



Tidings

from Associations around Urantia

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A Note from the President

Dear Friends and Members of IUA,

IN OUR EFFORT TO ESTABLISH better communications between all levels of our organization, this electronic newsletter, created by Cathy Jones, the Executive Administrator of IUA, will do its best to accomplish this enormous task. We should recognize in her efforts the sincere desire of loving service and take notice of her exemplary dedication to the mission of IUA.

In the last few months there have been many newsworthy topics in the realm of IUA. I will take of few lines of this newsletter to talk to you about two of them.

The first one pertains to the Representative Council's Resolution #32 that was passed on 2 June 2005, by a majority vote. This Resolution, which was proposed by Benet Rutenburg, President of the Urantia Association of the United States (UAUS) concerns a request to the R. C., made by Fellowship Representative, Marvin Gawryn, proposing the possibility of a joint conference with IUA's International Conference in 2008.

Following the adoption of this proposal, it appears clear to me that any joint ventures with any outside organization that wants to promote unity in any way would have to start its initiative at the grass roots level. Unity is not something that can be pushed on the membership, it is something that has to be born from a sincere desire in the hearts of the members. This though does not exclude any negotiations between appointed committees between different organizations to bring about desirable initiatives to augment the effectiveness of the mission of the Fifth Epochal Revelation.

A letter in answer to Mr. Garwyn's proposal will be written that will reflect the nature of the voted resolution. It will be approved by the International Service Board and the Representative Council before being sent to Mr. Gawryn. I reproduce here the integral text of the adopted resolution for you to reflect on.



1. Partnerships and joint ventures with organizations outside of IUA must not compromise the integrity, morals, ethics, database or business of URANTIA Foundation or IUA.

2. IUA should be willing to consider all reasonable proposals which would enhance the delivery of services

to our members and accomplish the goals and objectives of our organization.

3. Embody the exercise of patience and the natural process of spiritual growth so as to resolve conflicts while achieving harmony within and without our organization.

4. Insulate and protect our members and resources from conflicts of interest whenever and wherever they may arise.

5. Encourage grass roots development as the best means of fostering organizational unity. We do well to respect that our organization works best from the ground up rather than the top down.

The second news that I want to share with you has to do with the status of the incorporation of IUA as an independent organization from UBA (Urantia Brotherhood Association).

In 1993 when the Trustees, as Board of Directors, replaced Urantia Brotherhood with Urantia Brotherhood Association, doing business as International Urantia Association, the legal title was registered with the State of Illinois only as UBA. As far as the State was concerned, IUA didn't (and still doesn't) exist. The original intent was, and is, for the fraternal group to be interdependent with Urantia Foundation, a relationship which is mutually beneficial to both of our dissemination missions.

In December 2004 the ratification of the IUA Bylaws called for the Board of Directors to pass from Urantia Foundation Trustees to the Board of Directors

of IUA (the International Service Board, Executive Committee).

In a resolution passed on the 27th of May 2005 by the Trustees, Board of Directors of UBA, it states that IUA cannot any more use the name of UBA (or IUA attached to UBA). From this resolution, IUA has to acquire its own incorporation as a tax-exempt organization. This is the natural process for change.

At this time the Executive Committee of ISB is doing everything possible to make the transition process as quickly and smoothly as possible. We will keep you

informed as this process progresses. We have had reassurance from the Foundation that our licensing agreements are being honoured, allowing our continued use of the name URANTIA and the azure blue Concentric Circles. IUA will move forward into the next 50 years with great strength and energy.

I hope you appreciate and enjoy this news media.

Gaétan Charland
President IUA

Note about Tidings

YOUR FELLOW IUA members around the world want to know what is happening in your association. For this reason we are starting *TIDINGS from Associations around Urantia*, a monthly newsletter. New and seasoned readers are encouraged to send material for publication on any of the following topics:

- How *The Urantia Book* Found ME
- Special projects such as Book Fairs, Library Placement, Outreach

TIDINGS

from Associations around Urantia

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

You may submit articles about *The Urantia Book*, news about your association, stories and photos to the editor: cthjon@aol.com. All articles are subject to revision.

Deadline: **By the 15th of every month**

Cathy Jones, Editor

Visit the IUA website: www.urantia-iaa.org

- New or established study groups – how you got started – what keeps you going?
- Your annual meeting, picnic or just getting together
- Send pictures

You will be receiving late breaking news about new associations or decisions from the Representative Council.

