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President's Report

The highlight of the last few months has undoubtedly been the International Study Day weekend of the 15th and 16th May. Reports from some of the participating groups appear in this issue. This event has been part of ANZURA's calendar for some years now, having been initiated by Merindi Belarski who internationalised this local event which had previously proved so popular.

This year the Canberra Study Group planned to combine with the Sydney group for a joint session. Only two Canberra members were able to travel to Sydney, but they did combine with the Sydney group for a stimulating discussion of the two papers about Rodan of Alexandria. It would be good if more joint events could be arranged, as interaction between groups aids mutual understanding and adds interest to meetings. I realise that "the tyranny of distance" is a huge inhibiting factor.

Sydney report that they are well advanced in preparation for the ANZURA Annual Conference in October at Narrabeen. See their report in this issue. It will be a great event. If you haven't yet registered, now is as good a time as any!

I have requested that the conference committee allows enough time for us to complete the ANZURA annual general meeting, as sometimes at past conferences we

have run out of time and had to defer decisions. As the annual conference is really the only opportunity for the membership to get together, it is important to allow time for members to make their points and thrash out areas of disagreement. The executive committee handles matters between AGMs and needs guidance from members at the AGM on anything controversial.

Best wishes to everyone. See you at the conference. ■

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~ National Study Day Reflections • Weekend of 16th of May ~
 Papers 160 and 161—Rodan of Alexandria and Further Discussions with Rodan



Combined, Canberra/Wollongong/Newcastle/Sydney, Study Group at Trevor and Kathleen Swadling's house at Mona Vale.

On 16th May study groups met for the annual International Study Day. This year we read Papers 160 and 161—Rodan of Alexandria and Further Discussions with Rodan. Following are some reflections from several of the groups that met.



Canberra Visits Sydney

William Wentworth

The plan was for the Canberra Study Group to visit the Sydney group for a joint Study Day. In the end only two of us made it, but it was a great day and we

were impressed with the turnout of the Sydney group and the way in which it conducted its meeting.

The study was of papers 160 and 161—the discussions with Rodan.

The usual questions about Rodan's identity were raised with no-one being any the wiser, and the presentation of his philosophy drew the admiration of most of us, bearing in mind that Rodan had constructed it from his own interpretation of prevailing Greek thought following only some preliminary conversations with Jesus.

It is sometimes not entirely clear whether the Midwayers are



Study Group in progress.

quoting Rodan more or less directly, or whether they are adapting his philosophy to more modern interpretation, but whatever the case, a very creditable result is presented, one which is substantially in keeping with Jesus' teachings. And following Nathaniel's astute reasoning convincing Rodan of God's personal nature there seems little to suggest that Rodan's position differed much from what Jesus was teaching the apostles.

Most of us knew these papers fairly well, and there were some spirited discussions and quite some fun in trying out different speculations.



On Mona Vale Beach.

Congratulations Sydney for a thoroughly enjoyable and instructive study.



Buenos Aires, Argentina

Carlos Rubinsky

We did get together on the planned day and we read paper 160. It was a good reading and we were motivated to talk a lot on Rodan's teachings... they truly bring a lot of tips to live a better life and we got many good clues to keep advancing with our spiritual evolution. This paper has a lot of value and it is good to read it on and on... We didn't have time to go through the other proposed paper even though we studied for five hours! So Paper 161 became our task for our following meeting which was Saturday, June 6th and we completed the reading... also with a lot of talking and analysis. We've been six readers on each encounter, and we did enjoy the study.

Thanks a lot for keeping on going on with this International Study Groups Day. We have followed your proposal since the beginning of it and we look forward to staying on the same track. Everyone was very satisfied with your choice. Thanks a lot!! May your chosen paper for next year be as inspiring as these two!

Best regards and much love,

Carlos



Tasmania

Julian McGarry

Warm greetings to all my fellow students of *The Urantia Book* scattered around Australia and indeed around this amazing planet called Urantia. Over the past few months, our little study group here in Tasmania has more than doubled in size...we now have six regular attendees at our fortnightly meetings with several others coming along intermittently. It was a real joy to come together on the Study Day weekend knowing that we were part of a worldwide movement of truth-seeking people desirous of learning more about this remarkable Greek philosopher named Rodan, "one of the greatest of his race."

The Revelators were clearly impressed with this man's understanding of truth, beauty, and goodness; they devoted a whole paper to his philosophy of life! There was so much to talk about but here are some of the precious 'gems' that we discovered:



Tasmanian Study Group.

Animals know not the meaning of life; man not only possesses capacity for the recognition of values and the comprehension of meanings, but he also is conscious of the meaning of meanings—he is self-conscious of insight. [Paper 160:1.5, page 1773:2]

Only a brave person is willing honestly to admit, and fearlessly to face, what a sincere and logical mind discovers. [Paper 160:1.7, page 1773:4]

You simply must have tact and tolerance. [Paper 160:1.9, page 1774:1]

I am deeply impressed with the custom of Jesus in going apart by himself to engage in these seasons of solitary survey of the problems of living. [Paper 160:1.11, page 1774:3]

This worshipful practice of your Master brings that relaxation which renews the mind; that illumination which inspires the soul; that courage which enables one bravely to face one's problems; that self-understanding which obliterates debilitating fear; and that consciousness of union with divinity which equips man with the assurance that enables him to dare to be Godlike. The relaxation of worship, or spiritual communion as practiced by the Master, relieves tension, removes conflicts, and mightily augments the total resources of the personality. [Paper 160:1.12, page 1774:4]

And so much more...



Auckland, New Zealand

Marion Steward

Auckland readers met in our regular study group location, and readers from Hamilton, Masterton, and Otago (in the South Island) joined us with a Skype connection. Although there were some technical difficulties, generally this worked very well. We had an excellent discussion on the first part of the Rodan paper. We discussed at length our understanding of 'urges', 'maturity', and the differences between humans and animals. We felt that empathy and the ability to exercise foresight were key abilities that differentiated us from our four-legged companions. We also focused on the importance of having social relationships for our mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

Forum Online Meeting

Hosted by Julian McGarry

In addition to meeting with my local study group, I was privileged to be asked to facilitate an online study group,

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 Julian Participant (121,222,164,164)	April 29, 2015 at 2:15 am My dear fellow readers and students of <i>The Urantia Book</i> . Each year, ANZURA, the Australia and New Zealand Urantia Association, arranges a study day to provide an opportunity for readers to participate in a study group in their region and to read the same paper on the same day as other readers throughout the world. This year we invite students of <i>The Urantia Book</i> wherever they might be on this planet, to join us on this special day, Saturday the 16th May , to study two closely related papers: Papers 160 and 161 – Rodan of Alexandria and Further Discussions with Rodan .		

