



William Wentworth

### President's Report

**W**e do seem to be in “interesting times”. With Britain leaving the European Union, unprecedented peculiarities in US elections, widespread migration of people in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and West Asia, there seems to be more uncertainty than

we’ve become accustomed in the last couple of decades. Christianity seems to be in crisis in Europe, while its focus shifts to Africa and Latin America. Islam is taking a more militant stance, brushing against Buddhists and Hindus as well as Christians and Jews. *“But human affairs on the worlds of time and space do not run smoothly for long.”* [Paper 128:5,7, page 1414.5].

I imagine that I am not alone among readers in wondering whether the Most Highs are tweaking our political systems, or whether we are just witnessing one of those periodic readjustments of affairs which our social evolution forces upon us. The revelators do point out that times of uncertainty are also times of great opportunity, illustrating that fact by recounting the state of affairs in the Roman Empire and the Middle East in the decades before Jesus’ appearance. As they did then, I am confident that the super-human administrators of Urantia are making use of our current situation to evolve us further towards light and life. Who knows what that means for us in the meantime,

whether great events unfold in our lifetimes or not, but our curiosity is certainly aroused and our co-operation called for.

The International Study Day took place in May, when study groups from around the world read Paper 170—*The Kingdom of Heaven*. Reports from some of the participants can be found in this issue. The International Study Day is ANZURA’s attempt to reach out to readers both at home and on other continents in an attempt to foster study groups and we hope to continue it in future years. >>

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**from the President cont.**

Julian McGarry and the Hobart Study Group have organised the ANZURA conference for this year at Blackmans Bay just south of Hobart. This is a beautiful site, and the Maryknoll Retreat Centre provides excellent facilities. Julian and his team have put together an inspiring program and we look forward to meeting up with one another once again. Further information can be found in this issue if you have not yet registered.

ANZURA representatives on the Representative Council of Urantia Association International Neville Twist and I, have not been very busy, as the work of the Council has been fairly routine for the last few months. We have been called upon to vote for a few procedural items, but there was no disagreement and the votes were unanimous. One particular item of note was the admission of Malawi as a National Association under the presidency of Grevet Moyo. This constitutes another milestone in the spread of the revelation under the auspices of Urantia Association, and readers in Malawi are to be congratulated on the formation of their association.

One of the highlights of the last few months was the visit to the Canberra study group by the Sydney study group last month. For our June meeting in Canberra, a couple of members of the Sydney group joined in, and we had a most enjoyable and productive study of Paper 83. Vern Verass was able to put Trevor and Kathleen Swadling up with his family, and we had our usual meeting with their input to add to ours. It had been our plan to have a member of the Melbourne group as well, but she was unable to come at the last minute. It adds quite a stimulus to study group meetings to have visitors from other groups, and I encourage groups to make the effort. It is well worth it.

As usual our AGM will be held at the Annual Conference. Elections for the governing board will take place then and we'll acknowledge the new board in the next issue.

See you in Hobart.

William Wentworth,  
President, ANZURA ■

## Reminder—It's time to register...

Equipped to be Teachers of the Religion of Jesus

Are you Willing? Are you Ready?



Maryknoll Retreat & Conference Centre

15 Home Ave  
Blackmans Bay  
Tasmania

(20 minute drive from Hobart airport)



*Julian McGarry, Tasmania*

**A**s convener for the city of Hobart, which has been conferred the honour of hosting this year's National ANZURA conference, I very much want to encourage as many

readers as possible throughout Australia to attend what I hope will be a most exciting and inspiring gathering. We are enormously privileged to know about and to live our lives in accordance with the religion of Jesus. It is indeed "good news" not only for us but also for all the inhabitants of this planet Urantia. There is now abundant evi-

dence that the Spirit of Truth, in harmony with the Holy Spirit, the Thought Adjusters, and the ministering angelic spirits, is working to bring about a worldwide resurgence of the original religion of Jesus. This will precipitate an unparalleled spiritual renaissance on Urantia and according to *The Urantia Book*, we are “quivering on the

*The religion of Jesus is the most powerful unifying influence the world has ever known.*

[Paper 194:3.17, page 2065:5]

brink” of such a momentous planetary development.

So what does this mean for us as individual servants of the Master? What does Michael want us to do?...and are we up to the task?

I extend a warm welcome to all of you to join us from September 16th to 19th as we discuss and deliberate on these critical questions.

You are warmly invited to join us at the Maryknoll Retreat Centre overlooking the picturesque Blackmans Bay, just fifteen minutes south of the city centre.

### Theme

Who are these “new teachers of Jesus’ religion”, who courageously proclaim his life-giving message to the world? What qualifies them to be such? What are these “spiritual

*Sooner or later another and greater John the Baptist is due to arise proclaiming “the kingdom of God is at hand”—meaning a return to the high spiritual concept of Jesus...There must come a revival of the actual teachings of Jesus...*

Paper 170:5.19, page 1866:2]

weapons” that they are equipped with? How do they perform this critical role on behalf of their fellow mortals? These are pertinent questions to consider as we respond to the call to be teachers of the religion of Jesus. Are we willing to step up to the task? If not us....then who?

**Venue** 15 Home Ave, Blackmans Bay, Tasmania

We will have exclusive use of the Maryknoll

Retreat and Conference Centre; situated only a short walk from the beautiful waters of Blackmans Bay. Run by the Tasmanian Presentation Sisters since 1979, the Centre offers a chapel for worship, a large conference room, a kitchen, dining room, and several smaller rooms that could be used for study group discussions. Accommodation is all on-site and consists of three double rooms, five twin rooms, and twelve single rooms which all share communal bathrooms and toilets; in addition, there are three self-contained hermitages each suitable for a couple or small family. We’ll do our best to provide attendees with requested accommodation. Beds all have electric blankets and each bedroom has an electric heater. Bed linen and towels are supplied. Tasmania gets pretty cool this time of year so make sure you bring plenty of warm clothes to wear.

*Urantia is now quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs of social readjustment, moral quickening, and spiritual enlightenment.*

[Paper 195:9.2, page 2082:7] emphasis added

**Catering** The Centre provides a self-serve breakfast as well as lunch and dinner every day. In addition, tea, coffee and other refreshments will be available throughout the day.

**Cost Full conference** (Shared bathroom) \$390, (Hermitage, each with their own toilet and bathroom) \$420 – These costs cover 3 night’s accommodation plus all meals from Friday dinner to Monday lunch. Alcoholic beverages will be available for an extra cost.