Please send your article **by the 15th of each month**. Send to cthjon@aol.com, with any questions about TIDINGS.

Cathy Jones
Editor, Tidings

COVER:

“Rainbow with Tree” oil painting © Morris Kaplowitz
□ For variety, we shall have a different image on the cover for every issue. Artists, illustrators and other creatives are encouraged to submit images for possible use on the cover. Send to admin@urantia-iaa.org.

Dublin, Ireland, 17th–20th March 2005

The Urantia Book makes its debut in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day

GARY RAWLINGS, COSTAS DIAMONTOPOULOS,
ROBERTO LARA AND GAVIN DORMAND

IT WAS A FREE WILL CHOICE of four diverse individuals from UK united in Spirit and pulling their own resources, which made a difference to the lives of forty-one Truth Seekers from Ireland. They too made in turn the free will choice to purchase *The Urantia Book* presented and offered to them. This offer was made by their, till that moment, unknown brethren from other shores manning the Urantia stand of the Dublin Mind Body and Spirit Festival.

The Irish Truth Seekers were steered by the visible testimony of metamorphosed lives, which exuded the aroma of unselfish service in fellowship and love. In a timing full of rich symbolism and by a Master Stroke the Seraphic Planetary Government of Urantia, succeeded in planting the first en masse seeds of the fifth Epochal Revelation Movement in Ireland. This event happened in a strong Roman Catholic domain of influence, on St Patrick's Day, the very same day that celebrated the arrival of the Fourth Epochal Revelation on the Irish shores of the distant past. The Midwayer records of Urantia may show the following background of the event. After the formation of Urantia Association of United Kingdom and Ireland in 2003 it was jointly decided that an experiment in an alternative method of spreading the Revelation would take place. The experiment required the following ingredients: Readers willing to make available for the task in hand necessary monetary resources, Readers willing to devote time and energy in planning and executing the experiment with consistency and determination not deterred by initial disappointments and sense of failure. Those human instruments were selected and the first experiment was executed in May 2004 in London in a Mind Body and Spirit Exhibition.

The Stand and the Books were sponsored accordingly, the human living energies required for the mission were provided and lo and behold 17 books were sold in five days. A small miracle in itself given that this almost equaled



Costas, Roberto, Gary and Gavin in Urantia booth in Dublin

the annual sales in the UK. Not disappointed from the first experiment the human instruments planned the second experiment in Manchester in November 2004 at a greater cost to themselves, as they had to sponsor additionally their travel and accommodation. Having learned from the first attempt and with a greater sense of purpose and unity they succeeded this time to sell 28 books in three days.

Not counting the monetary costs a sense of triumph and spiritual joy enhanced further their fellowship. The third experiment involved traveling in a different but neighboring English speaking country in 17th-20th March 2005. Considerable greater preparation was allowed this time, having learned from the previous two experiences, at even greater monetary cost and personal time allocation and in two cases even sacrificing birthday anniversaries away from home. This time the rewards in terms of spiritual joy and unselfish ministry were even greater as the solidified personality synergy's produced 41 sales in four days. Apart from the sales of the book, incalculable at this stage potential of the ripple effect via the contact, exposure to universal images and text excerpts, discussions and strategic alliances with various group leaders becoming now readers, is certain to have already been set to motion. The fourth experiment is in preparation and will take place in London as a repeat of

the first experiment at the last weekend of May this year. The existing nucleus of the dedicated human instruments invites other readers from all over the world to join them in their effort with any type of contribution they can make and encourages them to initiate the same experiments in their home grounds. The rewards are unbelievable and can only be achieved experientially by dedicated and project related team effort and the multi-personality interactions when presenting the Truth, Beauty and Goodness of The Book. No other experience is immersed with so much spiritual upliftment and mind spiritualization than the conscious dedication of spreading the Revelation in a framework of teamwork's loving ministry and in a progressive goal attainment manner. The time is ripe for actions. Take the opportunity, if you have not already started the Human Instruments of this presentation:

1) Gary Rawlings: President of Urantia Association of UK and Ireland. Reader of the Book since 2003. Gary is the leading and organising force behind this teamwork.

2) Costas Diamantopoulos: Vice President. Reader of the Book since 1998. Costas is the funds organiser and as a more experienced reader in the forefront of the book presentation.

3) Roberto Lara, Treasurer. Reader of the Book since 2003, Roberto is in charge of the Art Work that attracts many seekers to the stand. Roberto's native Spanish speaking abilities attract Spanish speakers in the stand and he is responsible for collecting and classifying the generated from the exhibition contact database.

