



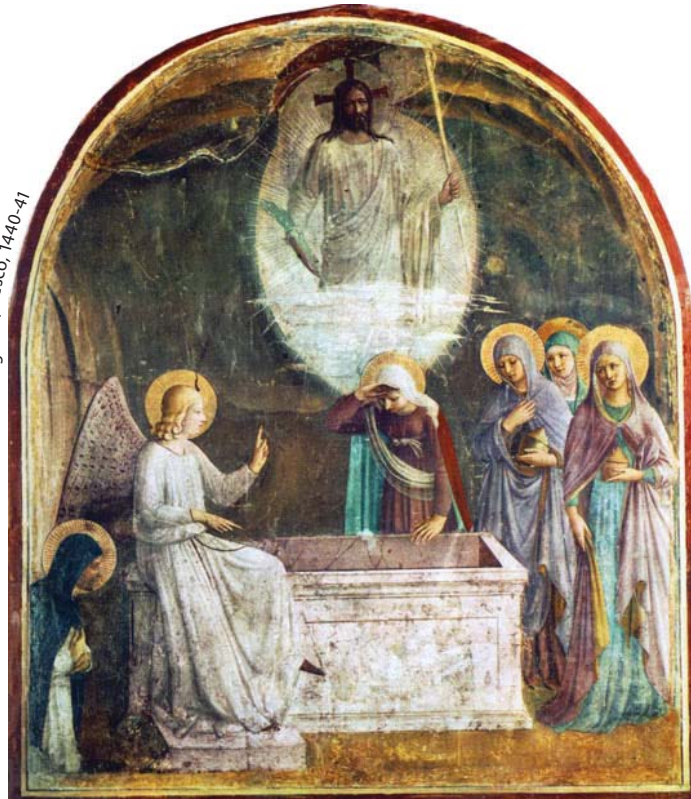
# Tidings

from Associations around Urantia

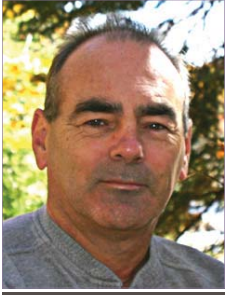
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"Resurrection of Christ and Women at the Tomb" Fra Angelico, fresco, 1440-41



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## President's Message

Dear Friends of UAI,

**S**OON THE EASTER SEASON will be here to commemorate the resurrection of Christ Michael. This period of commemoration is an opportunity in itself to meditate on the courage and dedication of Jesus to do the will of our Father. In reading the papers that narrate every day of the week that preceded the crucifixion of Jesus, we might be overwhelmed by the immensity and depth of the love that Jesus has for us and his dedication to do the will of our Father.

I still remember how I felt the first time I read those papers one Friday morning during the Holy week many years ago. Every year now during that week I read some of those papers again and every time I feel overwhelmed by the master's love and courage. I just wish and pray that I could have that same courage and love for my fellow man, wouldn't you? Maybe we can be more like his Apostles or Disciples once they had received the Spirit of Truth.

Today, we are not asked to make such sacrifices as Jesus or his Apostles did, but did they really make sacrifices like we interpret or understand them? If we could feel such love as they felt, maybe what we call sacrifice would become more like a meaningful and love enriched experience. There is an old saying that says "Where is your treasure is your heart!" Where is our treasure? Let's take



this coming Holy week as an opportunity to answer this question.

If you belong to a study group, it would be a great idea to read the papers of the Holy week and share your feelings

with the others about it. You could also share your thoughts about this experience in the next issue of Tidings.

This month the International Service Board was quiet, awaiting the coming election and preparing for the next meeting in Chicago for the strategic plan. The meeting will be held at the Foundation on the weekend of the 27th, 28th and 29th of April. Any one who is a member of a governing board is welcome to attend as an observer. Contact James Woodward at [TBandG@comcast.net](mailto:TBandG@comcast.net) for information.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and work of the outgoing board members of the International Service Board. These members have laboured very hard during their terms in order to make UAI more service oriented. I hope their dedication to the Revelation will bear fruits at the level of their local association.

As for the Representative Council, they have finally approved the Charter and By-Laws under our new registration as an interdependent association with Urantia Foundation. The approved Charter and By-Laws will soon be posted on the UAI Website. The Representative Council is also engaged in the election process to elect new members for the International Service Board. The results should be known in April, but I doubt there should be much surprise in this election as every running candidate has no opponent.