**Daily Rate \$80** – includes both lunch and dinner plus tea and coffee throughout the day.

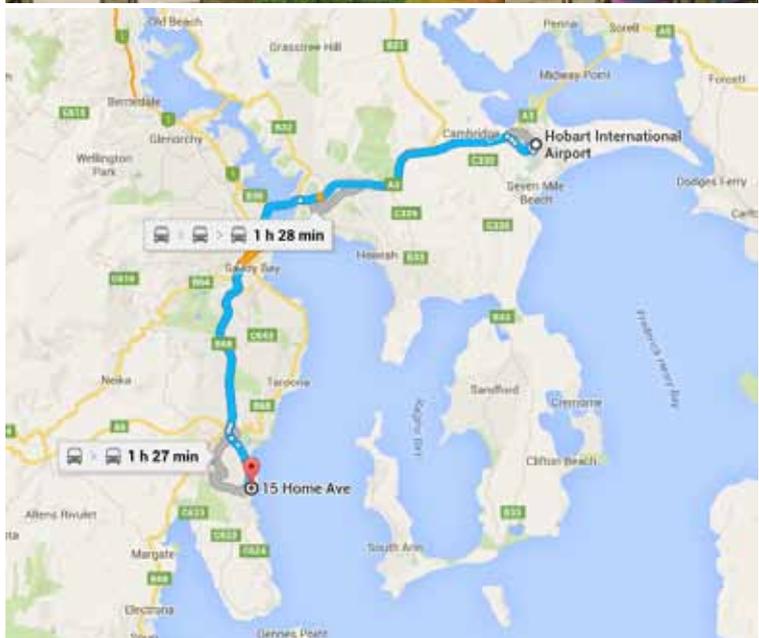
**Daily Rate \$40** – includes only lunch plus tea and coffee throughout the day.

### Directions from Hobart International Airport

[Link to map shown below](#)

### Enquiries and registrations

For further information please contact: ANZURA Australia  
 Mob: 0481 508 782 [anzura@urantia-anzura.org](mailto:anzura@urantia-anzura.org)  
 Please send completed registration forms to:  
 ANZURA, PO Box 1581, Warriewood, NSW 2102 Australia  
**We look forward to seeing you there!**



Location map showing route from Hobart International Airport



View to Blackman's Bay from verandah of Maryknoll Retreat and Conference Centre



Sun Room at Maryknoll Conference Centre



Maryknoll Retreat and Conference Centre

Please complete and return by 10 August 2016 to: ANZURA, PO Box 1581, WARRIEWOOD, NSW 2102, AUSTRALIA

### Conference 2016—Registration Form

	Full Conference	Day Rates	Special dietary Requirements please specify	Conference Fees
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Signature _____				

Please detach and return the completed registration form. Thanks and see you there!

~ National Study Day Report ~

Paper 170 – The Kingdom of Heaven

When ANZURA arranges an International Study Day, the intent and hope is to provide an opportunity for readers to participate in a specially formed study group in their regional area. The value of meeting with other readers is not to be underestimated—after all, our personal growth and religious experiences are best fostered while we are relating—inter-acting—with other personalities—other people!

In this way ANZURA attempts to foster a sense of belonging and cohesion amongst Urantia Book readers in across the vast oceans! Very importantly, such events can also encourage leadership and outreach as practical involvement in study groups can strengthen our resolve and dedication to fulfil the mandate of disseminating the Urantia revelation with a personal approach.

Groups met around the world over the weekend of 28th May to study Paper 170: The Kingdom of Heaven. Following is some feedback from some of those groups:



**Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Carlos Rubinsky

As every year we have followed ANZURA's invitation and those members from our Study group who could come together, met for a reading session.

We all enjoyed this paper; it is short but powerful, and it brought a lot of important subjects to discuss, providing profound insights.



Maybe it is true that a planetary synergy exists when readers around the world come together at the same time to read the same thing. We cannot measure it through science, but our souls felt very happy after the reading hours went by...

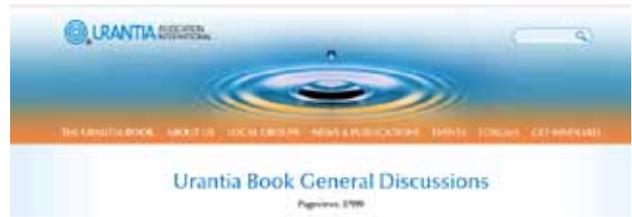
Thanks for keeping on going with this project. Looking forward for next year's proposal!



**On the web—Urantia Association's Forum**

Julian McGarry

This discourse by Jesus about the Kingdom of Heaven (Paper 170) was counted among the notable addresses of his



public ministry. It is rich with instruction and explanation concerning this most vital and recurrent theme of his life and ministry. *"The kingdom of God is within you" was probably the greatest pronouncement Jesus ever made, next to the declaration that his Father is a living and loving spirit.* [Paper 195:10.4, page 2084:4]

The concept of 'kingdom' is possibly of little relevance to us if we find ourselves living in a modern constitutional democracy but for the apostles in Jesus' day, the term was pregnant with volatile meaning, albeit at odds with what Jesus wanted to convey to his listeners in employing this word-idea.

For us today, "the kingdom of heaven" has a renewed and special significance that Paper 170 draws to our immediate attention. We certainly live in momentous times and the Urantia Association International has encouraged its constituent Local and National Association conferences to focus on the theme of teaching us to be teachers of the religion of Jesus, in preparation for the crucial work of revival that lies just ahead. This is what Paper 170 alludes to; it stirs us to action and it thrills us with the expectation of global changes, possibly within our lifetime!

Click this link to see how the discussions and study of this Paper unfolded over the course of a couple of days: <http://urantia-association.org/forums/topic/international-study-day-saturday-28th-may-2016/>

I wish to thank all those who contributed to this year's International Study Day.....those that posted their comments and those who simply tuned in and enjoyed reading them. The thread will remain open so there is still plenty of time to have your say, either in response to what someone has already said, or to express how the power and hope that is embodied in this Paper 170 has affected you. I believe there is a profound challenge embedded in the Paper that calls on those who embrace the religion of Jesus to proclaim it to their fellow mortal. Feel free to comment on this.