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via Urantia Association International's website Forum. This enabled students and readers throughout the world who are isolated or unable to attend a local study group, to meet together and discuss the Rodan papers by posting their comments on the forum. I personally benefited enormously from this role because it meant that I had to go over the material very carefully in order to be properly

prepared for the comments of my brothers and sisters in far-flung corners of the globe. This arrangement is still in its early days; with greater publicity, a team of translators, and a longer lead time, it has the potential to become a very useful and popular provision, especially for those who have no access to other readers in their locality.

Love and best wishes to you all! ■

A Perspective on the Growth of the Urantia Movement



Will Sherwood, USA

"The Urantia movement doesn't seem to be growing!" "We need to interest more young people in the book!" And the classic: "No one has heard of it!"

You probably still hear these sorts of comments (or maybe you've heard yourself say one of more of these...).

Recently, I enjoyed an "Ah ha!" moment that changed my perspective on these questions.

First, a little background: when I bought my copy of *The Urantia Book* in 1969, there was only one bookstore in town that had one (I was living in Albuquerque at the time). It was also only available in English. Today the book has been translated into 17 languages (with more translations in the works), and we're approaching sales of 2,000,000 copies of the book! That's quite a difference and a great deal of progress from the early days.

My "Ah ha!" came about this way. I realized that we sometimes become frustrated because of a thwarted burning desire to see something change in our lifetimes (We've all been there, right?). Among those people I've 'turned onto' *The Urantia Book* over the years, there are very few folks (that I'm aware of) who are still studying and reading it. In fact, there are only 2 that I know of for sure who are fully invested, devoted to the teachings, and hosting a study group. (Though I still occa-

sionally hear about someone raving on and on about how thankful they are that I turned them on to the book. As you can imagine, it's very gratifying.)

To get a little perspective on how this impacts the growth of the Urantia Movement, let's review this popular story. It's about a king's birthday gift to a son that was coming of age. The king offered his son the choice of a single grain of rice or a single penny which would be doubled every day over the following 30 days. The choice was his. The final result of the gift would be over either 500 million grains of rice or over \$5,000,000.00.

Since I recall reading somewhere that *The Urantia Book* has a 1,000 year mission, and, if that's the case, having turned 2 (or more) people successfully on to the book, I have personally duplicated myself during my one generation on the planet. The king offered his son the choice of a single grain of rice or a single penny which would be doubled every day over the following 30 days.

What if each of us who are devoted to the book does the same? Could we reach the Publication Mandate's* goal of "thousands of study groups" in about 12 or so generations? Of course, this is just speculation but think about it. If each of us set an intention to introduce a sufficient number of people to *The Urantia Book* so that a minimum of 2 of them became devoted students of the revelation to the point where they started their own study group, we'd all be well on our way to fulfilling the Publication Mandate's* mission and bringing the life and teachings of Jesus to our world!

So here are my suggestions to you

- 1) **Set an intention** to introduce enough people to the teachings of *The Urantia Book* during your lifetime so that a minimum of 2 of them become devoted students of the revelation, and...
- 2) **Start and/or host a regular weekly study group.** In my opinion, meeting in person in a home or other location is most effective, but if you live in a remote area, an on-line group via <http://Skype.com> or <http://zoom.us> will work as an acceptable substitute. Remember: it only takes 2 people who are willing to meet regularly to get things started. Your group will grow from there.

Light ahead for ease and grace as you move forward sharing the teachings of our true, beautiful and good Book...

***From the Publication Mandate:** *You who have dedicated your lives to the service of the Book can little realize the import of your doings. You will doubtless live and die without fully realizing that you are participating in the birth of a new age of religion on this world.... You must learn to possess your souls in patience. You are in association with a revelation of truth, which is a part of the natural evolution of religion on this world.... Thousands of study groups must be brought into existence.... Thus will the book be in readiness when the battle for man's liberty is finally won and the world is once more made safe for the religion of Jesus and the freedom of mankind.*

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Life is but a day's work – do it well. The act is ours; the consequences God's. [Paper 48:7.13, page 556.13] ■

2014—A Year with the Sydney Study Group



Rita Schaad

The Sydney Study Group meets once a month on the first Wednesday of each month. In 2014 we decided to use the topical study method where we were led in turn by one of our study group members who chose and researched a topic. We decided back in February to delve into Part IV and present a topic relating to an aspect of Jesus and his life.

You can imagine how rich the program turned out to be and how each of us relished the opportunity to express and share a particular line of inquiry.

Following is a summary of the topics illustrating how appealing *The Urantia Book's* teachings are to the people of our time and how we are able to discover so much value that we can apply in our quest for righteous living. It could be very interesting to revisit these topics with all the suggested readings therefore these individual presentations are available upon request.

March 2014: Jesus' Early Development Years –presented by Daniel Swadling

The aim was to study the development of the nature and character of Jesus through his childhood and adolescent years to early manhood.

Early Childhood

We began at Paper 125 with the young Jesus in the Jerusalem temple. We saw how at age 12, at his first Passover in Jerusalem, he became so absorbed in the temple discussions, and how he baffled the temple teachers with his innocent yet highly perceptive questions. We discussed how Jesus became thus accomplished at such a young age.

Then we went back in time to visit Jesus' childhood – his early schooling; learning through questioning, problem solving and contact with people. We saw how he was a keen student at the synagogue school and eager to learn. He committed the Hebrew Scriptures to memory. He read to the synagogue congregation, attended sermons delivered by guest speakers, was a keen student of human nature and learned through contact with travelers who passed through the caravan repair shop.

We touched on how he was unwilling to fight the leader of a gang of lads. Even at the age of 10 he demonstrated the development of higher ideals. [Paper 124:2.3, page 1368.5]

[Paper 122:5, page 1348:5+6] –Jesus' Parents and home life at Nazareth

[Paper 123:5.8, page 1363:1] – summing up his education

[Paper 123:5.11, page 1363:4] –quote on Isaiah from the scriptures as his chosen 'rule' to guide his studies.

Later Childhood

We started to see how Jesus was developing an awareness of his duality and unusual mission. He was becoming more meditative and contemplative and thought a lot about his mission. At the age of 12 he became certain of his destiny.

[Paper 124:2, page 1368:3] –First awareness of mission

[Paper 124:3.10, page 1371:3] –Becoming more meditative

[Paper 124:5.3, page 1373:3] –At age 12 becomes certain of his destiny

He graduated from the Nazareth synagogue school and was eligible to attend his first Passover in Jerusalem to become a citizen of Israel. And it's there on this momentous day before the Passover Sabbath that the following occurs:

[Paper 124:6.13, page 1375:7-1376:2] –Visit of messenger from Immanuel "the hour has come". This marked the beginning of Jesus balancing his earthly and Nebadon responsibilities.

