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The Agondonter

"... evolutionary will creatures who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone." The Urantia Book: Paper 50 Section 7: P579 - 81

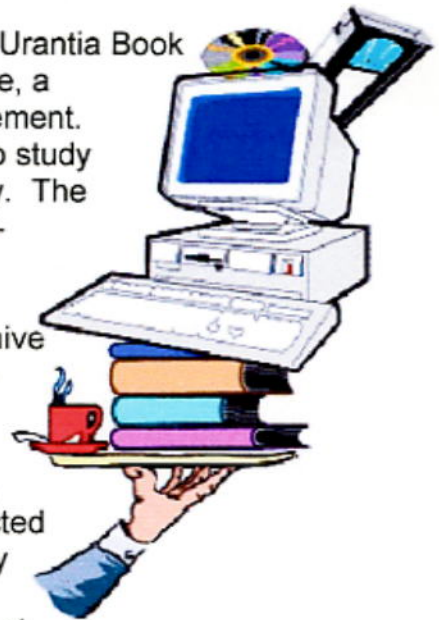


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UBLA Member Takes On Archive Project

Someone is getting it all down, but not just on paper. A group of Urantia Book Readers have begun creating The Urantia Book Historical Archive, a collection of materials about the history of the Urantia Book movement. When the archive has a permanent home, scholars will be able to study materials in a special section of a building with enhanced security. The archive will be maintained in acid-free storage media in a climate-controlled environment.



UBLA member Victoria Clark, one of five catalogers with the Archive Project, admits that the undertaking is ambitious, with the goal to obtain, scan and organize a massive amount of data into several collections. "At present there are 2,636 documents in the main archives and a total of 37,124 pages of paper," she said recently. "This seems like a great deal but we estimate that we have collected only about one-fourth of the available material." Meanwhile, Larry Watkins has made some of the collection available on the Fellowship web site: http://urantiabook.org/Document_Archive/

The archive will have various collections consisting of an array of media types: conference talks, booklets, study aides, essays, graphic representation of concepts, audio and video tapes, PowerPoint presentations, topical and curricula. Other collections will include the historic work of the Urantia Foundation, the Urantia Brotherhood/Fellowship, the International Urantia Association, local and regional study groups and societies, and profit and nonprofit organizations. Journals and newspapers are being collected from all eras. Another interesting part of the archive will be the visual and performing arts collection. Included will be music, paintings and drawings, graphics, web design, poetry, and all the various expressions that gave — and continue to give — beauty and feeling to the movement.

Many wonderful UB readers have been true and faithful historians, keeping meticulous records of the past fifty years, knowing that someday people would *(continued on page 6)*

Cast Your Ballot for UBLA's Triennial Assembly Delegates!

Every three years, the *Urantia Book Fellowship* holds a Triennial Delegate Assembly (TDA) to elect members to the General Council. Each Local Society, including UBLA, sends a delegate to represent its members in this process. This year, the Triennial Delegate Assembly will take place in River Forest, IL, beginning July 5. Delegates will choose General Council members and advise the Fellowship on current issues.

The first Triennial Delegate Assembly was held in Chicago fifty-one years ago on August 20, 1964, nine years after the formation of the Urantia Brotherhood. The organization's second group of General Councilors was elected at that inaugural TDA in virtually the same way it is done today. The delegates sent to this assembly by their societies are charged with the responsibility of helping the Fellowship achieve its mission: the ideal of spiritual unity as embodied in the teachings of the Urantia Book.

The UBLA election to choose a delegate and an alternate will take place at the regularly scheduled program meeting on Saturday, May 20. Potluck begins at 5 PM; the TDA election and the program speaker will follow.

The UBLA Triennial Assembly delegate represents you to the General Council! Please make every effort to attend this crucial meeting and help UBLA decide the direction and goals we wish The Fellowship to pursue.



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Agondonter of the Month

Richard Buckminster "Bucky" Fuller
July 12, 1895 - July 1, 1983

*American visionary,
designer, architect
and inventor*

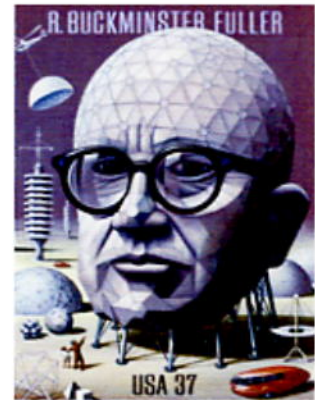
Throughout his life, Buckminster Fuller was concerned with the question of whether humanity has a chance to survive lastingly and successfully on

planet Earth, and if so, how. Considering himself an average individual without special monetary means or academic degree, he chose to devote his life to this question, trying to find out what an individual like him could do to improve humanity's condition that large organizations, governments, or private enterprises inherently could not do.

Pursuing this lifelong experiment, Fuller wrote twenty-eight books, coining terms such as spaceship earth, ephemeralization, and synergetics. He was also an inventor, mostly in the fields of design and architecture. The best known of his creations is the geodesic dome.

Fuller was ultimately to be awarded twenty-five US patents and many honorary doctorates. On January 16, 1970, Fuller received the Gold Medal award from the American Institute of Architects, a fitting recognition for one who dedicated himself to advancing the success and fulfillment of humanity

*Quoted from Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia:
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buckminster_Fuller*



UB Readers Shine At Annual Conscious-Life Expo

By Larry Whelan, Chair, UBLA Book Committee

The UBLA booth at the 2006 Conscious-Life Expo was a great success! Four or more Urantia Book readers staffed the booth at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 10-12, talking to people and handing out material on The Urantia Book. The drawing for a large hardback copy of the Urantia Book was won by Malcolm Jackson, 821¾ 20th Street, Santa Monica, CA 09403 (310) 927-6208. If any of you live in the Santa Monica area, you might want to follow up with Malcolm in a few weeks.

Over one thousand Spiritual Vitamins were given out (in both English and Spanish), they were very popular again this year. Visitors to the booth also snapped up thirteen copies of Chic Montgomery's poster, *The Living Universe*. Thanks to *Truthbook.com* for the wonderful choices of UB quotes for our Spiritual Vitamins, and also to Chic for donating copies of his poster. We also gave out 490 bottles of Living Waters, with quotes from The Urantia Book and a blessing on the inside of the label:

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*Father bless this water with your love,
light, energy, truth, beauty and goodness.
This living water shall become in me a well
of refreshment springing up to eternal life.
I love this living water and am so grateful
Father for the blessings it bestows upon me.
Out of me shall flow rivers of living waters.
I love you Father. Thank you for indwelling me.*

UBLA sold four copies of *El Libro de Urantia*, eight English-version books, and gave or sold fifteen copies of the *Life After Death* booklet. We distributed over a thousand copies of Paper #1, *The Universal Father* (in both English and Spanish), plus 250 *Table of Contents of The Urantia Book*. We also gave out other Urantia Book items provided to us by the Fellowship Outreach Committee. Thank you Fellowship members for your support!

Our gratitude to all of the people who helped in the booth, you are my heroes: Robert Burns, Paula Thompson, Elisabeth & John Callahan, Dianne Bishop, Rob Estrada, Fred Smith, Richard Omura, Dean Greenwalt and especially my wife, Donna Whelan. Special thanks to the Fellowship Outreach Committee for underwriting the cost of the booth and providing the background display and handouts.

I would be happy to email copies of the materials we used - quotes from *Truthbook.com* and those on the Living Waters bottle labels, the Table of Contents and Paper #1, etc. - to anyone who might be interested. Please contact me at lwhelan@sbcglobal.net.

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