4) Gavin Dormand, Member. Reader of the Book since 2000. Gavin is in charge of writing inspirational leaflets with excerpts from the Book to be handed out. His multimedia background is very useful for the attractive presentation of the leaflets.

This is what members of the team want to share about their experience in Ireland:

GARY:

Having planned the adventure into the unknown we felt like four of the disciples entering into a foreign land to which we found mortals there searching for the truth and having spoken to 218 mortals, 41 English versions of Urantia Books were sold along with Thought Gems, MP3 Editions and this represented a great team effort from concerned, and just as importantly we have these core base of readers that will stand us in good stead that I am sure for the seeding of the book on a larger scale

throughout that beautiful country, there are to many memories to include them all in my overview, one was in the restaurant at night when a gentleman paid for a book without seeing it having heard our conversations at the next table and the book was delivered to him by the next morning before he flew back to London, and then two of the books were sold with amazing ease to Roman Catholic Nuns and one of those account's will be given to you by Gavin.

Without my brothers this adventure could not have been made possible, and I look forward in having their company both at the Summer Meeting and the next Mind Body Spirit Festival that will be held in London. (*One of the most important lessons to be learned during your mortal career is teamwork.*) - (312:01)

In Loving Service - Gary- Garyurantia@aol.com

COSTAS:

The High Lights of this collective effort for me were the recognition of the drawing power of our stand by a number of individuals via the pictures, insignia and writings we had placed there. More than seven individuals with whom I came in contact and consequently bought the book confirmed that they were drawn to the stand by an inner force, one admitted his feet were magnetised standing there and he knew he would not be released till he buys the book, an other said with strong emotion that this feels at home and many other such remarkable incidents which for me revalidated once more the Power and Reality of our Revelation.

Another interesting experience was the "unearthing" of three lonely and isolated existing readers who did not know anyone else was out there reading the same book! The joy they felt to see us there, as kindred spirits, will always stay in my mind. Although the Book proclaims personal religion many may interpret it as encouraging the pursuit of individual growth with the book as a teacher alone.

However the joy of shared goal fellowship in doing the Father's business has a non-linear mind spiritualization potential often overlooked even amongst seasoned readers of the Book. Now at last we have found and proved a way to be true Light bearers of the Book's Teachings, whilst proclaiming the Good news and enjoy the journey all the way with other personality associations from here to Eternity. Urantia meetings are great in exalting the fellowship potential of the existing readers but loving ministry to our brethren who are not readers and are

offered the choice of reading the book by our actions of unselfish service has a completely different experiential potential.

Thank you Father for giving us this opportunity!
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ROBERTO:

During the six days, since we set off from London at 7am on 16th March until our return on Monday the 21st March at 23.00, I lived some gratifying experiences. It was a long trip from London to Dublin, but the logistics worked out very well for us, hours of planning and “double checks” finally paid off. That made remember the seven Ps (Proper Planning and Preparation Prevents Problematic Poor Performance). The three of us Gary, Gavin and myself were trying to get along as it had been months since our last adventure in Manchester, and we needed to brush and catch up on a couple of things so that we could reach that level of relative smoothness in the expected team work, which we finally achieved at the end of our mission.

Costas, has expressed quite rightly most of our general feelings, my personal experience could be summarised in the following quotations:

“Someday religionists will get together and actually effect cooperation on the basis of unity of ideals and purposes rather than attempting to do so on the basis of psychological opinions and theological beliefs. Goals rather than creeds should unify religionists.” 1091:6

Our goals and purposes were achieved and we actually lived out these experiences, we lived our personal religion, what an adventure! What a destiny! To be to Our Father’s service.

“Future religionists must live out their religion, dedicate themselves to the wholehearted service of the brotherhood of man. It is high time that man had a religious experience so personal and so sublime that it could be realised and expressed only by “feelings that lie too deep for words.” 1091:8. And... *Life is but a day’s work--do it well.* (556:13) *The act is ours; the consequences God’s.* 556:13

My special gratitude to my brothers Costas, Gavin, and Gary. I thank Gary for the dedication of extra hours to work out the details. We lived and experience and now

believe that the consequences are of God’s.

May Our Father always be with all of you.