Adolescence

Jesus bears family responsibilities, plans for future career, learns how to use spiritual energy to drive material life, experiences life as becoming a man.



Sydney Study Group.

[Paper 126:1-3, page 1386:1-3] —The two years between self-awareness and adequate communication with his Thought Adjuster. This was a crucial testing time for Jesus. His love for the Jews grew but his dislike of the insincere temple leadership was developing. He had to deal with the temptation to become the Jewish Messiah.

[Paper 127:6.6-7, page 1404:5-6] —He goes alone to the Passover, stays at the Bethany household and breaks Jewish tradition by convincing his friends not to have the sacrificial lamb.

Conclusion: [Paper 127:6.12, page 1405:4] —end of paper]

April 2014: Jesus' Personal Ministry focusing on his time in Rome—presented by Robert Coenraads

What a beautiful choice this was—premeditated by the master—gracing the capital of the Roman Empire with his presence to be able to meet with as many different folk as possible and to minister his Truth and Goodness to them—planting seeds in many minds for the future reception and spreading of his Gospel. Following are some of the sections read:

At this time the Roman Empire included all of southern Europe, Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, and northwest Africa; and its inhabitants embraced the citizens of every country of the Eastern Hemisphere. His desire to study and mingle with this cosmopolitan aggregation of Urantia mortals was the chief reason why Jesus consented to make this journey. [Paper 132:0.3, page 1455:3]

Jesus did not devote all his leisure while in Rome to this work of preparing men and women to become future disciples in the oncoming kingdom. He spent much time gaining an intimate knowledge of all races and classes of men who lived in this, the largest and most cosmopolitan city of the world. In each of these numerous human contacts Jesus had a double purpose:

He desired to learn their reactions to the life they were living in the flesh, and he was also minded to say or do something to make that life richer and more worthwhile. His religious teachings during these weeks were no different than those which characterized his later life as teacher of the twelve and preacher to the multitudes. [Paper 132:4.1, page 1460:5]

Since Gonod carried greetings from the princes of India to Tiberius, the Roman ruler, on the third day after their arrival in Rome the two Indians and Jesus appeared before him. The morose emperor was unusually cheerful on this day and chatted long with the trio. And when they had gone from his presence, the emperor, referring to Jesus, remarked to the aide standing on his right, "If I had that fellow's kingly bearing and gracious manner, I would be a real emperor, eh?" [Paper 132:0.1, page 1455:1]

It was with Angamon, the leader of the Stoics, that Jesus had an all-night talk early during his sojourn in Rome. This man subsequently became a great friend of Paul and proved to be one of the strong supporters of the Christian church at Rome. [Paper 132:1.1, page 456:7].

Nabon was a Greek Jew and foremost among the leaders of the chief mystery cult in Rome, the Mithraic. While this high priest of Mithraism held many conferences with the Damascus scribe, he was most permanently influenced by their discussion of truth and faith one evening. Nabon had thought to make a convert of Jesus and had even suggested that he return to Palestine as a Mithraic teacher. He little realized that Jesus was preparing him to become one of the early converts to the gospel of the kingdom. [Paper 132:3.1, page 1459:1]

To a Roman soldier, as they walked along the Tiber, he said: "Be brave of heart as well as of hand. Dare to do justice and be big enough to show mercy. Compel your lower nature to obey your higher nature as you obey your superiors. Revere goodness and exalt truth. Choose the beautiful in place of the

ugly. Love your fellows and reach out for God with a whole heart, for God is your Father in heaven.” [Paper 132:4.6, page 1461:4]

May 2014: Jesus' approach to Prayer & Worship—presented by Kathleen Swadling

Prayer has been an indispensable factor in the progress and preservation of religious civilization, and it still has mighty contributions to make to the further enhancement and spiritualization of society if those who pray will only do so in the light of scientific facts, philosophic wisdom, intellectual sincerity, and spiritual faith. Pray as Jesus taught his disciples—honestly, unselfishly, with fairness, and without doubting. [Paper 91:6.6, page 999:9]

As early as six years old the boy Jesus had his own way of praying which often brought him into conflict with Joseph and Mary. He would say his prayers just as he had been taught, after which he insisted on having ...”just a little talk with my Father in heaven.” [Paper 132:3.6, page 1360:1]

Right through his childhood and adolescence, it is mentioned time and again that this young lad prayed and meditated and we are told ...that his mind was concerned with the contemplation of weighty problems. [Paper 125:4.4, page 1382:2]

...It had always been Jesus' practice, when facing any new or serious decisions, to withdraw for communion with his own spirit that he might seek to know the will of God. [Paper 136:4.10, page 1515:4]

With this final quote, Kathleen brought it all together. What better way to interpret Jesus' life attitude and practice.

Jesus brought to God, as a man of the realm, the greatest of all offerings: the consecration and dedication of his own will to the majestic service of doing the divine will. Jesus always and consistently interpreted religion wholly in terms of the Father's will. When you study the career of the Master, as concerns prayer or any other feature of the religious life, look not so much for what he taught as for what he did. Jesus never prayed as a religious duty. To him prayer was a sincere expression of spiritual attitude, a declaration of soul loyalty, a recital of personal devotion, an expression of thanksgiving, an avoidance of emotional tension, a prevention of conflict, an exaltation of intellection, an ennoblement of desire, a vindication of moral decision, an enrichment of thought, an invigoration of higher inclinations, a consecration of impulse, a clarification of viewpoint, a declaration of faith, a transcendental surrender of will, a sublime assertion of confidence, a revelation of courage, the proclamation of discovery, a confession of supreme devotion, the validation of consecration, a technique for the adjustment of difficulties, and the mighty mobilization of the combined soul powers to withstand all human tendencies toward selfishness, evil, and sin. [Paper 196:0.10, page 2088:5]

June 2014: Jesus' Wisdom—presented by Bernie Belarski

Bernie pointed out, that by using his adjutant mind spirits, especially the adjutants of worship and wisdom, Jesus was actually 'in touch' with the Universal Mother

spirit—his partner, his consort in his vast Realm—what a romantic thought!

The seven adjutant mind-spirits are the creation of the Divine Minister of a local universe. These mind-spirits are similar in character but diverse in power, and all partake alike of the nature of the Universe Spirit... [Paper 34:4.10, page 378:4]

...The quantitative activity of the adjutant of worship and the adjutant of wisdom is registered in the immediate presence of the Divine Minister on Salvington, being a personal experience of the Universe Mother Spirit. [Paper 36:5.3, page 401:7]

Growing up Jesus just loved to make good progress at school; he was ...indefatigable in his study of nature, while increasingly he prosecuted his study of the methods whereby men make a living. ... This year he also learned the wisdom of keeping such matters a secret in the family. [Paper 124:4.1, page 1371:4]

Later in his ministry, he was as he taught – wise as a serpent – when timing and revealing the content of his teachings.