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Around Urantia

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Next month, the Representative Council should start the process of choosing the country where the next International Conference will happen.

Good reading. ☐

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# Worldwide DISSEMI- NATION

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**F**OUR YEARS AGO IUA Executive Administrator Cathy Jones asked me to join the newly forming International Service Board as chair of the Outreach Committee. I gladly accepted. The Dissemination Committee did not exist then. As IUA was being launched the Charter and Bylaws were receiving last minute adjustments. Suddenly the Outreach Committee became the Dissemination Committee in a final flurry of organization. And soon thereafter IUA became UAI.

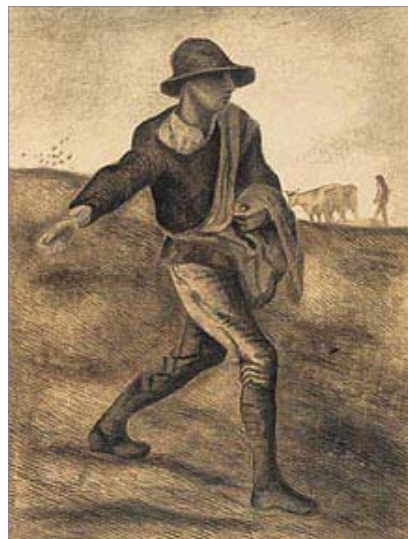
FOUR YEARS LATER, TIDINGS editor Cathy Jones asked the outgoing chairs to write a piece on, "just what you do in your job". Because of the pivotal role dissemination plays in fulfilling UAI's mission, a comprehensive answer to her question seems appropriate. One that addresses the genesis, evolution, status and plans for this unique central function of UAI.

After joining as outreach chair, I was more than a bit taken aback by the change to dissemination. There's quite a difference between the two! Outreach would be easy and interesting enough—personal contact with potential and new members everywhere. But dissemination is an entirely different and wider arena of service than outreach. One that will need long term planning, require centuries to achieve, and eventually involve millions not yet born.

The authors declare that a thing cannot be fully understood unless a thorough study is made of its origin, history and destiny. Therefore did it seem best to study everything available on dissemination, tapping the wisdom and experience of old and new readers from all quarters. And to look to our Charter's opening statement which says simply that our mission is to foster study and disseminate the teachings.

Some of the obvious first questions for the DC chair to answer were: Which teachings should the Dissemination Committee dis-

seminate? To whom? In what way? And how does the work of UAI's Education and Study Group Committees impinge on and relate to the DC's? Studying, discussions with a wide spectrum of members and officers, and winnowing of ideas went on for two years as one dissemination strategy after another was either adopted or discarded.



"The Sower" Vincent Van Gogh, 1881

The word DISSEMINATION is of Latin origin, from the root verb: *to sow*. In general, it means *to scatter seed broadly*. Therefore did it seem altogether proper that the DC's metaphor for service should be spreading seeds. But seed what? Only books? Only the teachings? Both?

The revelation has at least two components to disseminate, the inviolate text and the 'benign virus'. The virus is born of the embrace and integration of the teachings founded on genuine spiritual experience. Any reader may spread the virus through living the teachings, with or without the text, "as they pass by". But why not do both when and where appropriate? Every situation calls for the spreading of the virus of brotherly love, but some also call for an introduction to a relevant concept or two from the revelation,

or perhaps even the book itself. If discretion is the better part of dissemination, then wisdom must play a leading role in spreading the teachings and the text. Over the last four years this central lesson on dissemination surfaced over and over in interactions and experiments with readers around the globe.

If a reader introduces the concept "friendship with God" into the cultural stream, for example in a Sunday school class, or in a local newspaper's editorial page, that reader is disseminating the teachings, preparing the soil for seeds of revelation. When a reader creates a quality secondary work with ideas and ideals from the Papers, puts it in his or her own words, that is disseminating the teachings. Some readers will leave a copy of the UAI Journal in a waiting room to pique interest, and some will post brochures on a bulletin board. Others will leave a book in a traveler's chapel. Dissemination of the teachings can be done in an infinite variety of ways, limited only by wisdom and creativity. Jesus was the ultimate disseminator. A study of his methods for spreading the teachings is essential for disseminators of all times. For reflections

on Jesus' approach to dissemination please see the 2006 February and May issues of the [UAI JOURNAL](#) in an article titled: *Dissemination: An Overview and A Plan*.