I would also invite participants to suggest any improvements that could be made next year to make the study more accessible to more people. Any ideas would be welcome. I hope to have your company again for next year's International Study Day.



**Sydney, Mona Vale**

Rita Schaad

Our day was much enjoyed by those who travelled from Wollongong and Newcastle to be with their Sydney friends.



It is not surprising that the revelators encouraged us to form study groups (“thousands” in fact) in which we could gain much insight and understanding about each other while team working and socialising. When you think of it – study group families are the perfect practice ground – as is our own Family – to learn to accept and come to love other personalities, other ideas and views of life and how it should be lived.

They (the revelators) knew full well that like small cells these groups have the capacity to become potent carriers of the teachings and the Religion of Jesus. We all occupy a part in spreading the ‘aroma of friendliness’ and to teach by example what we learn and experience within an interdependent group of believers. Is that what Jesus envisaged when inviting us to explore and embrace the Kingdom of Heaven?

With many thanks to everybody for having participated in one way or another.



### New Zealand, North Island

Ian Campbell

Our first national online study group coincided with the International Study Day. There were seven attendees from the North Island areas of Auckland,

Hamilton and Wellington. The Zoom web-based software that we trialled worked very well and we agreed to conduct every second Auckland meeting as a national online study group. The group felt that while face to face meetings still offer the best user experience, the outreach achieved to people in remote areas by online meetings definitely must be part of our future.

## First Annual Perth Study Group Retreat



Derek Grim, Perth WA

Over a weekend a small group of Perth Urantia Book Study Group (UBSG) members were able to attend what we hope will become an annual-retreat in the monastery town of New Norcia.



### Canberra, Australia

Verner Verass

The “Kingdom”—God—resides inside your mind. We are told the greatest pronouncement Jesus made was *The kingdom is within you*—forever confirming, between God and man there are no intermediaries.



Christianity has already gone through a lot of trouble when the kingdom concept was seen as a threat to existing rulers. Consider the alternate concepts which were presented to better define the personal religious experience of the believer, the creator/creature inner-life.

Jesus tried these:

1. family of God
2. Father’s will
3. friends of God
4. fellowship of believers
5. brotherhood of man
6. Father’s fold
7. children of God
8. fellowship of the faithful
9. Father’s service
10. liberated sons of God.

I quite like *liberated sons of God* but we all know that in the end he stayed with, what the people at the time could easily relate to, “the kingdom idea.” ■

### New Norcia

150km outside of Perth lays a jewel of Western Australian history and a monastic tradition which traces its origin back more than 1500 years. New Norcia is Australia’s only monastery town, and houses a small community of Benedictine monks who established the monastery in the mid-1800s.

We were fortunate to spend some quality time with a very friendly and knowledgeable Dom Chris, who related to us the incredible story of how New Norcia came to be, and also patiently answered all of our questions about monastic life and the [Rule of Saint Benedict](#), which they live by.



Many of our images of monastic life were dramatically altered by our talk with Dom Chris, as well as the small slice of life we were able to share with the monks while we were there. Rather than a group of religious idealists who have isolated themselves from the outside world to devote themselves entirely to religious pursuits, we saw a group of vibrant religionists who on top of their full schedule of religious devotion, have to make time to minister to and visit with a continuous stream of guests, have to manage the town, have to find ways to support themselves, and have to learn to live among their 'family' of brothers. This is not unlike the lives of everyone else who has to juggle a personal religious life with the demands of work, and family.

### Perth UBSG Retreat

Because only a small group attended the retreat, each person was able to present a talk on topics which they felt would be of interest to the group. On Friday night we got right into it with an overview of the Foreword; focusing on Deity, Divinity, Personalisations of God, and, of course the Absolutes. The Foreword is the foundation on which the rest of *The Urantia Book* rests, and the effort we put into trying to understand the Foreword will surely deepen and enrich our understanding when we tackle other parts of the book.

Saturday morning was spent learning about the monastery and the Benedictine way of life with Dom Chris. Saturday afternoon we were treated to a presentation on God the Supreme, and were able to take the big picture from the previous presentation and focus in on a discussion of the current universe age and the adventure that we are all participating in (whether we know it or not!)

We finished with enough time to attend Vespers with the monks.



*The church where we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost with the monks.*

Saturday evening was devoted to an investigation of Faith from the perspective of science. We concluded that there is room in science for the phenomenon of faith, and were treated to the example of two atheists who were forced by the results of their investigations to become theists. The most well-known of these is, of course, C.S. Lewis.

Being so far out of the city also gave us the rare opportunity (for city dwellers) to get a glimpse of the night sky in all of its magnificence. Next time we are bringing a telescope along!

The weekend ended far too quickly, and we are already planning our next retreat. If you would like to participate, please get in touch! The next retreat will be in early October.

Contact: [Derek Grim](#)

Perth UBSG Website: <http://perthubsg.com> ■

## Cultural Diversity and Spiritual Unity



Kathleen Swadling, Sydney, NSW

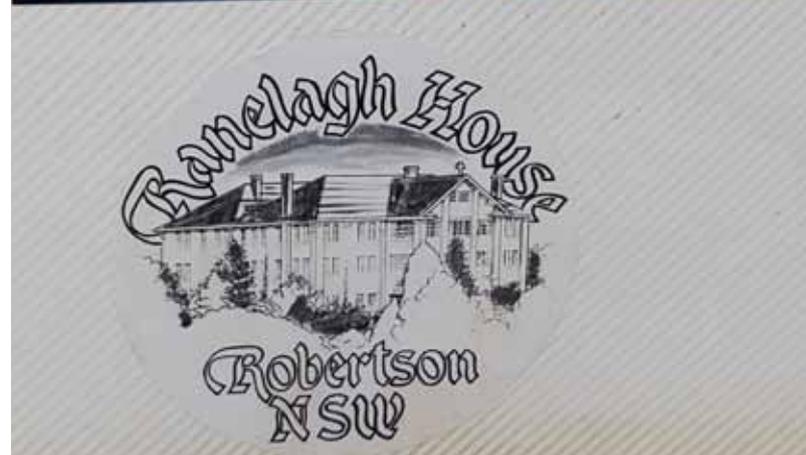
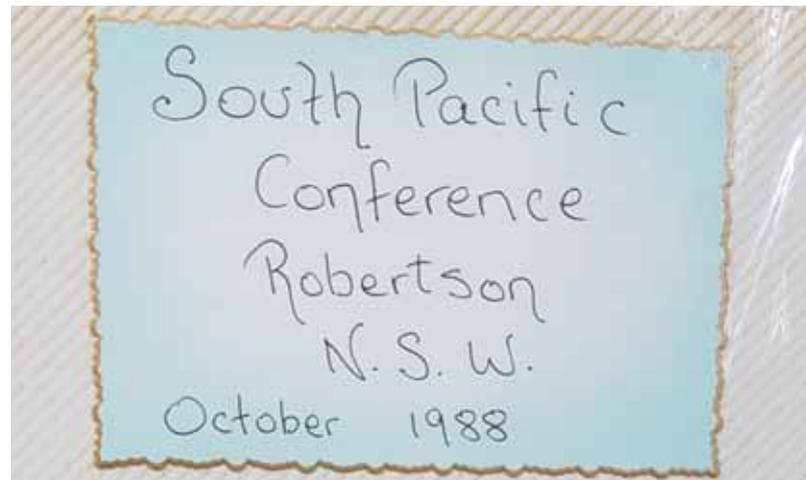
**Editor's Note:** *The following is a presentation that was given 28 years ago at the first South Pacific International conference in Robertson, Australia in 1988. As The Urantia Book reader*

