



Tidings

from Associations around Urantia

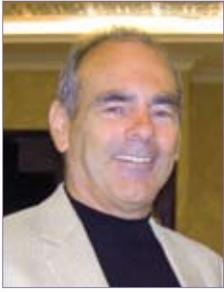
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Photo Live totally no matter how humble your beginnings



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President's message

Dear Friends of UAI,

AS SOME OF US IN THE Northern Hemisphere are moving away from the Summer days, we slowly go back inside to the comfort of our home and for many to the welcoming human warmth and spiritual fulfillment of study groups. I do not know about you, but living where cold weather is prevalent most of the year, the Summer days are mostly reserved for outdoor activities and study groups are replaced by conferences, travel and vacations.

In the world of UAI, Summer and Winter are always present, depending on where you happen to live, so study groups and conferences should be happening quite regularly. As the present year is slowly passing away, I am already planning my trips for the next year to visit readers and members of UAI in Latin America. In fact I am planning to travel to Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico. I do not know the exact dates yet but I will let you know in the coming months. There might be other members of the International Service Board who could accompany me on part of this trip and this would be a welcoming initiative on their part.

Many people, when meeting with me during my many travels abroad or at home, are often asking about the traveling expenses of my trips, or the ones made by other ISB members. This is a way for us to give back to the Revelation what it has given us spiritually. There might have been one very rare case when one of us needed some funds to attend a conference and other ISB members would help pay the extra expenses.

My visit to Latin America is long overdue and is becoming necessary as we are preparing for the UAI Leadership Seminar to be held in 2011 in Chicago. This upcoming Seminar is of utmost importance in the progress of our International Association and my trip to these countries will allow me to meet leaders and members in every association and plan for their attendance. This will give me the opportunity to answer most of their questions, if not all. More details of this Seminar will be forthcoming as our plans develop.



As some of you might have noticed in the last edition of *Tidings*, we are in need of a volunteer as editor. UAI will furnish a portable computer and the necessary software to make this job easier than you might think. As editor, you would be mostly responsible to gather articles, screen and edit them, when necessary, and send them to the translators so they can be published in three other languages. Vern Verass, the Communication Chair of UAI and Rick Lyon, our Executive Administrator, would help you out in this rewarding task of connecting with readers from around the world. Please contact Rick: rlicklyon@tctc.com or Vern: vern@designd.com.au at these addresses for any questions concerning this open position.

We are also looking to provide in *Tidings* the history of growing successful associations so every leader can learn from the experiences of others. We would devote in each edition of *Tidings* a section totally dedicated to one association, their history and their projects. If any of you have a story to share concerning personal or association projects related to the dissemination of *The Urantia Book* and its teaching, or stories about your study group, please send them in to Rick Lyon at rlicklyon@tctc.com.

Since the last edition of *Tidings*, a few things have happened in UAI at the International Service Board and Representative Council level. The 2010 budget was approved by the ISB for ratification and is now in the process of being sent to the RC for ratification. Like every year, the money required to fill the needs of our mission far exceed the generosity of our many benefactors, but rest assured, we will not spend money we do not have. If you go on the UAI web site: <http://urantia-uai.org/>, you can have a look at our 2008 annual report and see for yourself what we are doing with the funds you contribute and where it is coming from.

The ISB has also worked on, and approved, a privacy policy for the gathering of personal data. UAI will meet the requirements of every country for the sharing and gathering of personal information required by our database so we can communicate with our membership, when needed.

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Around Urantia

Tidings is a bi-monthly publication of Urantia Association International, whose mission is to foster study of *The Urantia Book* and to disseminate its teachings.

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The RC has also ratified a resolution to provide limited funds to the project of presenting the *The Urantia Book* at the World Parliament to be held in Melbourne, Australia in December. The Association ANZURA from Australia is responsible for this very important project of dissemination. It was very interesting to follow the many discussions that took place while this resolution was being discussed on the Representative Council list and membership level on the UAI list. While some objected to this project, debating that we are not a religion, others made a strong case that we, as religionist, are offered a rare opportunity to share the teachings of *The Urantia Book* with leaders of many organized religions.

I hope you enjoy this present edition of *Tidings* and by reading its articles you get motivated to participate in this extraordinary adventure to bring light to this world.