He obtained knowledge, gained experience, and combined these into wisdom, just as do other mortals of the realm. [Paper 128:1.3, page 1407:8]

...And yet, as this man walked about Nazareth to and from his work, it was literally true – as concerned a vast universe – that “in him were hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” [Paper 128:7.2, page 1417:1]

What a perfect example by our Master to show how mortal man's mind can be ennobled by harmonising both Matter and Spirit.

The eye of the material mind perceives a world of factual knowledge; the eye of the spiritualized intellect discerns a world of true values. These two views, synchronized and harmonized, reveal the world of reality, wherein wisdom interprets the phenomena of the universe in terms of progressive personal experience. [Paper 130:4.10, page 1435:2]

July 2014: Jesus' Submission to the Father's Will—presented by Rita Schaad

Before Michael of Nebadon set out on his seventh bestowal, he was well advised on what he could expect on his chosen planet and how best to 'fit in'; what to do and not to do. He was given 'heaps' of advice! Just like an earthly parent, his Paradise brother Immanuel was concerned for the success of this mission and made it clear that he would take good care of the realm during Michael's absence.

This attitude of surrender and submission to the Father's Will is humbling. Rescinding our power within the society we belong to sounds quite unrealistic to us, doing what someone else says is hardly how we imagine a 'free life'. But imagine Immanuel's setting of the scene [Paper 120:1, page 1325-1326]:

*“Now that you **have elected to be wholly subject** to your Father's will ...*

*you have **voluntarily divested** yourself of all extraplanetary support and special assistance...*

*- so now must you become **wholly and unreservedly***

dependent upon your Paradise Father

- *need be concerned with but one thing...*

- *From the moment you surrender consciousness...*

- *As a mortal incarnate in the realm you are without celestial endowments...*

There were immediate advantages and tremendous compensations resultant from the willingness of this mighty Creator Son once more voluntarily to subordinate himself to the will of the Paradise Deities, this time to that of the Universal Father. By this decision to effect such associative subordination, Michael would experience in this incarnation, not only the nature of mortal man, but also the will of the Paradise Father of all..... [Paper 120:0.8, page 1325:1]

And some more Counsel and Advice:

"...Live your family and community life in accordance with the practices of the people among whom you have elected to appear." [Paper 120:3.3, page 1329:4]

"3. In your relations to the social order we advise that you confine your efforts largely to spiritual regeneration and intellectual emancipation" [Paper 120:3.4, page 1329:5]

"4. Under no circumstances and not even in the least detail, should you interfere with the normal and orderly progressive evolution....." [Paper 120:3.5, page 1329:6]

These points then led us in our reading and we tried to discern how Jesus acted upon this and other advice, even to that moving event to *"...adjudicate the blasphemous pretensions of Caligastia and Lucifer...."* [Paper 120:2.2, page 1327:2]

August 2014: Jesus' Times of Mediation & Solitude—presented by Esther Beaton

Our study group of August focused on Jesus' times of mediation and isolation, particularly the two major 40-day retreats. We tried to figure out how they were different and what the purpose of each was. We did these by trying to answer these questions through group discussion:

- What were Jesus main sojourns/isolations? How did they differ?
- What were the historical circumstances surrounding them?
- What was his purpose in each one?
- What did he accomplish in each one?
- How did Jesus "defeat" Satan and emissaries?
- How can we apply these in our own lives? Do we need to?
- How does a human "wrestle in spirit"?
- Why do we need to master the human mind?
- What did the Bible say about these sojourns? Does it provide the best historical data? Did the Bible get the meaning/lesson across? How has the Bible version affected humankind for the last two thousand years?

We referred to several papers and sections to attempt to answer these questions, for example:

The forty days in the mountain wilderness were not a period

of great temptation but rather the period of the Master's great decisions. During these days of lone communion with himself and his Father's immediate presence – the Personalized Adjuster (he no longer had a personal seraphic guardian) – he arrived, one by one, at the great decisions which were to control his policies and conduct for the remainder of his earth career. [Paper 136:4.10, page 1515:4]

On the last day of this memorable isolation, before starting down the mountain to join John and his disciples, the Son of Man made his final decision. And this decision he communicated to the Personalized Adjuster in these words, "And in all other matters, as in these now of decision-record, I pledge you I will be subject to the will of my Father." And when he had thus spoken, he journeyed down the mountain. And his face shone with the glory of spiritual victory and moral achievement. [Paper 136:10.1, page 1523:6]

As a group we obtained more clarity from these sojourns and their respective purposes. We also achieved a group consensus of how we in our present day lives can model our own mental dilemmas on these.

September 2014: Mediterranean Tour, lessons, questionings and ministering—presented by Phillip Marriott

To set the scene we went to Paper 129—The Later Adult Life of Jesus and read The Twenty Eighth Year (A.D. 22). [Paper 129:2, page 1421] We read how Jesus took leave of Zebedee and of Capernaum and for almost two months spent the greater part of his time listening to the temple discussions with occasional visits to the various schools of the rabbis.

The tour of the Roman world consumed most of the twenty-eighth and the entire twenty-ninth year of Jesus' life on earth. Jesus and the two natives from India – Gonod and his son Ganid – left Jerusalem on a Sunday morning, April 26, A.D. 22. They made their journey according to schedule, and Jesus said good-bye to the father and son in the city of Charax on the Persian Gulf on the tenth day of December the following year, A.D. 23. [Paper 130:1, page 1427:1]

-actually, that is 1 year, 7 months, 15 days or.... 88 weeks or... 9½ months!..... (thanks Phillip!)

Following the travellers from port to port we find Jesus involved in intimate interactions, discussions and teaching with a great variety of human folk, like this day at Caesarea when Jesus assisted in repairing the steering paddle and suggested to a complaining fellow worker Anaxand:

"Since you know the ways of kindness and value justice, perhaps the Gods have brought this erring man near that you may lead him into this better way. Maybe you are the salt which is to make this brother more agreeable to all other men; that is, if you have not lost your savor. As it is, this man is your master in that his evil ways unfavorably influence you. Why not assert your mastery of evil by virtue of the power of goodness and thus become the master of all relations between the two of you?" [Paper 130:2.4, page 1430:2]

This time has shaped and confirmed the style and

method his public work would take once back in Palestine.