*community is now truly global and crosses many cultures, we decided to re-publish it as the theme and message is particularly relevant for today's world.*

**A**lthough Australian readers are hosting this meeting, it is our intention that emphasis be placed on cultural interaction. For this reason we decided on the theme "Cultural Diversity and Spiritual Unity". For many years now the Urantia revelation has seen a great deal of activity in the United States for obvious reasons—the revelation was placed on this world in Chicago, a major centre of Trade and Commerce. The readership spread from that centre throughout America and in recent times we have seen it spreading further from that country to the very countries all of us here today have come from. The time is coming (or perhaps has come) for the readers of the world to unite in their efforts to spread this Fifth Epochal Revelation and to get the invisible brotherhood of Jesus off the ground so that his superb teachings will rule in the hearts of all mankind. I hold firmly to the belief that transformed individuals will be the key to a transformed world and that *The Urantia Book* will play a vital role in the transformation of the individual.

The Urantia Foundation and Urantia Brotherhood are the established bodies whose aim is to protect the context of the book and to foster its growth throughout the world. We know however that whenever groups of individuals band together for a common purpose they are bound to have problems because of our inherent imperfect natures. But we well know that our Father created the evolutionary worlds of time and space for a very good reason. It is a part of his ultimate plan to have time-tested, perfected creatures for some future purpose. We should not be too troubled about the fact that we have problems in our dealings with our fellow men for it is the challenge of solving those problems which stimulate our growth and contribute to the emergence of the Supreme Being. If we sincerely seek for the truth in all situations and actively live that truth in our personal lives, we will have a solid foundation to build our universe careers upon.

I see the Urantia Brotherhood as the focal point for the planetary movement of the Urantia revelation. It stands for a body of committed individuals who wish to DO something about transforming the world by fostering the spreading of the teachings in *The Urantia Book*, which has the power to speak to the souls of truth-hungry individuals. I find this a worthy commitment and one which I personally chose to identify with. There are enough warnings in the book to guard against crystallisation and institutionalisation so hopefully we'll be wise enough not to repeat the mistakes of past groups of religionists who form organisations.



True unity of spirit allows for diversity of individuals. Unity of spirit is like a tapestry; diverse individuals are the threads which are woven together to produce the finished item. When done in accordance with the will of God, diversity and unity are inseparable.

I'd like to step away from the individual as related to the whole now and look at our national and international status in relation to the planetary goal of the Fifth Epochal Revelation. How serious are we in our commitment to this revelation? Do we simply just wish to do our own thing with it and not be involved with the social readership, or do we want to become organised and really pull

together in getting this thing off the ground (a bit like Jesus' apostles and disciples needed to do)?

**If we decide to band together on an international scale we need to recognise and consider the diversity of the individual cultures.** The problems encountered in working with cultures different to our own will probably be far greater than those we face with one another in our own countries. However if we are sincerely focused on our commitment to living the teachings of the revelation and working to bring about the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, then no problem will be insurmountable.

I feel this conference could be quite significant to the growth of the movement in the South Pacific region and should provide an excellent opportunity for the development of international relations. We must strive toward breaking down the national barriers—remember that it is nationalism which has created our worst global conflicts. We need to look beyond our national differences and identify with the spiritual unity. I do not see the Urantia Brotherhood as an American organisation, but rather as a planetary one which happens to be headquartered in America. As other countries become more involved in the movement it will take on more of an international flavour. I see that those of us here representing Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Fiji, Hong Kong, France, Great Britain, Switzerland and Finland will have a vital role to play in expanding the horizons of the Urantia Brotherhood and helping it to become a truly world-wide movement.

I hope our gathering this week will help us to gain an understanding of one another and succeed in strengthening the bonds of fellowship between us. I hope and pray that the Father will give us the strength and courage needed to help us gain an insight into the value of our varying natures and to be wise in putting our understandings into action. I would like to close with this thought:

*...Families, groups, nations, races, worlds, systems, constellations, and universes are relationships of association which possess individuality; and therefore does every member of any such group, large or small, reap the benefits and suffer the consequences of the wrongdoing and the wrongdoing of all other members of the group concerned.* [Paper 54:6.3, page 618:6] ■

## Inspiration and Healing From *The Urantia Book*



Susan Grzeskowiak, Indiana USA

**R**ecently I went online to purchase some sports items for my son-in-law Tim's birthday. A few years ago I set up an Amazon-Smile account. Every time I need to shop for birthdays, holidays or

any special event for my family, I can do something that has been very difficult financially for me to do in the past; I can support a cause. Raising my four children as a single parent made it nearly impossible for me to give to worthy charities and causes such as Urantia Foundation and all of their translation projects. Now Amazon helps me to accomplish this by taking 0.5% out of their profits for my total purchase amount, and then they send it to Urantia Foundation. When I need to shop for someone, first I check Amazon-Smile to see if they have something that would be an appropriate gift, and generally they don't disappoint me. I appreciate the great variety available and reasonable prices. I know some of my friends have set up similar accounts with Amazon-Smile to support Urantia Association International. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this great opportunity. Many people acting as a large network collectively giving their resources and time can be much more effective than a few wealthy donors carrying the heavy load of expense and doing all of the work of planting the seeds for the fifth epochal revelation. Amazon is thanking their customers for all of the wonderful success they have had, and they are giving back to the community by allowing each customer to use their purchasing power to support one of their own passionate causes. We all have family and friends to shop for throughout the year, so it's a perfect chance for all of us to make a big difference!