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Urantia Book Conference in Colombia

BOGOTA — AUG 15 – 17, 2009



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EVERY TWO YEARS, THERE IS A national conference of Urantia Book Readers in Colombia. Our country has a National Association “URANCOL” composed by four local associations in Bogotá, Medellín, Eje Cafetero, and Barranquilla; there are also several study groups in different cities in which we are planning to open new local associations.

This year, we celebrated the Fifth National Colombian Urantia book conference which took place in Bogotá, on August 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2009. The slogan of the Congress was “Urantia, a practice of life”.

The first lecture “Urantia, Happiness and Spiritual Peace” was dedicated to the concept of happiness, and teaching a people to be always happy. The level of the lectures was high and there were important topics such as: “How to practice the teachings of Urantia book, “Human survival,” “Urantia and Health”, “Urantia in Family,” etc. All lectures taught people how to live their lives, practicing the teachings of *The Urantia book*.

Seventy people from different cities from Colombia participated in the conference and all lectures were broadcasted by Internet.

The first evening of the conference, we celebrated Jesus Christ’s birthday; there was a mass with candles, a supper, music and everybody sang songs through karaoke.

The second day in the afternoon, there was a forum with questions and answers and



The new board members of the Colombian Association



Conference participants at the front of the villa

a workshop with topics discussed by groups about the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

Colombia’s National Urantia Association has open elections every two years. Elections are always held in the month of August. At this time we elect the members for the board of directors at both the local as well as the national levels.

On the second day of our Fifth National Urantia Conference we had a national assembly. The Presidents for each local association presented a summary of the work that had been done throughout the previous two years. These presentations were truly inspiring and very motivating.

We also had a presentation about the UAI as well as about the Urantia Foundation, their purpose, their leaders, with many photographs.

On the second day, a new board of Directors for Urantia National Association of Colombia was elected, for the period August 2009 to August 2011. The following members were appointed: Tamila Ragimova—president, Carolina Niño—vice-president, Carlos Zapata, secretary, Prudencia Fonseca—treasurer.

On the third day, there was a tour around the city of Bogotá by bus “chiva,” and many of attendants of the conference danced inside the “chiva” through the whole trip by Bogotá and had a lot of fun.

The Conference was held in a love and friendship atmosphere among Colombian Urantians, we do not have any trouble.

We hope many of you can come done and join us for future conferences.

In our website, there are pictures of the five conference from 2001 on, and a video of the 2009–V Conference. The web page can be consulted in English and Spanish.

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Conference attendees in the main auditorium



Harmony dance



Ready for an outing in the coloured bus



Worship group



ANZURA Annual Urantia Book Readers' Conference

HAPPY ARE THE PEACEMAKERS Religion – the Property of the Human Race

SYDNEY — SEPT 25 – 28, 2009



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Graeme Chapman, Robert and Karlieneth Coenraads



Conference attendees together under one banner.



Rita Schaad leading Sunday worship



Robyn Hromek presenting the *Social Repercussion of Religion*



Merindi Belarski leading panel discussion on questions about Religion

THIS YEAR'S ANZURA CONFERENCE was held at the Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park on the shores of the beautiful Narrabeen Lagoon on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. The members of the Sydney Study Group hosted the conference and readers came from Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart, Newcastle and the Central Coast.

When the study group members met to plan the program for the conference there was a preliminary discussion on the upcoming Parliament of the World's Religions that is being held in Melbourne in December. As many of us are involved in the Parliament and plan to attend, it only seemed fitting that the conference program be designed to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the interaction with other religionists. As a consequence the conference theme evolved from our many discussions about religion and the human race.

Naturally enough, with a topic that related to so many facets of our personal spiritual journeys as well as the social evolution of religion, the members of the Sydney study group became very inspired with many ideas for the program. We decided to allocate short presentation time slots to allow members to present the diversity of their ideas and viewpoints. We weren't disappointed with this approach. Not only did it give the presenters a unique opportunity to delve into an in depth study of their topic and to exercise their presentation abilities, it also kept the conference attendees engaged and interested and left them with loads to discuss and ponder.

We ended up with the following presentation themes and presenters: *Defining Religion in The Urantia Book* – Daniel Swadling, *The Blue Print of Happiness* – Bernie Belarski, *Getting to Know God* – Julian Martin, *Social Repercussions of Religion* – Robyn Hromek, *Religion – the Property of the Human Race* – Trevor Swadling,

Spiritual Unity and Cultural Diversity – Robert Coenraads. In addition Nigel Nunn and William Wentworth gave a joint presentation titled *Peacemakers and Pioneers* which was designed to be a practice run of the workshop they intend to give at the Parliament in December.