Another obvious and significant part of the DC chair's job is to distill the DC Bylaw mandates into cohesive dissemination strategies and activities that will resonate with member's real dissemination needs. And to determine how best to serve emerging sowers wanting to seed Urantia's many open fields. At the same time to coordinate DC programs and projects with the strategies and activities of the ISB's other committees. Much of the DC chair's work is balancing these many expectations from members and the Board, alongside the requirements of the founding documents. The DC chair must also yield and adapt to wisdom wrought by experience in the field,



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and to convey relevant lessons to members offering similar dissemination services around the globe.

UAI Charter and Bylaws guidelines for the DC grew out of the manifold experience of the first reader groups dating back to the Forum. The first generation of readers started dissemination on the right foot apparently, and the second has continued this success, even amid many readership crises. The revelation is now in a dozen major languages and steadily approaching one million copies printed. Ten more translations are on the horizon. The history of dissemination of the text, albeit short, is a fascinating study by itself. The combined dissemination experience of the Foundation and the readership over fifty years was condensed into the DC's Bylaws.

The UAI Charter, Bylaws and central administration were designed to ensure the focus remains on fostering study and dissemination of the teachings. The printing and publication of the text for the book markets of the world is the work of Urantia Foundation. But effective dissemination requires that readers everywhere help in seeding and study. UAI has a real and important role in dissemination. And the Foundation cannot and should not have to do it alone. Each translation has to be spread just as the original English was: primarily person to person, one on one with seeding in libraries, universities, prisons, until enough demand builds for book sellers to stock it.

Much of the English speaking world has access to the revelation, North American and Australian libraries have been seeded, and other UK/Anglophone locales are quickly catching up. This leaves Central and South America, Africa, Asia, Europe (and someday Antarctica). These areas have had some tilling and sowing, but all need more. Some will require almost complete seeding (for example China, when that translation is printed at some point in the next decade). And they will need servicing for some time, until all translations are available and a readership developed with that essential core of sincere leaders and teachers required to work the local field. Because of the Internet effect, dissemination of the text may be almost entirely in electronic form in only a few years. No matter what form it takes, still will the inviolate revelation be needed as the source and standard by which all the others are measured.

Of course an area can't be seeded without a translation in the native tongue. The Chinese translation is forecast for completion soon. A recent survey found the number of religionists in China now exceeds 300 million. Surely this

is fertile ground for the revelation, but first a translation and an opening of that field must occur. And in India more people speak English than do in the US, therefore did the Foundation establish a publishing house for the English version in Delhi. A developing network of seed planters is forming in that populous nation. Work continues on the Mandarin and the Hindi translations so that eventually another third of Urantia's population will have the access to the book in a language they know.

Translation support and seeding are crucial aspects of DC planning and service. Since there will be no study groups, conferences or reader activity in a given region until the revelation has been seeded in the native tongue, it was deemed essential that the DC support the creation and dissemination of new translations. If readers of fifty years ago had not done their job, North America would not have the book available in so many ways and forms today. Each translation will have to be seeded in order for there to be readers or demand for them at book vendors.

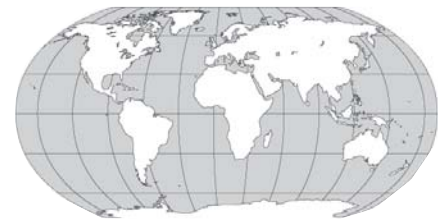
Several European language versions have come out recently, German, Italian, Portuguese and others. These fresh translations stand where the original version did fifty years ago. Seeding is the next step after a translation is printed. Study Groups, conferences, members and readers all have their genesis in seeding. Therefore seeding new translations is an integral part of the work of the DC. All UAI, and especially the DC should play a part in the birth, survival and success of each new version of the revelation.

The DC, in association with established member/readers, must till the soil and plant the seeds before new Associations can form to create local and regional dissemination activity. Once a translation has been produced, revelational cross fertilization will begin to produce the beneficent offshoots of study, service, and that most quintessential of all needs for successful organizations: a cohesive and responsive network of sincere, dedicated, wise and willing workers. Encouraging the formation of UAI Local Associations adds new strengths and possibilities to our organization.