We all know how the internet works—you go to your computer to shop or to look up something online and all of that intuitive marketing stuff goes to work behind the scenes to suggest your next item to click on. It's a little creepy but the internet is also a great source of information, so we all tend to be willing to pay the price of the intrusion of our privacy. Well, on this particular shopping occasion, a suggestion came up for the soft cover edition of *The Urantia Book* on Amazon. I noticed that there were over 500 reviews on that particular item so I decided to check them out. I ended up spending a couple of hours and barely made a dent in them. So many reviews had been added since I submitted a review of the book myself about three years ago. I was interested to see what the current reception and responses to the book Amazon was receiving from the general public nowadays. A few years ago Mo Siegel put out a request for all of the believer community to put a review of the book on Amazon, so there are many glowing testimonies that you would expect from longtime readers that we all know or have heard of. What I found most compelling was that there is a huge treasure trove of new reader comments revealing that these people have been greatly impacted and transformed by reading *The Urantia Book*. They might not have always ranked it as five stars, but I was inspired when I read through some of these brief reviews. All of the wonder, enthusiasm, and praise reminded me of my own feelings back in 1978 when I had the profound experience of reading the book the first time. It was the one great lasting influence that changed the course of my life. It was the basic foundation that I built my faith upon, and influenced the person I have grown to become. It is the reason I met the love of my life ten years ago, and together we use it as a powerful tool to renew

our hope and faith each day. It provides a pattern for all loving healthy relationships, and a real vision of what the world can become; one where all mankind can live in peace. One five star reviewer expressed my sentiments exactly: *“there aren’t enough stars to rank it— this book is epic!”*

There are always going to be a few detractors who are critical, but you know I had to laugh out loud at one particular fellow that wrote: *“this book will make you give up reading all together, don’t know what I was thinking.”* That poor soul obviously didn’t know that he was tackling a 2097 page book when he ordered it! Too funny, but I was really astounded at the number of people who posted an honest review of the book admitting that it was more than they expected in size and difficulty, yet still many expressed that they felt it was worth the effort of reading through to the end of the book just because of the high praise it was receiving from other readers. They also had the feeling that it was something very important. One reviewer wrote: *“Difficult to read, but fascinating.... makes you keep picking it up and reading.”* Another person added: *“Feels like truth. Answers to questions you didn’t even realize you had.”* And one other reader said: *“Most important book ever, even if some of it is difficult to comprehend.”*

One common thread among those people who praised *The Urantia Book* was the effort they had put into searching for the truth for many years, or that they had experienced bitter disappointments in life, or in general felt they were lost. They perhaps didn’t even know what they sought until they had found the peace and comfort of faith. One thing was for sure, for them, discovering the book seemed much sweeter because of the valleys they had walked through in their lives, and the dead ends that they had encountered in their search. One person spoke of their journey in this way: *“I am a new student of The Urantia Book and already, after a couple of years, my life has been transformed tremendously. This book will challenge you to examine what you think you know about the world, spirituality, God and all of Creation. It sure challenged me. Because of this I’d like to urge everyone who reads this book to read, lay it down, read, think and absorb and read again. It takes a while for the unusual language to flow through your mind but once I opened to the messages contained in this epochal revelation I’ve never been the same. I say this as someone who has held nothing but contempt for Christianity and as a life-long searcher for a faith I could commit to. Being a student of The Urantia Book has caused God to bloom in my spirit and love to guide my life. This book will change everything and answer many deep questions if you let it. I highly recommend reading this book. A wonderful companion book to this is Sheila Keene-Lunds book “Heaven Is Not The Last Stop” which puts the nuts and bolts of The Urantia Book into plain language. Both have made my life rich and meaningful in a way I couldn’t have anticipated.”*

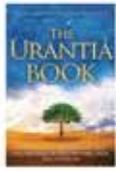
One gentleman had such an unusual calm and poise when he was about to go in and face heart surgery—this calm “no fear” attitude he expressed in his review below is a common benefit associated with faith... *“About 18 years ago I came across this book, just a short time before I had to undergo heart valve replacement. When my doctor questioned my state of mind / anxiety the night before, I told him my only*

*concern was having a stroke but that if I died on the operating table I wasn’t worried because I knew where I was going and what was in front of me. He had the most profound look on his face and I could almost read his thoughts “maybe I should operate on this guy’s head instead of his heart”. Do I fear God? No - why should I fear pure Love, Understanding and Mercy? Am I afraid of going to Hell when I die? No, why should I fear someplace that doesn’t exist? You’ve read about Lucifer, Satan, the Devil, Beelzebub, etc. and you think they’re different names for the same entity but there’re not - all different entities. Curious isn’t it? It’s pleasant to read about a Creator Son of God of the Michael Order who lived a mortal life here as Jesus of Nazareth (profoundly interesting the ‘why’ of it). In the middle of the book, just tucked away, is a description of the Star of Bethlehem which notes the birth of Jesus as August 21, 7BC. What the book states is that the ‘star’ was really the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter on May 29th, September 29th and December 5th. Well, I asked a computer literate friend to check that out for me and look from Cairo, Egypt. Using mapping software called Mystars he checked. His reply? “The conjunctions took place and are viewable at 0200 hours on May 29th, 1800 hours on September 29th and 1300 hours on December 5th.” Quite amazing! This might cause people to wonder why such a verifiable fact would be just ‘tossed in’ a tome of 2097 pages. Part III was a significant ‘validation’ for me in that the book was put together in the 1934/35 time frame, originally published in 1955, and every day, in ways too numerous to mention, that ‘old’ information is being validated by modern day science. Of course you don’t have to read it, but if you have a curious mind and are adept at using logic and reasoning, this book is a genuine Gold Mine.”*

One story stood apart from the others in my opinion. Somehow in one paragraph, an American veteran of the Viet Nam war era touched my heart and moved me to a better understanding of the tragic effects war has on our troops – good people who have all lived through the unimaginable – and then come home to realize that everything seems changed. But it is they who have changed, and they don’t know how to heal their pain or regain their peace. Their experience was earned and paid for with their blood, their injuries, and their innocence. It is too important to let go of, and therefore it is inseparable from their identity. This vet spoke of finding his way through a maze of many dysfunctional techniques that he used to deal with his pain, and literally – he moved my soul to compassion. His alternating strength and hope hammered out on the anvil of despair and hopelessness were a normal part of existence until he found the healing light of truth in *The Urantia Book*. I believe that we are creating a legion of brave heroes every time we go to war, but in the process we are creating an enormous painful reckoning of lost or broken lives. The cross they bear is one they carry all of the way home with them, indeed if they return home at all. We all know about the suicide rate for our returning troops because they cannot find a way through the pain to re-establish their lives. Read this story of a true American hero. What a victory of faith!!!!