October 2014: No Study Group was held because of the Conference held in New Zealand

November 2014: Jesus' Sense of Timing Coupled with His Human & Divine Insight—presented by Trevor Swadling

We looked at some highlights of the human depth of the insights of Jesus the man, along with his spiritual insights of his divine personality; a little look at his unique nature and creature.

...While divine or spiritual insight is a gift, human wisdom must evolve. [Paper 101:4.2, page 1109:3]

Consciousness of divinity was a gradual growth in the mind of Jesus up to the occasion of his baptism. After he became fully self-conscious of his divine nature, prehuman existence, and universe prerogatives, he seems to have possessed the power of variously limiting his human consciousness of his divinity. It appears to us that from his baptism until the crucifixion it was entirely optional with Jesus whether to depend only on the human mind or to utilize the knowledge of both the human and the divine minds. At times he appeared to avail himself of only that information which was resident in the human intellect. On other occasions he appeared to act with such fullness of knowledge and wisdom as could be afforded only by the utilization of the superhuman content of his divine consciousness. [Paper 161:2.9, page 1787:3]

Peter spoke thus because he loved Jesus; but the Master's human nature recognized in these words of well-meant affection the subtle suggestion of temptation that he change his policy of pursuing to the end his earth bestowal in accordance with the will of his Paradise Father. And it was because he detected the danger of permitting the suggestions of even his affectionate and loyal friends to dissuade him, that he turned upon Peter and the other apostles, saying: "Get you behind me. You savor of the spirit of the adversary, the tempter. When you talk in this manner, you are not on my side but rather on the side of our enemy. In this way do you make your love for me a stumbling block to my doing the Father's will. Mind not the ways of men but rather the will of God." [Paper 158:7, page 1760:1]

Here is an insight to Jesus the human man and his determination to do the will of God.

'Jesus knew'..... is mentioned 24 times in Part IV. Let's look at a few and see if we can guess whether it was his human insight or his divine insight acting, or both blended in his nature and personality.

*...But it was a sore disappointment to John that Jesus sent him no word, that he came not to see him, and that he exercised none of his great power to deliver him from prison. But **Jesus knew** all about this. He had great love for John, but being now cognizant of his divine nature and knowing fully the great things in preparation for John when he departed from this world and also knowing that John's work on earth was finished, he constrained himself not to interfere in the natural*

outworking of the great preacher-prophet's career. [Paper 135:11.3, page 1507:2]

*Simon Peter was distressingly vacillating; he would suddenly swing from one extreme to the other. First he refused to let Jesus wash his feet and then, on hearing the Master's reply, begged to be washed all over. But, after all, **Jesus knew** that Peter's faults were of the head and not of the heart. He was one of the most inexplicable combinations of courage and cowardice that ever lived on earth.* [Paper 139:2.6, page 1551:2]

***Jesus knew** men were different, and he so taught his apostles. He constantly exhorted them to refrain from trying to mould the disciples and believers according to some set pattern. He sought to allow each soul to develop in its own way, a perfecting and separate individual before God.* [Paper 140:8.5, page 1582:7]

December 2014: The unfathomable faith and insight of Jesus—presented by Julian Martin

Julian started with the parable of the prodigal son. Paper 169, page 1850 to the end of section 1 and then asked what this parable meant to each of us in the study. Julian compared the two sons to representing our human nature, one side being adventurous and risk taking and the other being cautious and judgmental. And how the father represents the source—God in us—who loves both sides of us. And that the parable shows how we can or should integrate our various extremes of our human nature and accept ourselves like the father did in this story.

Then we switched to The Crucifixion [Paper 187, page 2004] and discussed how we felt about this part of Jesus's life. We followed that up by reading from The Time of the Tomb [Paper 188:4.6,7, page 2017:2,3]

We concluded the evening by reading from the Faith of Jesus [Paper 196, page 2087] and tied up the importance of Jesus's life on earth and the examples he left about how to walk with God.

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A Gospel School

JHW, USA

I heard a few plenary speeches at a conference in 2014 giving critical analyses of why the movement of students of *The Urantia Book* is not flourishing as it should. Chris Wood presented some of the numbers at the Study Group Symposium.

Jesus gave a critical analysis of why the apostles and evangelists were doing poorly with the gentiles while they were fleeing with him through northern Galilee. He criticized them for not obeying the truth vigorously and called them to truth-coordinated living. The Jews who had tried to arrest them in Capernaum had a religion without science, while the gentiles who were raging against them had a science without religion. When we live the integration

of science (being factually well grounded) and religion, our lives will show a “*beautiful wholeness of righteousness*” that will attract people to inquire. [Paper155:1.5, page 1726.2]

The analysis and call that Jesus gave them at that time overlaps with my analysis and call for us today. With members of Urantia Association and other groups, outreach is too often explicit about *The Urantia Book*; we need to reconfigure our priorities to give more attention to other revealed projects.

For personal spiritual growth and planetary spiritual progress, *The Urantia Book* highlights four great projects:

- Become and be like God (our “one supreme ambition”).
- Construct a new and appealing philosophy of living (“the religious challenge of this age”).
- Proclaim Jesus’ gospel (for which “all Urantia is waiting”).
- Unite in loving service the families of the professed followers of Jesus (“the great hope of Urantia). At present we should pursue this ecumenical project mainly by revealing Jesus by the way we live. Introducing others to *The Urantia Book* should follow evolutionary wisdom as provided by the book and as clarified by the Publication Mandate.

We already well understand the importance of spiritual growth, the project which precedes all others. But even our spiritual growth would accelerate if we were to engage more in the other great projects.

On the new philosophy of living there will be a book published in the summer of 2016. For now, there’s a blog: <http://anewphilosophyofliving.com>. The new philosophy of living considers scientific living as integrated with spiritual living as a basis for walking in beauty and righteousness. Here’s the tip of the iceberg. In cosmology we have facts and truth that portray a dependable and friendly universe. Biology teaches the ways of health—the clean habits, stabilized neural energies and balanced chemical function—that support a mind of perfect poise. Psychology and revelation teach that what we think is an inner revelation is far more often a product of the human mind. History in *The Urantia Book* gives us lessons (clarified by “*The Timing of the Urantia Book*,” often called *The Publication Mandate*) to add evolutionary wisdom to our zeal, so that we use revealed methods in pursuit of revealed goals.