As well as the presentations there were break out study groups where we all read Paper 101, *The Real Nature of Religion*; a panel discussion based around a list of questions set out by the facilitator Merindi Belarski; a Sunday morning worship session beautifully orchestrated by Rita Schaad; a stroll along Little Narrabeen beach and a hike up to the headland where the ocean views were breathtaking and invigorating and the conversations were choc-a-bloc with meaning and value; fun times in the evenings with music and some creative games designed by Robyn Hromek; an hilarious fundraising auction conducted by Julian Martin; and closing discussions on outreach opportunities and general wrap up of the weekend's activities.

Then of course we can never hold a conference without making time for ANZURA's AGM. The usual business matters were discussed and elections for Vice President and Treasurer were held. Robert Coenraads and Trevor Swadling were re-elected to these positions respectively. William Wentworth continues as President and Rita Schaad as Secretary. Marion Steward replaced Neville Twist as the New Zealand Representative. Julian McGarry from Hobart offered to host next year's conference in Tasmania. This offer was greeted with much enthusiasm; it will be the first time an ANZURA conference is held in Tasmania. We wish Julian all the best with this new venture and will give him and his Tassie team as much support as they'll need. Stay tuned for further details on the 2010 ANZURA conference in Tasmania.

Love, Kathleen ☐

OUR HISTORY

The Vista Study Group



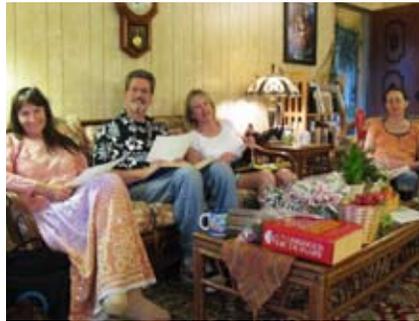
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THE FIRST TIME I EVER MET ANOTHER UB reader was the time I went to a study group in Pacific Beach in the fall of 1990. I had previously decided to start a study group in my home and I wanted to find out how to do it. They gave me the names of several readers in my locale who might be interested in joining me. That evening I wept, because I was so touched to be in the presence of other readers, after so many years of reading alone. It was a profound experience to be with other people who were readers of the greatest book I had ever read.

I made a plan to start a study group the first week in January, 1991. I determined that no matter what transpired, I would be ready for guests Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. I would have flowers and refreshments and make everything nice. I decided we would read the book sequentially from the beginning. I invited the guests. The guests came and we started. People were agreeable to meet every week.

The next Wednesday, however, was the day of the beginning of the first Gulf War and no one came to study group. Nevertheless, I was ready with cookies and tea. I made a commitment from the start that I would be ready for guests, even if no one came. I came to terms in my mind that if no one would come to study group, at least I would be there, and if this were the case, I would make this my special study time.

With the exception of meeting number two when no one came, the Vista Study Group has been meeting weekly for the past 18 years. The first reading of the entire book took us about four and a half years. Our goal in those early years was to read one paper a week. Nowadays we're more interested in quality of study, than quantity of pages. Most of our participants are seasoned readers and our focus is on the UB and not other material.



Urantia Book study in a relaxed setting

Several traditions have evolved from study group work. We devised a topical study program, not only to study a particular topic relative to the book, but also to meet and study with readers in other study groups in the area. We would meet on the third Sunday of the month for a potluck supper and topical discussion. We would alternate hosting topical discussions with the study group in Pacific Beach and with the one in Poway. Topical discussion work has been integrated into our local association (SURF) as well and is part of our program when we gather for a business meeting. We've shared many wonderful topicals.

Another tradition is to celebrate Jesus' birthday together. We invite readers from our area to share food and fellowship, combined with a topical discussion for the occasion. By the way, topics are selected by the person who wants to investigate the topic. And we've had some good ones! They are always so interesting and interestingly presented. On Halloween one year each person came in costume as a character from *The Urantia Book*, and the game of the evening was to try to figure out the character or being. We've shared many remembrance suppers on Jesus' birthday, though not every year.