*“For many years after my return from Vietnam, I searched for a way and a means to try and restore my peace and my sanity. Something that could help me make sense of what I had >>*

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just experienced. I went down many paths, self-destruction and denial being the longest running. I made attempts at finding answers through many means, none of them were right and I knew it in my heart. I struggled with depression, self-medication and a feeling that something needed to be right in my soul, I thought that I had lost a piece of myself. One day I entered a public library not knowing what I was really looking for, no real purpose in mind. As I walked the aisles my eyes locked on a book with concentric blue circles. I can only say that I was drawn to it, I knew instinctively there was something important about it. I opened it randomly and settled on a paragraph from a paper and began to read. **Immediately and without a doubt I knew I was reading truth.** It's hard to describe the feeling that went thru me, it was like slowly dying from thirst and suddenly being saved by a clear cool spring. I read no more than that first paragraph and immediately went to the counter and checked it out. When I arrived home, I opened it and began to read; what I found was so profound and so intense I realized there was no way I could ever complete this book in the normal two week check out time. I then went to the contact information, called the Foundation and ordered my own copy. I believed I needed to start at the beginning which I did and read every written word. I have fairly rapid reading skills yet I could not read more than a few paragraphs at a time without falling asleep totally exhausted by the effort. It took me one year to finish the book reading it nearly every day. Almost all of what I read seemed nearly incomprehensible to me at the time but I knew instinctively that it was truth. By the time I had finished it I realized I had read the most profound book of my life ... and yet I felt as if I had hardly absorbed it at best. I immediately went back to the beginning and began reading it all over again, the second time it took approximately six months to complete, I began to understand more and more as time and pages went by. That was many years ago now and I read a paper or a portion of one from the website every day. The reading of The Urantia Book is a life journey, to become a part of your everyday existence. I think of portions of it at all hours of the day, often times as I wake each morning. To say it changed my life would be an understatement. Some of you will find it to be the same." By Zane Gregg, October 11, 2015

I believe this is not only an opportunity, but a sacred obligation for the Urantia community, to help in whatever way we can. I invite you to read through the reviews on Amazon. You will see that the seeds we have planted over the course of many years are beginning to take root and grow. We are seeing results in our own lifetimes, something we may have doubted would ever happen as we ministered to others as we passed by. Enjoy reading

as many of them as you like, I hope you will take the time to be blessed, and then go wherever your heart leads you to serve our human community. Forget not those who are in prison, the sick, the helpless, and the poor. Sharing the truths and facts of *The Urantia Book* is important when there is receptivity, but there are so many who are in need, (like our veterans) and we have the recipe to help them find a full recovery to live a life with bountiful fruits of the spirit. We really only need to share the recipe with them, and then I believe we will begin to see a marvelous transformation in their lives!

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Of course I am preaching to the choir, but just like you would expect everybody you know to line up for a gift if you hit the Powerball jackpot, for years it has puzzled me why those same people don't eagerly read a book that we tell them will absolutely change their lives? How many ways can we say it? I hit the lottery of truth in 1978. This book is a true gift from heaven. Fear not, God has seen our need and He has literally responded to it. He is alive and powerfully involved in this world. We are not alone or forgotten. God has spoken in a modern way that is brilliant, compelling, and accessible to everyone. He is our Heavenly Father just as Jesus told us 2000 years ago. If only people would realize what a profound experience they are cheating themselves out of by ignoring *The Urantia Book*. We who have read the book know that what seems impossible and unbelievable is possible, and thankfully, our referrals on Amazon are beginning to be heard by others. It is so encouraging to know that people all over the world are beginning to awake and discover this transcendent gift of truth.

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## New Zealand Corner



Ian Campbell, Auckland New Zealand



Since the last issue New Zealand readers have been active in:.

- Local study groups.
- National online study groups.
- A national weekend conference.
- Voting to keep our current national flag..

The Auckland Study Group has adopted the changes mentioned in the last issue and all members have now taken a turn at hosting and facilitating a meeting. Increasing the meeting frequency from once a month to every fortnight, has made us feel more committed and happier with our progress through the list of topics that we have set ourselves.

Our first national online study group coincided with the International Study Day. There were seven attendees from the North Island areas of Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington. The Zoom web-based software that we trialled worked very well and we agreed to conduct every second Auckland meeting as a national online study group (ie once a month). The group felt that while face to face meetings still offer the best user experience, the outreach achieved to people in remote areas by online meetings definitely must be part of our future.

We have held two further online study groups since then. Progress through the material has been slow as we experiment with different techniques of “reading” the paper. We have found that all sharing the same screen that is displaying a web page of *The Urantia Book* text is quite good. Also, having the shared web page play an audio version of the section that we are reading can be helpful (but not all are convinced about this). When we record these sessions *The Urantia Book* text, audio, and our discussions are all included.

Our second annual NZ conference was held on the weekend of 1-3 July in Wellington (many thanks to Susan Hemmingsen for organising this). It was a great opportunity to see, in person, those whom we had been meeting on line. There were six who travelled to Wellington and three locals who dropped in through the day. There was no formal agenda apart from spending quality time together. We resolved to each contribute \$5 per week towards the next conference.

New Zealanders had a referendum in March to decide on a possible replacement for our national flag. Some say that the process was initiated by our Prime Minister because he was tired of being mistakenly represented by an Aussie flag at international events. As it turned out the result of the referendum was to retain the original flag. What interested me, more than the result, was the process of deciding which of the new alternate flags would be chosen to run against the original in the referendum.

They did it by choosing a committee that chose four out of the hundreds of new designs that were submitted. That’s certainly all a bit arbitrary; however, the process of deciding the winning design out of those four was done using a preferential vote. Unfamiliar to Kiwis but Aussies would be more acquainted with this. I think this system is very democratic because it ensures that more than 50% of voters are behind the winning candidate (even if it wasn’t their first choice).