For students of *The Urantia Book* who are ready to go to the next level of proclaiming the gospel in thought, word, and deed—our online Gospel School may be of interest to you. To join, write to jwattles@kent.edu; for more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/ubquestionsandstudies/>

Regarding the ecumenical project, we could get better at participating in Christian study groups. Many of us are already progressing well in some of these projects. When we as a family re-configure our priorities, we will obey the truth on factual and spiritual levels and attract inquiry through our beautiful wholeness of righteousness. Let’s pray for each other and help each other forward, illuminated by the worship of our heavenly Father! ■

Amazon.com Reviews on *The Urantia Book*

Editor:

[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) is one of the worlds’ most popular and successful international online book sellers. It has been selling *The Urantia Book* for many years now. When you go to view a particular book on its website, you can read reviews by people who have read the book. Anyone can write a review. Personal testimonies can be a powerful introduction to *The Urantia Book*. People will often respond more to the question of “what it has done for one’s soul” rather than “what is the book about”. Following are some of those reviews on *The Urantia Book* written by readers.

A magnificent read!

The Urantia Book has been a part of my life for 18 years. I’m not associated with the Foundation, or study groups, or any cult that I know of. (I find it amusing that some think readers of *The Urantia Book* are cult driven since the book adamantly warns against this.) I’m an average wife and working American mother who found in this book a way to understand my existence in the universe and grow in my personal philosophies of God and His relationship with me. This book is a tool of intense study, and nothing more or less than what it is to the reader. It has changed my outlook on life and given me peace of mind in my daily tasks. Those who make it out to be anything other than what it proclaims either haven’t read it in its entirety, or make a habit of disclaiming any religious work simply because it’s easier to attack the work than examine one’s own lack of faith. Truth is easy to pick apart by unbelievers, but anyone searching for it, or struggling to discover his or her place in existence, will find *The Urantia Book* to be a very emotionally satisfying, philosophically engaging, and awe inspiring read.

Replete Work, Amazing Consistency, (Lee Armstrong)

The Urantia Book is a replete work, incredibly consistent. Its four parts begin with the total or superuniverse, looks at the “local universe” or creation of Jesus, then goes to the history of Earth which it designates as “Urantia,” and finishes with the most amazing, detailed and thrilling account of the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. The book appeals to readers from all faiths, discusses the major world religions, and develops a sense of cosmology and sense of belonging to a friendly universe greater than we are. I love this book because it has made God more clear to me, more certain. It diverges from Christianity in three doctrines: atonement, virgin birth and Adam & Eve as the first humans. The story and history of the Lucifer Rebellion are chilling. For me, the 3rd part of the book that discusses our planetary history was the authenticator. Things I can see in the world are discussed with *The Urantia Book* stating the causes. Like the Pharisees of old, many are threatened by new religious writings as if they would invalidate the old. *The Urantia Book* expands that which we have today gracefully and lovingly. For the spir-

itually hungry, it is a MUST READ. Read & expand.

If you are at all curious about our universe, get it!

I purchased the softcover version about five months ago and have now read about two thirds of this enormous 2,000 page work. This book is simply without parallel. I remember thinking many years ago, 'Why do I have to wait until I die to find out the reasons for such and such...' Well I never did expect to get those questions answered in this life. But then, I hadn't read *The Urantia Book*. This book has managed to appear to assimilate the best from the world religions and philosophies to form an incredibly cohesive cosmic worldview. In fact, the way the entire book holds together in its self-consistency, profundity, sublime morality, and sheer original brilliance has convinced me that it must in fact be a divine revelation, as it indeed purports itself to be. Indeed, after reading much of this book, the religions and philosophies of the world appear to be dilutions of the real thing.

Expect adequate answers to these questions, and more:

Who is God and what is He like?
How does God 'interface' with our universe? How was the universe created, and why? How did biological life come into existence? Why is life progressing? What really is the detailed biologic and geologic history of earth? When did man appear, and what is his detailed history? What really makes man unique from other animals? How did the different races and cultures begin? What is involved in 'mind' and 'spirit'? How can God live in us? How does God communicate with us? What are the nature and kinds of celestial intelligences? What really happened in the rebellion of certain celestial intelligences? Why are there so many religions? Why does God allow suffering and injustice? Is there life on other planets? What is earth's ultimate destiny? What is our destiny after death? Who will survive? How does Jesus really fit into all of this? What is my ultimate purpose here? How can I be happy and fulfilled?

I have spent so much time pondering these questions on my own. As a Christian, I have become personally convinced of many truths (like 'Jesus is Lord'), but still there remained questions that I felt even the bible was not really clear on.

Well, now I can spend less time pondering and more time living out amazing truths that I could not have 'pondered into' in a thousand years. This book truly is a gift, whether one agrees that it was from superhuman sources or not.

If you have a friend who is spiritually minded with lots of questions, give them this book as a gift. Even if they don't

believe it for what it says it is, they will come away with insights that would have taken a lifetime to learn.

Here's a 2,000 page book about Jesus...have you read it??

I began reading *The Urantia Book* over ten years ago for the purpose of saving my brother from, what I suspected was, a personality cult. Ya know....like David Koresh. Well, guess what? I learned the lesson of my own ignorance!!! Let me just speak to the folks who, out of abject fear, need to sling the "cult" word at the brilliance of this wonderful book. One reviewer used a phrase like "...members of the Foundation...", suggesting that favorable reviews

came only from "members". Newsflash: There are no "members"! Nor are there any "personalities" standing in a pulpit anywhere "interpreting" the text of *The Urantia Book* for the

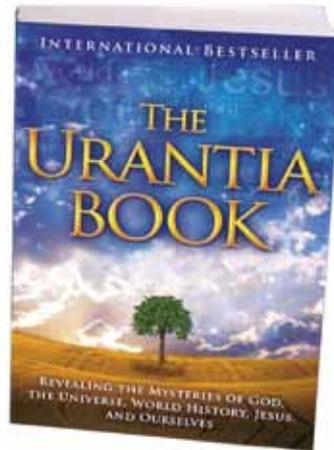
hopelessly lost! The Urantia Foundation merely works to keep the book in print...it is a publisher...and that's it. There are local Study Groups all over the world made up of people who read and study *The Urantia Book*. They each make up their own study agendas and topics and discuss and exchange their own individual ideas about the text and the incredible meanings found on the book's pages. I've also read

Martin Gardner's book attempting to debunk *The Urantia Book*. If you don't know this you should...Martin uses (of all things) Numerology as the basis for his attack on *The Urantia Book*! Yagotta love the poor

guy who uses the surface temp of the sun as his proof that *The Urantia Book* is fallacious! This book identified sub-atomic particles long before they were discovered by science (called ultimatons). Read this book with the most skeptical mind you can muster and commit yourself to read the entire text and see what happens. If you worship the *Bible* you'll have trouble with it...if you worship God and love Jesus....you'll be thankful. And you'll appreciate the *Bible* even more! When you are done reading *The Urantia Book*, read a review or summary of the book, written by any major Christian denomination for use by their "members". You'll be startled at the dishonesty and un-Christ-like nature of those reviews. *The Urantia Book* is NOT an attack on the *Bible* or any other religious work. Don't be afraid...just read and kiss fear good-bye forever. And remember...Jesus wasn't kidding when he used the metaphor "Father" to teach us about God. In every child is present the germ of the Father.... Truth, Goodness, Beauty and Light, to you all.