During the ISB's first meetings in 2003 we began to establish what responsibilities each committee would have. It was decided the newly designated Dissemination Committee would handle "Referrals" (emerging readers seeking contact), mainly because that's what the old Outreach Committee did. Looking back I think it would have been better to give this responsibility to the Membership Committee, but the right time

to make this move has not occurred. It may happen yet. In any case, it was obvious that proper handling of Referrals is essential to UAI's growth and success. Referrals are to UAI what oxygen is to the human body. We will always require new members. Therefore a DC Referrals subcommittee had to be set up to communicate with the member contact network worldwide.

A loose-knit Referrals network existed already, but we needed to consolidate and reorganize the global network that meets and greets new comers. And we needed a document to establish the procedure for those working inside UAI at every level handling private names and addresses. Therefore did the Foundation and the DC Referrals subcommittee create a "Letter of Trust", which accompanies all Referrals and charges those who handle them, to treat them with the greatest care and respect. This subcommittee went through its trials, but now works fairly smoothly on a global basis. It can be made more effective by greater participation at the grassroots level. Everyone reaching out for contact wants to hear from readers in their area, for study, service and conferencing. If every Local and National Association has a membership officer whose responsibility this is, UAI will always have the welcome mat out. Membership officers contact new Referrals, but they also provide a crucial service in keeping UAI's database up to date. This info is vital for mailings and locating service-minded members of every talent and ability. (Where there are no Nationals or Locals, the ISB's Membership Committee makes contact with new Referrals.) It is interesting to observe that most Referrals come from North America and the UK, but now they are originating also from such



places as **SWEDEN, NIGERIA, ECUADOR, BULGARIA, SWITZERLAND, HUNGARY, ALGERIA, SAUDI ARABIA, MALAWI, PAKISTAN, INDONESIA, ITALY, LEBANON, THE PHILIPPINES, SOUTH AFRICA, TAIWAN, PERU, LITHUANIA, ETHIOPIA, RWANDA, GHANA, CHILE, SPAIN, HAITI, ICELAND, INDONESIA, GERMANY, VENEZUELA, NEW ZEALAND, PANAMA, COSTA RICA, AND YET OTHERS.** The revelation is spreading.

After establishing the Referrals subcommittee, and after considering about a dozen ideas and previously employed methods



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of dissemination, it was decided that DC activities and projects will begin with the tried and proven projects: library placement, bookfair presentations, supporting and seeding new translations.

It was self evident one primary responsibility of the DC chair was to assess the state of library placement around the planet. The records show the US and Canada had been fairly well seeded by the first generation of readers, that these areas have the book or have access to a book via the ubiquitous library inter-loan system. The rest of the planet was and still is in a state of partial and patchy seeding. Estimates run between one and twenty percent of seeding is complete. Contemplating how to seed the whole planet in organized fashion gave birth to the **Global Seeding Project**, more on that below.

As regards long term dissemination, it is well worth mentioning that interest in paper and ink books is dropping. Indeed the print industry worldwide is undergoing a slow downward spiraling transformation. Paper and ink books are still a viable commodity, but people more and more are going to the internet for reading. There they can download the text into personal reading machines, even listen to it on audio, without having to buy it. That said, it seems an appropriate responsibility of the DC to continue to support and supply books to indigent readers who wish to do library placement, most especially in universities and seminaries. But very soon, the personal electronic library will replace the community brick and mortar library and our text dissemination strategies will have to adapt. The DC and the membership must ever be amenable to shifting circumstances, and library placement will need to evolve under increasingly fluctuating conditions, and as the stream of revelation becomes a river.

In the developing world, where the internet's reach is limited, books and libraries are still the most used instruments of instruction and learning. It is worth noting here that a 2000 book seeding tour of Africa's libraries and universities began last month (English and French), which will be followed by a 1000 book seeding (of the Portuguese) in Brazil. This is being done by one intrepid member and his backer, seeding all Foundation Books. Seeding is also taking place in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Colombia, Venezuela, Pakistan, Indonesia,

Nigeria, Malawi, Zambia and other nations where readers need assistance realizing their worthy dissemination ideas.