Why does it matter? The biggest problem we are having with our online meetings is to schedule a day and time that suits everyone. We all have several that would work and preferences amongst those. I see a preferential vote coming along real soon! ■



## ~ MINING THE ARCHIVES ~

From the Six-O-Six Newsletter June 1984

## The Complex Personality of Man

Henry Begemann, The Netherlands

In *The Urantia Book* the term “personality” is used in a double sense. In the first place it is the personality as the Universal Father bestows it on a living organism with mind. This aspect we could call ‘the pure personality’, or as the Germans would say, the personality an sich. But the combination of the pure personality with the organism often is also called personality. Sometimes the latter is called the identity. This identity is what the personality believes itself to be, with which personality identifies itself. This article deals mainly with the identity.

The first aspect of the personality-identity that we observe is the physical body, the living material energy system of man. A system is a conglomerate of at least three different parts, which function together as a unit. In the case of the physical body, there are countless parts. In the last analysis each living cell is a part and there are even smaller parts; a real micro cosmos. A system is not an aggregate of the parts but, seen from the level of the parts, it represents a new individual unit of a higher order. As it is an energy system, a discrete and limited system with its boundaries, it must have a form. It is not diffused energy. The material energy system-form is visible to us as the material body.

The second aspect is the mind, or mindal energy system, Again such a system has its parts, which function together as a unit. It is hardly possible to state how many parts there are in the material energy system and the same applies to the mindal energy system. (Let us continually remember that we, on our lowly level know very little.) But at least, some parts we can distinguish. Starting from below, we first find the material mind. This term is sometimes used in the sense of the mind that is steeped in matter, a materialistic mind. This is a figurative use of the word, but it also has a literal meaning. It is that part of the mind that pervades the material body. *Human consciousness rests gently upon the electro-chemical mechanism...* [Paper 111:1.5, page 1216:6]

Little is known about this part of the mind-system. Physiologists know much about the physical substratum, but though the boundaries between mind and matter are for us often difficult to perceive, there is a basic difference between the realities of mind and matter. A remarkable thing about this part of the mindal system is that it can live on for a short time even after the person has clinically died. Hairs, nails and other parts of the body grow

even a bit after death. For surgical transplantations living material is needed that can be taken from a body during a short time after clinical death. This material mind must be closely related to all parts of the material body that it pervades.

I often wondered why the resurrection of Jesus took place in the tomb, when the material body was not the object that was resurrected. Could it be that Jesus needed the material mind to recover the memory that it may contain. No Adjuster, nor seraphim nor any created being was allowed to give the Creator that assistance which normally is given to mortals. And after his resurrection, Jesus was in full possession of his earthly memory.

### The Spirit-mind

Another part of this *...thinking, perceiving and feeling mechanism...* [Paper 0:5.8, page 8.8] is the animal mind, which we evolutionarily inherited and which probably has its substratum in the small brain, the cerebellum. This is the centre of the animal urges like fear for dangers that beset the animal life, anger (adrenaline related) material hunger and so on.

In a later phase of evolution the higher, human mind, connected with the cerebrum, was bestowed on man by our local universe Mother. This part of the mind we mostly experience as our consciousness. And because we also distinguish here between normal consciousness and subconsciousness, our book suggests we also should distinguish a superconsciousness, the dwelling place of the Thought Adjuster. The definition of mind in the Foreword spends half of its length on the aspect which it describes as *The intelligence associated with the emotional life reaching upward through worship and wisdom to the spirit level.* [Paper 0:5.8, page 8.8] Mind reaches here its highest level. It sometimes is referred to as “the spirit-mind”, enlightened and directed by spirit.

The mindal energy system is knowable; it is not visible to material eyes, though sometimes people experience having a mind-form or—body in case of an accident or an operation. Our book states there are mind (and soul) forms. The word *form* suggests again a discrete, non-diffused, energy system that directs the physical-energy system and is directed, or should be directed by the spirit-energy system.

Mind is a vast and fascinating domain. Unfortunately it can be too fascinating for many people who *search* for some God in this domain by mind-training, knowledge of, and experimenting with the mind, but get stuck there and fail to really *seek* for the personal God, our Father. The good is all too often the enemy of the better. We seek for >>

our Father in the soul domain, about which I will say more later on.

*The Urantia Book* states there is a third energy system, the spirit-energy system. If the reader should be asked to give a definition of spirit, he could hardly succeed. Definition belongs to the mind-level. The higher spirit system we cannot know like the mind system, let alone discern it with our material eyes. But because our book calls it a system, it must have a form. This spirit form we'll see at least and at last when we have left the local universe behind us, when we are classified as spirits. If we cannot see nor intellectually know this spirit energy system, how can we know *about* it? Only through revelation. Our book speaks about spirit, though its words cannot really depict it. And there is continual personal revelation, which transforms words into living experience.

Matter is visible, mind is knowable, spirit can be experienced. Spirit values must be *felt*, states our book. And spirit values are what we may know of spirit on our level. Spirit values are what we experience of the attributes of our Father, who is spirit. These values are higher than the moral values, and far higher than the material values. Values are spirit-energies, again organized in a system. All values are connected with each other and function as a unit. We can differentiate, but not segregate them. (see page.43:6) Values are powers. We know about the power of love, of truth, beauty and goodness. By the power of love the universe is governed. They are also motivating powers. These powers are intelligent and create their goals and purposes. Motives can also be found in the mind realm. Spirit motives and spiritual mind motives are not identical, however. How can we differentiate them? Spirit motives are the expression and result of the experienced attributes of the Father, through communion. *The human Jesus saw God as being holy, just and great as well as being true, beautiful and good. All these attributes of divinity he focused in his mind as 'the will of the Father in heaven.'* [Paper 196:0.2, page 2087.2] When we have to make a decision, want to follow a particular plan of action and long to know if it is the Fathers will, or the Father's way, we can put our plan to the test of the Father's divine attributes.