The Rewards of Eternity are Waiting for You!

I have lived most of my life as a skeptic and thus was disdainful of anything to do with God or religion. In spite of my negative self, I had always felt a longing to understand myself and others, and the purpose of my existence. One day, a friend gave me a copy of *The Urantia Book*. He told me it was the most amazing book he had ever read. I looked it over and said, "This looks like some hokey book about religion". He said, "Just read it...it will change the way you look at life."



On my first attempt to read it, I found it to be arduous. It requires diligent effort to get through and understand. Unless you have absolute command of the English language, the use of a comprehensive dictionary will be necessary to assist you. Somewhat discouraged, I put it down and didn't try to read it again for several months. The next time I attempted it, I skipped directly to the last section, Part IV. I wanted to know, 'Who is this Jesus person that so many people profess to believe in and why is he so influential 2,000 years later?'

I was moved to joy and to tears by Part IV, The Life and Teachings of Jesus. Never before had I read anything so mesmerizing, so enthralling, so utterly beautiful. I felt as if I was shoulder-to-shoulder with the Master, walking beside him on the ancient dusty roads to that fateful day in Jerusalem. I found myself reading it for hours at a time. Talk about a page-turner! I could not put it down. After I read Part IV, I tried starting again at the beginning

of the book. Although I still have to use a dictionary, the concepts seem easier to grasp this time around. And what exciting concepts they are...that mortal life is just the first step of many in the grand eternal adventure!

I was saddened by the negative reviews from some, because this is the book that finally brought me understanding of the historical significance and spiritual magnificence of Jesus Christ. I hope someday they will be able to discern the difference between opinion and truth.

I wrote this review to share as a personal experience in the hope that it will motivate even one person to purchase this book. It is my sincere desire for you to find the Keys to Eternity. I know something has changed in me because I catch myself thinking about the concepts presented in *The Urantia Book*. And I have developed one heck of a vocabulary in the process.. ■

New Zealand Corner

Marion Steward, Auckland New Zealand

Readers in New Zealand have gathered together this year for study and fellowship on a number of occasions, and we have forged stronger bonds as a reading community as a result. The first gathering was held on ANZAC Weekend in Taupo. One of our group offered her services as organiser and caterer, and we met in a very nice holiday home on a hill overlooking the lake. It was designed to be an informal get-together, so the weekend flowed along

with sharing of our Urantia Book back stories, sharing of the cooking, and cleaning up, and walks in the neighbourhood, with >>



Susan, our super caterer



Out for a stroll



Discussions in the lounge



NZ Corner cont.



Our Skype study group on International Study Day—the modern 'art of living'!

almost constant discussion on many different topics as they arose. I felt that actually sharing a house encouraged a greater sense of being part of a spiritual family, and can strongly recommend this for any other groups of readers who are thinking about organising a regional event—we found our accommodation online at 'bookabach', but there are many such sites in Australia too.

International Study Day Reflections

After the ANZAC weekend, we set up a Urantia NZ Facebook page, which is reasonably active and continues to maintain and extend our sense of community. When it came time for the International Study Day, we arranged for three readers to Skype in from around the country. Auckland readers met in our regular study group location, and readers from Hamilton, Masterton, and Otago (in the South Island) joined us with a Skype connection. Although there were some technical difficulties, generally this worked very well. We had an excellent discussion on the first part of the Rodan paper. We discussed at length our understanding of 'urges', 'maturity', and the differences between humans and animals. We felt that empathy and the ability to exercise foresight were key abilities that differentiated us from our four-legged companions. We also focused on the importance of having social relationships for our mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

Wellington Readers' Gathering, 30th May

Matthew Hall, Masterton, New Zealand

Recently, a group of lower North Island readers gathered at a Petone café for a bite to eat and some socialising. It was a real reminder of how our revelation can bring us together and provide plenty to talk about. Subjects discussed included the growth of personal faith, our current political climate and how papers like Government on a Neighboring Planet can provide some insight into remedying some of the social issues that the majority of nations face, and how satisfying it is when our creative streaks are given an outlet. It also was a chance to rekindle our enthusiasm for sharing *The Urantia Book*, and a regular study group for those in the region was planned. Here's hoping that God continues to guide, coordinate, integrate and enlighten all of our journeys.

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~ MINING THE ARCHIVES ~

by Ken Glasziou , (1923 – 2013)

Misinformation in *The Urantia Book*?

The possibility that *The Urantia Book* may contain serious misinformation came to me as I reflected on some of its statements about material aspects of matter and on historical events that may be shown to be untrue. Let me first affirm that I have total faith that *The Urantia Book* is what it claims to be, a revelation originating from divinely authorised sources.

The problem associated with belief in miracles and miraculous healing have always intrigued me. The effects of the mind on the health and healing of the body as well as the reality of the placebo effect in the healing process have become well recognized in modern medicine. *The Urantia Book* tells us that some of the healings associated with the ministry of Jesus were true miracles, but that many healings were due to the interaction of mind and faith with the body's own natural healing processes.

In recent times many cases of apparent miracles have been documented and vouched for by well qualified medical practitioners and many of these were associated with an act of religious faith. But with virtually all of this type of event the hardened sceptic will always find some alternative explanation other than divinely mediated healing.

What kind of healing could there be that would force sceptics to acknowledge divine intervention? Assume a man with no eyes (eyeballs physically absent) walked into a healing ministry meeting and, following a declaration of faith, instantly grew a new set of seeing eyes. Or that someone with no legs grew two new legs. Are such people less deserving than cancer sufferers, many of whom have received healing? I know of no adequately verified accounts that anyone ever grew new eyeballs or new legs. If as an immediate response to a declaration of faith in God such an event occurred, would we not be forced to acknowledge it as irrefutable evidence for the existence of God? Why then does it not happen? Why are we always left with the possibility to doubt?

The Urantia Book describes Lucifer before his fall, as a brilliant individual, yet despite his

attributes, the circumstances of his existence and the advantages of his environment, Lucifer took the step of renouncing God the Father as a fake, the invention of his superiors to keep him in servitude. From this we must conclude that positive, irrefutable evidence for the existence of God the Father was not available, even to a finite being at the level of the Lanonandeks sons. Why? Perhaps such proof is incompatible with the degree of free will choice that God the Father wills for us and other finite beings at least to the level of the Lanonandeks. For example, if there is a God whose nature is Love, and our survival is dependent on honouring His will, then our will is constrained in that if we do not love one another as God loves us our survival is not assured. To voluntarily show love purely as an act of free will without constraint we must also be free not to believe in the existence of a God whose nature is love.