In recent times the Vista Study Group decided to meet from week to week in a different home, depending upon which one of us could host the upcoming week. So we meet either at my home, or Larry's, or Karen's, or Steve and Mary Jo's, or John and Jane's, or Mario's, or Toby and Phyllis' and there are other attendees as well. The first 20 to 30 minutes of an evening are spent socializing and catching up with each other, since we met the previous week.

Quite naturally we've become very fond of each other. We've all become friends, in spite of the diversity of our lives and our interests. Speaking for myself, study group is the highlight of my week, and I cannot imagine a time of giving up the habit.

Meredith Van Woert, SURF □

NEW STUDY GROUPS IN FLORIDA

Pinellas Park

Mike and Torry Bain have offered their time for additional study in the Tampa/St Pete area. Mike and his dad, Dick have studied *The Urantia Book* for decades and hold it dear. They also enjoy working with other Urantia Book readers to organize events and create great study aids to share at local events and conferences.

Davie

Long time readers Sheryl and Kurt Cirra again open their home to readers in the 'mid south' on alternating Sundays. They are dedicated to exclusive in-depth study and offer a pleasant environment for fellowship.

West Palm Beach

In Lake Worth, Betty Lou and Kathy Reynolds hold weekly Sunday meetings. Topical study and refreshments round out the afternoons then they don their sneakers for a walk to the Intracoastal region. □

NEW MEMBERS OF ISB



CHRIS MOSELEY, newly appointed as head of Translations, is a professional freelance translator who formerly worked as a translator for the BBC World Service in England. Originally

from Sydney, Australia, where he became a reader of *The Urantia Book* in 1973, he has lived in Britain for most of the time since going to England as a student in 1974. He and his wife Tina have run the Urantia Foundation branch office in Britain since 1994. They live near Reading, Berkshire, and host a regular study group there. □



PHIL TAYLOR lives in Southern Vermont with his wife and two children. He has been a reader for 15 years. He is very active in community service as a local school board member and a founding member

of Eden Tree Fellowship which is a community organization that seeks to advance religious thought and understanding in an interfaith setting. Phil has been a teacher/facilitator at the UBIS, a General Council member of the Fellowship, a secretary for UAONE and an active participant and planner of local and national conferences. □



URANTIA ASSOCIATION
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UAI Service Report



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WHERE TO START? WITH SO MUCH going on in the Urantia movement and UAI it is difficult to decide what to write about first and even harder to write without sounding like a service report from your local mechanic.

First, let me welcome and introduce our newest members of the International Service Board of UAI. Phil Taylor joins us as our Conference Committee Chairman replacing Eddie King. Michael Maclsaac assumes our vacant position of Dissemination Committee Chairman. Jimmy Mitchell previously held this position. Sheila Keene-Lund was elected to the Education Committee Chairperson position replacing Carrie Prentice and Chris Mosely tackles the responsibilities of Translation Committee Chairman taking over for Peep Sober. Eddie, Carrie, and Peep reached the ends of their eligibility and Jimmy was unable to continue for personal reasons. We express our warmest appreciation to these leaders of UAI during our important transition years. We look forward to the energy and experience that Phil, Mike, Sheila, and Chris bring to the ISB. Their positive contributions are already producing results.

During the past couple of months, ANZURA requested funding for UAI participation this December in the Parliament of the World's Religions being held in Australia. ANZURA is the host association leading our participation. This is an important opportunity to get the teachings of *The Urantia Book* in front of leaders from all of the world's major religions. However, this event has already produced significant results in UAI. When ANZURA requested funds from the RC to support their efforts with this event, what followed was probably the most active member participation in any UAI decision yet. An RC member from the UAUS questioned the need for these funds and the wisdom of participating. This caused a discussion that involved all levels of UAI and our membership. I am happy to report that our participation was approved but I am even more pleased to tell you that the discussion, which involved

some well-thought-out opposing views, was always respectful and intelligent and included members that we rarely hear from. This is how our decision making process should work and this time it worked very well. Sometimes members try to bypass the group wisdom but these processes are important. The structure of UAI gives all members the opportunity to voice their opinions and to be actively involved in our decisions and activities. Contact Merindi Belarski, belarski@bigpond.com, if you would like information on helping with this event or want to attend.

Just to further show how things are changing in this world, many times we put out a call for volunteers and the silence is tangible. People are too busy with life. People lack confidence in their skills as teachers and leaders. However, our call for a new editor for *Tidings* inspired several members who are interested in serving students of *The Urantia Book* in this way. Vern Verass will be talking with those who stepped forward and it appears that we will be able to form a "Tidings Team" much like the team that produces the *UAI Journal*. If you have an interest in this opportunity or any other opportunity to serve, please contact me at the UAI office phone number or email at the end of this article.