### Slow, sure way

What is moving us, time-pressure (mind) or the restfulness of faith-action (spirit)? Are we completely willing to let quality (spirit) prevail over quantity (mind)? The Father has countless attributes. Faith is the attitude of the spirit-mind, 'good motives' condition our human actions. Spirit motivation is characterized by *....self-possessed ideas...* (becoming transformed by the Adjuster)

*into increasingly practical but nonetheless supernal ideas.....* [Paper 101:6.7, page 1112.3]

The Fathers way is the slow but sure way. The human mind all too often finds seemingly faster ways, which, if not ideal, are at least apparently more practical. So spirit motivation is downgraded into 'good' Human motivation. There is loss of quality. It is always more or less a compromise. We too often lack in faith. And we make shortcuts which we later regret.

### Unified by personality

The three energy systems together constitute a new and higher system. Or rather, so should it be. But the parts of the system function along different lines, are antagonistic. A unifier is needed, the personality, which the Father bestows on such an organism. Personality has the prerogatives of will and choice. But personality is handicapped by its lack of self-realization. We know and believe that this personality is majestic in nature, because of its revealed origin and future. But we have hardly begun to realize this transcendent fact. How could personality on this low level unify these vast and conflicting energy systems, while our highest and most important energy system, the spiritual system, is so little known? The Universal Father, knowing our dilemma, has potentially already solved it for us, by sending us a spirit fragment of his own prepersonal nature. This absolute spirit entity functions in part as an auxiliary to our own spirit energy system that, according to our book, is mostly handicapped by spiritual blindness. The Adjuster spiritizes and spiritualizes the mind, thereby also creating more unity between the systems.

Why is it that the Adjuster indwells the mind, and not the spirit system, its own domain by nature? It is because on our level of evolution the center of our personal-identity, the 'I', is yet in the mind. Our Father adjusts to us on our own low level. One of the functions of the Adjuster is to pilot the mind-ship, of which the 'I' is the captain, into safe and deep waters. But our spirit-partner is first of all concerned with our potential universe career. And for such a career a vehicle is needed. The Adjuster helps us, or rather takes the lead in the process, to create such a living universe vehicle, a morontia vehicle, and to foster it. Our book teaches us that he spiritizes our thoughts and ideas. He adds to our thoughts (mindal energy) spirit energy, which we ourselves could not handle. The complementing and uniting of mindal energy (from our mortal mind) with spirit-energy (from the Adjuster), begets a new energy system, a morontia energy system, the soul. This new system is yet incomplete; it lacks the physical energy >>

system. This will be supplied in the resurrection on the mansion worlds, not materially physical, but morontia-physical. The spirit energy system will not be lacking; it is there because spirit is changeless, like personality; spirit is not evolutionary like the material body and mind.

The soul, though it possesses a form, does not have a physical energy system with which to manifest itself in a material world; it is embryonic during our lifetime here. After the soul has been begotten by the Adjuster and the mortal mind, it must grow. An embryo that does not grow will die. The soul is not immortal in and of itself. The Father of the soul, the Adjuster, is more than willing to nurture the embryonic soul, but in this he is dependent on the mother, the mortal mind. The mortal mind must provide such thoughts and ideas as lend themselves to be spiritized, to be united with spirit, resulting in moronita soul substance. The growth of the soul is not an automatism. Not every thought can be spiritized. *The divine spirit makes contact with mortal man (mind)... in the realm of the highest and most spiritualized thinking. It is your (highest) thoughts...that lead Godward.*

[Paper 101:1.3, page 1104.6] If the mortal mind fails in providing its part of the nutrition of the soul, the embryo will at the least not be full-grown when death overtakes its mother; and therefore it cannot be born, cannot become an independent being standing 'on its own feet' in the higher life of the morontia worlds. Taking this ordained technique into consideration, the common expression among us nowadays—he or she has graduated to the mansion worlds—is no more than a newly instituted cultist tradition, even apart from the presumption that we could judge in matter that are definitely in very high hands (the Magisterial Sons or even the Creator Sons as on our planet, where we have had not Magisterial Son, but a Creator Son instead.)

Is a soul that does not attain the mansion worlds at once after death of the material body, annihilated? Of course not, this would be quite contrary to the Father's loving and kind nature. There are several lesser possibilities for such a personality, but it would require another article to go deeper into that subject. A Divine Counselor assures us that, when the *whole* of the first life could be viewed by us, it would be clear to us that the Father's will prevails. And it is His will that all should be saved. "Never doubt your survival" our book encourages us. But it does not say when.

Anyway, survival requires a wholehearted effort, a half-hearted effort will not do. Ours is the choice. Our Father-partner within puts up a whole-hearted effort. Should we fail him? ■

## Psalm 118

*Have you ever wondered what the Psalm was the Apostles sang at the conclusion of the Last Supper celebration?*

*And they ended this celebration of the old but bloodless Passover in connection with the inauguration of the new supper of the remembrance, by singing, all together, the one hundred and eighteenth Psalm.* [Paper 179:5.10, page 1943.3]

### New International Version

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever."

When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord;  
he brought me into a spacious place.

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord  
I cut them down.

They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the Lord  
I cut them down.

They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly  
as burning thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them down.

I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord's right hand is lifted high;  
the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

The Lord has chastened me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

The Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God,  
and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

## Weekly Skype Study Group



Bernie Belarski, Wollongong

**D**o you have access to the Internet? Do you have difficulty attending a study group due to distance or other circumstances? Perhaps there are no other readers within a 100km radius to you. Have you considered joining a Skype

study group?

Merindi and I have been hosting a weekly study group, via Skype, for over a year now and it is a truly marvellous way to study the book, and stay in touch with other readers. We are in Wollongong and we have a reader join us from Sydney, one from Newcastle and another from Canberra. Using the Skype premium service, we can connect up to 12-people at a time.

We all know the value of regular reading with other people. So much more can be gained from listening to each other insights, and sharing your experience with the book. Having our Wednesday night studies, albeit in front of the computer, brings about the same sense of fellowship and sharing that you get face to face. And the same wonderful insights are gleaned from the group study.

So if you are keen to try something like this, get in touch. We 'meet' (virtually) around 8pm every Wednesday evening—normally reading for about an hour and a half. Our Skype address is [bernie.belarski](mailto:bernie.belarski). Or you can contact us via email—[belarski@bigpond.com](mailto:belarski@bigpond.com), or by an old fashioned phone call p—0400 929 626. All are welcome!

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tory DVD is being developed as a study aid which will be a useful tool to use when introducing people to *The Urantia Book*. And of course, none of this can happen without an administration centre that requires basic office equipment such as computers, printers, a telephone line and stationary.

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