The DC also created a Book Fair project in response to one of its Bylaw mandates. This UAI project is offered in conjunction with Urantia Foundation's Reader Services. It encourages members to give booth presentations in appropriate venues, for example librarian's conventions and book Expos. It offers a booth kit with Foundation translations and other materials for display. And it offers a network of experienced



Book fair in London, UK

presenters to tutor and encourage this form of dissemination aimed directly at book purveyors. Bookfairs have the additional advantage of teaching the presenter how, and how not to, relate the teachings in a one-to-one, low profile, public setting.

The day to day work of the DC chair is connecting people and resources for dissemination of the text and the teachings. And the Local member is crucial in this because she or he must be in place to adapt their chosen dissemination techniques to local conditions. It requires sincere, well established and wise leader/readers to assess service needs and activate a suitable plan in each area. The DC can and has acted as a facilitator and assistant to those working in the many outposts of the revelation on Urantia. And it is a nexus to the rest of the organization's manifold world-wide activities. In many ways the DC is like a tool chest for members. Members provide service, and the DC offers experience, methods, tutoring, and materials for those seeking them.

Last year the DC began an experimental program called the **Global Seeding Project** (GSP). It is designed to place the text in the hands of wise and willing disseminators around the world in spite of poverty or a lack of local availability. All Local and National Associations are invited to participate in the GSP. The GSP seeks out sincere and dedicated seed planters to sow new translations into the soil of the culture they serve. Already cases of ten seedbooks are slated to go to several

remote and/or impoverished regions, there to be planted by local member contacts. This project is intended to create a global network of local members who can represent the revelation in a one-to-one setting, and it offers them the training and tools they need to do it. The GSP has its own restricted fund for members wanting only to lend financial support.

The GSP has its origin in the prison placement project. The Prison Inquiry Response Team (PIRT) is a DC subcommittee of five core members. It was formed two years ago at Urantia Foundation's request. The Foundation provides unsaleable (slightly defective or damaged) books for this project. UF sends all its inmate inquiries to PIRT for contact and screening. The PIRT sends inmates several brochures, along with a cover letter explaining the terms for obtaining a book, then forwards a shipping request to UF Reader Services for those who respond and are approved.

To be accepted, prisons require that books be shipped from the publisher, and only the publisher. UF does this willingly but requests a shipping fee of \$8.00 from the inmate. If an inmate cannot pay shipping, the PIRT member decides whether to grant a waiver. The PIRT restricted fund is set up to cover this need; it ensures every sincere request is met. PIRT placed 335 copies (English and Spanish) in US inmate hands during '05 and '06. It is noteworthy that inmate Study Groups have recently begun to form in several US prisons. The DC chair's job is to oversee, coordinate and keep funded this project, and the GSP. So far the PIRT has served only US inmates, but the prison placement project is now available for other Nationals wanting to seed their prison libraries.

The DC chair's job is not of a single dimension. The chair also has the same responsibilities as every other committee chair to participate in Board decisions that range from our legal status to what our interdependent relation with the Foundation is to be. And there is budgeting and human resource management to do at an ever escalating pace. In 2007 the DC asked for \$2000, but much more could be spent on worthwhile projects. The dissemination needs will grow as the revelation continues its expansion.

It is challenging and simultaneously rewarding to be directly involved at the various levels and through many activities of our organization. How fortunate are we all to have a role in this beautiful unfolding of goodness and truth. I leave this office thanking UAI siblings for the chance to serve and can recommend to anyone serving on the ISB.

My term as chairman of the DC is over as soon as the Representative Council confirms the new election slate. I have been asked by my presumed



# How *THE URANTIA BOOK* found me

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**T WAS THE END** of the millennium, October 1999 to be exact. I had just turned 19, and for the past five years I had been on a quest to find God and myself.

I was tired of going to mass, sitting in those large halls. I was tired of looking at all the people that weren't really there to look for God, but rather to escape from going to hell, just as long as they were there every Sunday. I felt a great emptiness, and mainly because my heart didn't agree with many of the things I was hearing. That's when I asked God to let me find him.

It was a journey of about 5 years, from when I was 14 until I reached 19. During this time, all my beliefs were shattered and I had to reconstruct everything. I met and learned about all the world's religions, their rituals, and most of all their meanings. In the end, I realized that the core of all religions, and all religious living was in their values, and they were the same for all.