During the August monthly meeting of the International Service Board, President Gaétan Charland discussed some issues that one of our associations is dealing with at the moment. Like all groups of people, UAI associations sometimes struggle with disagreements or miscommunications. Gaetan has been in touch with the leaders in this association offering our help with the problems that have come up there. Gaetan is planning to visit several of our associations in Mexico and South America within the next year. Gaetan is a leader who puts our mission ahead of his personal needs. He generously uses his own funds to travel to represent UAI, making several trips from Canada to Chicago each year and other places to meet with readers and leaders of this revelation. Your contributions to UAI will help us to provide travel assistance for Gaétan with this important mission. Even in this day of instant messages, email, and Skype, nothing is more productive than face to face meetings with our teachers and leaders. Gaétan recently was interviewed on Blogtalk Radio, an internet radio program hosted by Andre Traversa and Paula Thompson. To listen to the archived interview from October 16th, go to

www.blogtalkradio.com/cosmiccitizen. He did a wonderful job of representing UAI.

The ISB addressed an issue that came up about the new UAI brochure. Due to a typo, the copy gave a misleading impression about our origin. We revised the text to correct this error and you will find the new version of the brochure on the UAI website. A few people didn't like the cover photo of the brochure and after listening to the comments of our members, the picture was changed too. Obviously, the printed brochures cannot be changed but once they are used up, the revisions will appear in the next printing. So, should someone mention to you that there is an error in the brochure or that they don't like the photo, please tell them that these items have been addressed.

Travis Binion, Chairman of the ISB Charter and Bylaws Committee, with help of Secretary Susan Owen and EA Rick Lyon, has gathered the previous bylaws and resolutions from our early days as IUA. They are currently reviewing these to make sure that our past decisions and policies have been carried over to UAI where appropriate.

We adopted an email policy presented by Gary Rawlings, ISB membership Chairman. This policy applies only to the ISB but it is good advice for all of us. Emails should have a high level of respect, appreciation and cordiality. They should have a descriptive subject line and include only one specific topic per email. Effective communication is vital to accomplishing our goals. Gary is responsible for distributing membership applications received through our website to the local associations and making sure that the locals are following through with the application process.

The ISB assigned a team to review our membership application and referral processes. Because of the three level structure of UAI – local, national, and international – there is often confusion by applicants when they are contacted by the different levels of UAI. We are redesigning the membership applications and documenting the application process and the method for contacting reader referrals. The membership application will make it clear that a person joins their local UAI association first and by doing so they automatically become members of the national and international levels of the organization.

Reader referrals were being handled by the Membership Committee during the time our Dissemination Chair was vacant but now that Micheal Maclsaac has been elected to

that position, this responsibility has returned to the Dissemination Committee.

Vern Verass and his Communications Committee have several projects that they are working on. The largest is the designing of our new intranet and upgrading our website. I have seen the intranet that Scott Brooks, the UAI webmaster who is also a member of Vern's committee, is building and I am anxious to get it implemented. It will be a great tool for all of UAI to use. We have approved a policy for the use of our logo that conforms to the licensing agreement with Urantia Foundation. Let me remind you too of the *Style Guide* that this committee put together to maintain continuity and professionalism of our printed and published materials. This is another tool for all the associations to use when designing materials for your local events and publications. The *Style Guide* helps you create professional looking materials for your local needs. You may certainly design your own materials but take a look at the *Style Guide* (contact me to receive a copy) to get some ideas about appearance and structure the next time you are working on print materials.

Mark Kurtz, our Chief Financial Officer, has produced our budget for 2010 which is now in the hands of the Representative Council for approval. This year's budget is \$82,000. Our annual fund raising letter will be going out very soon to encourage contributions to help us fund a growing and active UAI. What we do at the international level goes to support and promote the activities of the local associations and the individual readers there. We are working to provide tools, services, and leadership that will help the local association do those things they want to do — create study groups, disseminate the teachings in your local communities, host local events, and other service related projects that benefit all people in your area.