If Lucifer had the free will to doubt the existence of God the Father, then surely we must also have that free will. This is why nobody grows eyeballs or new legs, this is why unnatural miracles do not occur and also the reason, why *The Urantia Book* must leave us with room for doubt.

Now if all the statements in the book on subjects such as the red shift, continental drift, the timing and the course of evolution etc, etc, turned out to be exactly correct, there would be little room for scientists with minds similar to my own to doubt the rest of the content of the book. But just one mistake makes that doubt possible and perhaps leaves us with the degree of free will choice we were meant to have. I will not be surprised if there are such errors. This does not imply that God has told us lies. That would of course be utterly impossible. It would simply mean that those who authorised the book permitted certain harmless errors in matters of science and history to go uncorrected.

In granting us uncertainty, God also gives us the opportunity to make that ultimate freewill decision and that is to choose to believe in and to do the will of the God Jesus called Father, even though he may not exist. A God who loves us must give us that choice. ■

When Heaven takes a peek

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Every now and then Heaven looks down and sees what earth is doing.

God sees the beautiful flowers and people blooming.

Kindness is on the rise, love is on the increase.

We pray daily that all hatred will cease.

This is how the world should be with true knowledge of the Divine.

All creation aligns with God.

Sadly there still corners of the earth where God is rejected.

Starving people and hurting people neglected.

We can imitate Christ by providing comfort and care.

This is necessary and only fair.

Look at the way Christ forgave you.

Christ in us has made all things new.

Treat everyone with respect and love.

God's love will fall like soft raindrops from above.



~ ANZURA FACEBOOK ~

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ANZURA facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/415732735156958/> is a new and effective way of collaborating in discussions and this one is specific to readers in our region, one of hundreds of Urantia-based facebook groups already in place... **ANZURA DOES NOT NECESSARILY SUPPORT THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED ON FACEBOOK.** ■



~ INTERESTING PROJECTS AND WEBSITES ~

The Global Endeavour—Partnership for Growth

Neal Waldrop, Chairman for the Committee of the Global Endeavour

The Global Endeavour will provide a new option, an additional path that may be attractive to readers of *The Urantia Book* who appreciate the opportunity to act on the teachings to benefit their fellow man. In practice, this approach will enable readers to apply their energy and idealism in ways that will foster the progressive growth and development of human society, while seeking to serve others in the spirit of the master seraphim.

This entirely independent project is intended to promote and encourage the process of imagination, innovation, and creativity that will be a pervasive and enduring theme throughout the next thousand years of life on our planet. Like the work of the twelve corps of master seraphim, the efforts of those who participate in the Global Endeavour will be closely identified with the inner life. As one of the authors of *The Urantia Book* states: *The advances of true civilization are all born in this inner world of mankind. It is only the inner life that is truly creative.* [Paper 111:4.4, page 1220:3]

The path of idealistic service described in the plan will operate in parallel to study groups and in parallel to social organizations. This new path is neither a substitute nor a competitor, and it requires a very different kind of active engagement.

The phrase “entirely independent” means exactly that. In other words, the Global Endeavour is not a project of the Urantia Book Fellowship, nor a project of the Urantia Association International. The initial concepts were developed by an ad hoc committee that the Trustees of Urantia Foundation established in January 2004, but in January 2007 the Trustees decided that the project should be independent and encouraged individuals to pursue it.

Please feel free to download documents that explain the project by visiting our website at <http://www.globalendeavor.net/>

We would welcome comments or questions; please E-mail us at Info@GlobalEndeavor.net ■

ANZURA Conference—Sydney 2015

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Wakehurst Parkway
Narrabeen, NSW

(Narrabeen Lakes,
Northern Beaches
of Sydney)

9-12
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THE "UB ENDEAVOUR"

The *UB Endeavour* is a fundraising initiative for the purpose of raising funds for ANZURA. We ask if you would consider making a contribution to help us spread *The Urantia Book* and its teachings throughout Australia and New Zealand.

ANZURA has adopted much of the work of the former Australian office of Urantia Foundation which closed in 2012. It holds a small inventory of Urantia Books and other Urantia associated material such as study aids and secondary works that are available to readers for dissemination projects. As ANZURA's main objective is to *foster the in-depth study of The Urantia Book and to disseminate its teachings* there is continually work to be done in an effort to fulfill this mission.

ANZURA provides a reader referral service that helps readers find other readers and study groups in their towns or regions. Volunteer staff respond to enquiries about *The Urantia Book* and associated reader activities that come to us via the internet and telephone. We maintain a website that services readers and curious truth seekers alike with information, study aids, secondary works, and the entire text of *The Urantia Book* online with an efficient search engine. Each year ANZURA sponsors and organises two major study events: the National Study Day and the annual Urantia Book Readers' Conference. We sponsor a gift book program where books are donated to libraries and relevant learning centres as well as study groups and individuals who wish to assist in this seeding program. A four-part introductory 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.

All of the above require funds. Would you please consider helping us by making a contribution? For the average income earner we recommend regular small donations such as a dollar a day (or \$30 per month) automatically debited from bank accounts.

If you decide to assist us with the promotion and dissemination of *The Urantia Book* by contributing to the *UB Endeavour*, please either fill out the tear-off contribution form below and return it with your contribution to:

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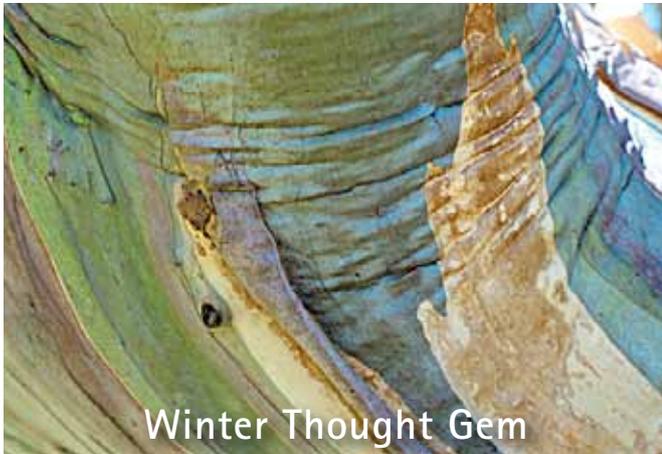
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Winter Thought Gem

When man goes in partnership with
God, great things may, and do, happen.

(1467:05)

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