It was at this last phase of my search, during 1999, that I took a course on Sacred Geometry. During this course the students brought books and article excerpts on the subject. We were encouraged to participate and share our thoughts. One of the participants took out a thick, blue book that didn't have anything written on the cover, except for "The Urantia Book." He read a paragraph from this book and I was blown away! I asked my parents that what I wanted for Christmas was "The Urantia Book." And surely by that December I received The Book, and began reading it on the first day of this millennium. My quest to find God had ended, but my understanding of him and the universe had just begun.

When people ask me how I found The Urantia Book, I always tell them the book found me.



It's been 7 years since I first started reading the Book, and every time I read a Paper, I find the exact words I'm looking for. It's become a living communion with God and all of his creation, and it not only speaks in words but in life experiences. Good or bad, everything that happens in my life is a lesson to be learned and an opportunity for growth. It brings me a step closer to God and helps me understand Him better.

The Book has traveled with me everywhere and has revealed something new to me every time I needed it. It's brought wonderful people to my life, and given me the opportunity to discuss, talk, share and grow with them. It's taught me that as long as the values and the goals in my heart are filled with truth, beauty and goodness, everything I do will be the Father's will. It's also taught me to cherish the blessings of joy and happiness in my life, but most of all to appreciate the spiritual growth that arises from difficult times.

The Urantia Book has given a personal communion with God and his vast creation. It's opened my eyes and heart to the beauty and knowledge of what we all are, and what this whole existence is about. It has taught me that values and goals are what bind us as a fraternity of the children of God, what really makes us part of the Kingdom of Heaven.

At the end of the day, I thank God for bringing the Book to me, and rejoice!

## Worldwide dissemination

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replacement to remain on the DC as communications coordinator. The new chair is Jimmy Mitchell of the Washington Urantia Association. He is eminently qualified, dedicated and energetic. It is with confidence and trust that I turn this job over to him. Upon leaving thanks must go to the ISB officers and members from many nations for their patience and guidance. Such sincere dedication to helping others is humbling and inspiring.

UAI members are to be congratulated for successfully inaugurating this grand and audacious task of disseminating the teachings to a whole planet. After four years all appears to be falling into place for UAI to begin its work in earnest. New leaders have stepped up to take the place of we who are leaving. They come with new ideas and fresh energy. They will have the opportunity to do what all ISB members aspire to, serve well on a great team with a great mission. If my term as DC chair is any indicator, then the incoming ISB officers are about to have a most rewarding service experience. If you have considered serving on the ISB, I can without reservation recommend it to those who have the time and energy required.

I wish to thank Cathy Jones for her unrelenting support and wisdom, she remains a light house and example of service dedication for all members. Gaetan Charland deserves prodigious thanks for his balanced and manifold services, his gentle but steady hand on UAI's rudder throughout the birth and infancy of the organization. The UAI went through many rough waters in its first four years, yet it sails onto greater expanses everyday, carrying these profound truths about our purpose and place in the universe. Over the next thousand years dissemination will continuously be redefined as needs and circumstances demand. It will require unceasing teamwork. No group has attempted what UAI and the Foundation have set out to do: Distribute an inviolate, celestially indited, epochal book revelation to a whole planet.

There is much more on Dissemination Committee activities on [UAI's Project Page](#). And there is always need for help, join us if you haven't already. Dissemination of the teachings is the most important, effective and rewarding work there is when it resonates with universe purpose.

Father guide us, *Rick Warren* □

# Urantia Retreat in Bariloche (Argentina)

March 12-15, 2007

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**O**N MARCH 12, 2007, A GROUP OF URANTIA book readers from Hawaii, Chile, and Argentina gathered on the beautiful shore of Lake Nahuel Huapi at the Hosteria del Lago in San Carlos de Bariloche to have a Urantia Book readers retreat. Part of the retreat involved preparing and presenting an introductory meeting for the public interested in learning more about the book. Attending the retreat were a group of long time readers who acted as the leaders:

Carlos Rubinsky of Buenos Aires, Marian and Matthew Hughes of Hawaii, and Dr. Victor Villuendas and Dr. Martha Villuendas of Bariloche. These older readers were ably supported by Ximena Campbell and Alessandro Guanieri of Puerto Varas, Chile and Federico Folchi also of Buenos Aires.