I hope that you have all heard that UAI is hosting a leadership seminar in 2011. Phil Taylor is our Conference Committee Chairman and leads the planning for this event. The committee will be meeting in Chicago the weekend of November 6 and 7. We ask two things from our association leaders and members: share with us your needs for leadership training — what we can do to help you function more efficiently and effectively; and help us to bring the leaders of our associations from distant places to Chicago for this important event. It costs a lot of money to travel from Malawi, Zambia, Brazil, Australia, and Europe. We need your help to bring these leaders to Chicago in 2011. If your association can host some fund raising activity to help with this, it will go a long way to the worldwide dissemination of the Urantia teachings. These

leaders will come to Chicago and take back valuable skills for the dissemination of *The Urantia Book* worldwide. The Fifth Epochal Revelation is for all mankind and UAI is here to serve all mankind. Remember that your local association is part of a worldwide association of readers so what you do to help others in our organization helps the entire planet. Help us to cast our seeds far and wide!

Our Study Group Committee Chairman, James Woodward, has sent out a survey to collect information about study groups. Not all study groups are in our database yet so if you didn't receive the survey but would like to contribute your study group experience to this effort, please contact James at ubstudygroups@urantia-uai.org. James is participating in the Education Initiative of Urantia Foundation and as part of this project he is gathering information about study groups. Obviously, if you have a study group we would like to have your contact information for our database so that we can serve your group and, if you are open to new members, help you find them and help them to find you.

UAI is still a very young organization. Therefore, many of the tasks we deal with in the ISB are basic organizational tasks that all non-profit organizations need in today's world. These tasks transform us from a loose informal volunteer organization to a professional well-managed association of teachers and leaders that accomplishes goals and objectives and makes a real difference in the world. If you could sit in my chair for one day, you would see that we are making a difference. One of those tasks we have addressed is a privacy policy. The ISB has approved a privacy policy regarding the use of personal information maintained in our databases. This policy is awaiting RC approval.

The RC is your representative council. They represent the UAI members in all the decisions that face UAI as a whole. Members of the RC are the president and vice-president of your national association. Please refer to the UAI Charter and Bylaws to understand more about how we function as a membership organization. Your input is always welcome and encouraged in all decisions facing the RC and the ISB. As we saw with the decision about the Parliament of the World's Religions, your voice is heard and your input does contribute to the success of our mission. Should you wish to know more about any of the issues and activities shared here, please contact your local or national governing board members, any ISB member, or the UAI Central Office at 773-572-1180 in the USA or by email at uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org.

With love and friendship,
Rick Lyon ☐



Jesus Was a Working Man

Jesus was a working man,
he labored with his rustic tools all day.
He packed his lunch and stayed on the job
and put in long hours for his pay.

He walked to work early each morning,
he didn't drive a fancy pickup truck.
He might have hitched a ride on a camel
or an ass
if he had just a little bit of luck.

He didn't own a cellular phone,
and he wasn't on the Internet,
but he was the best communicator there
ever was,
and that's a pretty sure bet.

He could have been a priest or a
businessman,
or a wealthy Jerusalem tycoon,
but he chose to live the simple life
and he slept on the ground beneath the
moon.

He worked livestock on his uncle's farm,
he was a carpenter, and he could make
a tent.

He became skilled at the trades of men,
to buy the groceries and pay the rent.

He fished all day in an open boat,
out in the wind and the sun,
then he talked to the Father out under
the stars,
when his working day was done.

So if it seems sometimes that you can't
get ahead,
though you're trying as hard as you can.
Remember that life is just a day's work,
and Jesus was a working man.

BERT COBB
Idaho Urantia Association ☐

Announcements



UAI Forum Event Calendar

ABOUT 20% OF UAI FORUM visitors click on the Calendar looking for events, conferences, bookfairs, study sessions, and all kinds of UAI happenings, local, regional, national and international.

GLMUA listed its study gathering last month there. ANZURA at the Parliament is listed in December. Post your event if your Association wishes it to be widely known. It's free, easy and effective in reaching readers with Web access.

The Forum is receiving thousands of visits per month from everywhere. People with questions, readers and members from all over come by the Forum to view the Calendar and peruse 100's of topics. While there they can also browse the online study group, and any of 9000 prior postings.

Please post your event to the Calendar or send it to any one on the Forum's staff to post. Nigel Nunn is the administrator of the UAI Forum. His email is: Nigel.Nunn@ausport.gov.au. Also please let us know what happened as a result of posting your event, good and bad. And feel free to add links to the Forum Calendar in your Local and National newsletters.

