Burton King teaching and beginning his new series.

LOS ANGELES - 4/15/65, 4/22/65, 4/29/65, 5/6 and 5/13/65 at 317 No. Orange Drive, Los Angeles, Telephone - WE 6-0011 - different topics and different leaders each week.

Please Note: - The Treasurer asks all those who have not paid their dues and are members of FUSLA to please bring their \$1.00 a month or \$12.00 a year payments up to date. He states that the balance in the treasury as of April 4th. stood at \$11.59, a dangerously narrow margin to operate on.

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