The first day of the retreat was spent studying the Urantia papers. The talk was focused on the nature of leadership and teaching, and how it related to the task of disseminating *The Urantia Book*. Because of the small number of attendees, discussion threads could be maintained through delicious meals during



breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Using the ideas shared in the first few days, the group worked together to set a strategy for presenting the book to people curious about the book from the Bariloche community. Prior to the retreat, through many emails, Marian and Federico were able to make preliminary plans. Thanks to Federico's organizational skills an excellent meeting room was secured at the Hosteria. The room was large, comfortable and included refreshments.

**VICTOR AND MARTHA >>** were instrumental in getting the word out and the public meeting gathered together 25 interested participants. Carlos Rubinsky led the meeting that was conducted primarily in Spanish. As frequently happens, a lively discussion ensued concerning re-incarnation, the practicality of a "history" book, and the mystery of the book's origin among other questions posed by the assembly of introducees. Alessandro and Ximena contributed their experiences as new readers to help people at the meeting understand the impact the book had on their lives. As a result, Carlos sold all the books that he had brought with him on the 19 hour bus ride from Buenos Aires. After over two hours of stimulating give and take, the meeting was formally ended but some of the group lingered for

another ½ hour and then eventually strolled across the street to a local eatery at midnight to discuss the highlights of the meeting. Everyone shared what they thought went well in the meeting and what could be improved for future gatherings of this nature.

The following morning a Remembrance Supper was held with the core group of conference



leaders. For some, it was their first time to experience this intimate communion with the Master. Carlos and Federico then embarked for another long, marathon bus ride to Buenos Aires, and Matt, Marian, Alessandro and Ximena spent a few extra days enjoying the Patagonia Andes and discussing plans to hold a similar gathering open to the public in Puerto Varas, Chile.

The retreat was a wonderful learning experience and it was great to see the Argentinian-Chilean Urantia connection being strengthened. □

# Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS)

## April 2007 Semester Schedule of Courses

**R**egistration begins on Monday,  
March 26 on the UBIS website  
[www.urantiabookschool.org](http://www.urantiabookschool.org)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Registration period is 2 weeks, from **March 26 to April 8**. Courses begin on **Monday, April 9**. To register, on Monday, March 26 or after, go to the UBIS website, [www.urantiabookschool.org](http://www.urantiabookschool.org), click on Course Offerings, select a course and click on the [Apply] button, and fill in the information on the Application. A registration "confirmation notice" will be sent to you containing the additional information needed for student participation.

We are pleased to announce the following four courses for the April Semester:

### THE ADAMIC DISPENSATION

PAPERS: 51, 73, 74, 75, 76

Teacher/Facilitator: Pam Maunakea

This course will explore the origin and nature of Adam and Eve, their mission of upstepping evolutionary civilization, their default, and their eventual contribution to the betterment of our world.

### THE SOJOURNS OF JESUS: PREPARING FOR SERVICE

PAPERS: 130, 132, 133, 134

Teacher/Facilitator: Polly Friedman

This study takes us through the travels, discourses and personal encounters of Jesus, his preparation for public service and what we can learn for our own life's journey.

### STRIVING FOR THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

PAPERS: 1,2,3,5

Teacher/Facilitator: Phil Taylor

The Universal Father has put forth the supreme mandate "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect." He has given us the divine goal of knowing Him and striving to be like him. This course will study the nature and attributes of God and seek to understand how the creature by striving for the perfection of God comes to know God.

### TRUE RELIGION: A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

PAPERS 100, 101, 102, 103

Teacher/Facilitator: Guy Perron

This course covers many aspects of religion, such as spiritual growth, religious living, the acme of religious living, living faith, the certitude of the divine, the essence of religion and many more.

We hope you will join us in study and fellowship!

In friendship,  
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## Poem #2

I am watching you, hopeful  
Plunged into wishes  
In my will,  
Resting in a desert of ideas  
That bother your mind,  
Illusions of your ego  
That think for you.

I am waiting there,  
Time does not matter,  
Place does not matter,  
My wait is the cause of your vanity,  
A consequence of your unconsciousness,  
An effect of my will,  
Perfect like my being  
That is reluctant to leave you.

I am waiting in the dark or in the lighted nights,  
I wish you excited  
Going through your dreams, dazzled sometimes  
Through outlines of perfection  
That get you closer to me.

I am waiting for you,  
Even when in your days  
You sacrifice yourself in the imperfect materialism  
Of the ambiguous world  
That imposes its unreality  
And camouflages you in the non-existence.

In the meantime, I am waiting for you.



—Giselle Ramos

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