UAI CALENDAR

UAI also has a Spanish Forum, **Foros De Estudio**, that can be found at www.librodeurantia.org/foro/. The Spanish Forum has 1271 registered members. □

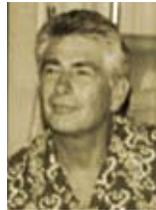
One-Page-A-Day online study group

GREETINGS TIDINGS READERS! You are heartily invited to join the One-Page-A-Day online study group at UAI Forum. The goal of OPAD is for participants to daily read, and if you wish, comment on that day's presentation. OPAD readers will discover what they and others discern in this densely packed revelation and thereby gradually build a comprehensive knowledge of it. This works especially well for readers who are isolated, not near a home Study Group.

To finish one read-thru will take several years. Read a page, and if you like, participate in the conversations. The study session is always open, so come and go as you please. All sincere students are welcome, and you need only read to be a part of it, posting is not a requirement. Auditing/observing is certainly encouraged.



IN MEMORIAM



Bert Cobb
Twin Falls, Idaho

HE KNEW, WITH 100% CONFIDENCE, that there were much greater things waiting for him on the other side, and his last days were spent resting quietly, if not entirely peacefully, in the house he built, ready and waiting to be carried away. He continued to reassure us that he was not ever in any significant pain. Though after watching his gradual decline, culminating in complete fatigue, fits of coughing and obvious discomfort, it was a relief when he did go, quietly in the night 12 September 2009.

Treb Day Cobb □

The online study group discussed the Foreword first, during July and August, page by page. Then began the daily presentations of Paper 1, on Aug 21, 2009. But it's never too late to join us! The Forum retains all posts for immediate review. This is an opportunity to slowly study the whole revelation, from first to last, from the comfort of your home, and while in constant contact with other readers, leaders and teachers around the planet, observing their interpretations in light of your own, digging deeper into this new, astonishing and formidable revelation.

UAI Forum has hundreds of topics and 9000 posts on a wide range of subjects, all related to the Papers. Guests can read without joining. Members can make comments to our international group of student/readers, ask questions, offer insights into the teachings, or start new topics related to study. This is an open invitation to new readers, long-time students—anyone who wants to better know *The Urantia Book*.

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Rick Warren □

Beloveds, One of my favorite things to say to a person is this.

*You are . . . a divinely created,
infinitely loved, spiritually indwelt,
evolutionary, free-will,
son [daughter] of God.*

The core expressed in the opening lines—the spiritually indwelt personality—is the greatest unalloyed beauty our eyes can behold. I have sometimes reflected how nice it is to have people in our lives that we don't know well enough to see any imperfection in them (love gets real when mercy ministry has a chance to get in gear).

Bert is a person that I knew medium well and still didn't see imperfection. To be sure, we are all inconceivably remote from the Paradise perfection to which we are called. Nevertheless, this is my experience with people who at the times I see them seem to be living in continuous communion with God.

Bert is a bright light indeed.

Jeff (Jeff Wattles) □

*From Urantia to Uversa it is
known that our friend,
Bert Cobb, has achieved his mortal end.
The bells that toll all chime his name,
His poetry and love are of lasting fame.
Gather round brave hearts and let it be told,
Cowboy eloquence and style
made our Bert pure gold.
Agondonters prepare to fortify your stance,
With Bert in your ranks "error" has no chance.
Glorious the day when next we all meet,
On Mansonia to celebrate
Urantia. Ahhh swweet!*

Congratulations Bert, with Love eternal.

Patti (Patricia Snider) □

*"Your short sojourn on Urantia on this
sphere of mortal infancy is only a single
link, the very first in a long chain that is
to stretch across universes and through
the eternal ages. It is not so much what
you learn in this life; it is the experience of
living this life that is important."* [435:06]

*"But much of your past life and its memories,
having neither spiritual meaning nor
morontia value, will perish with the material
brain; much of material experience will
pass away as onetime scaffolding which,
having bridged you over to the morontia
level, no longer serves a purpose in
the universe. But personality and the
relationships between personalities are
never scaffolding; mortal memory of
personality relationships has cosmic value
and will persist. On the mansion worlds
you will know and be known, and more,
you will remember, and be remembered
by, your onetime associates in the short
but intriguing life on Urantia."* [1235:04]

In loving memory of our brother and friend, Bert Cobb □