Roberto Lara

GAVIN:

This being our first trip to a Mind Body Spirit exhibition in Ireland, a country with very strong Catholic traditions, we were interested to find out how strongly this religious backdrop would feature in our discussions with visitors to the stand. In this regard, I questioned the appropriateness of displaying a prominent picture of Jesus on the stand. I later came to realise that it was useful to have this picture of Jesus alongside Gary Tonge’s stunningly beautiful artistic depiction of the Grand Universe. This served as a vividly real illustration of the cosmic context into which *The Urantia Book* allows us to place the life and teachings of Jesus.



Costas and Gary

Several people I spoke to said that the Catholic church’s grip and influence on Irish society is waning rapidly, and our poster stating that “*The Urantia Book* does not advocate a new organised religion”, but that it “builds upon the religious heritages of past and present and fosters a living personal religion to faith and to service to one’s fellows” helped draw people to enquire further about the book.

My highlight of the four days came right at the very end, as we were about to start packing up. A Roman Catholic nun came to our stand and intently read the posters with descriptions of the four parts of *The Urantia Book*. She had a puzzled look on her face at this time, and this look remained as she asked Roberto, “But who wrote it?” and received his reply, “It was written by angels”. After opening a copy of the book and looking at it for a couple of minutes, she told us, “I took one look at this and thought, “This is true! This is true!” She eagerly bought a copy of the book and said she couldn’t wait to start reading it!

Other members of the IUA wishing to become part of this type of outreach program and would like to exchange information or wishing to contribute to our efforts in any form can contact us at the email addresses given above. Our next project is the Mind, Body and Spirit Festival in London May 26th-30th, 2005 and we are welcoming other readers or IUA members to join us in our stand No 49 and live the experience alongside with us. □

PIRT – A New Type of Prison Ministry

JOY BRANDT
Portland, Oregon

EVERY MONTH THE URANTIA Foundation receives approximately 40 letters from prisoners incarcerated in federal, state and local prisons across the United States. Most of the letters request free Urantia Books from the Foundation, while others are from inmates who already are reading the book and wish to communicate with fellow readers. The Foundation decided to outsource the work of responding to these letters to a subcommittee of the IUA's Dissemination Committee. Thus was born PIRT – the Prisoner Inquiry Response Team – a small group of IUA volunteers who answer this mail and see to it that Urantia Books get into the hands of prisoners requesting the book. Oregon Urantia Association members Jeanette Shafer and I currently volunteer with this project.

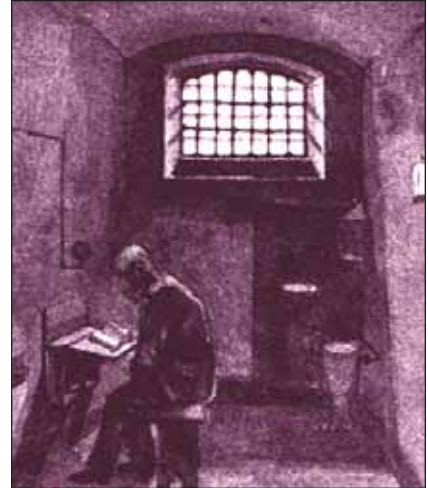
I've been privileged to volunteer with PIRT since its inception about four months ago. What a rewarding service opportunity! My soul dances when I read the letters from these prisoners who are so hungry for truth and spiritual growth!

Below are some excerpts from recent prisoner letters:

"This book is WOW!. . . I find it difficult to set this wonderful book down! I've started reading from the beginning of the "U" as soon as I got it but I have also taken the liberty to read a few selected areas that called out for me to examine them. What a book! I've read paper 53 on the Lucifer rebellion and it shed light on the "why" Satan is allowed to do the things he has done. Of course, I'll need to re-read this in order to grasp its full message, and to see what I've missed on the first reading. I'm pretty sure that every time I re-read any portion of this marvelous book I'll see something new."

—From a prisoner in Texas

"I'm a person interested in finding the truth in my life. I was looking in different ways but really I know everything is inside my heart. Now I'm an inmate and I think the best way to spend this time is in myself. Please give me this opportunity to learn and to prepare my heart and be with God through your book. I had the



opportunity to hold and read a little of *The Urantia Book* and really that is what I am looking for."

—From an inmate in Pennsylvania

"I would like very much to try to start a study group here, when I am more adept [with *The Urantia Book*]. I am also open to correspondence with others studying the book, if this can be arranged. I truly appreciate your time and the wonderful work that you continue to do. I pray that I may be of some service to the Foundation, to help perpetuate the beauty and wisdom of *The Urantia Book*."

—From Michigan.

"I have started my second reading and I'm at 'The Dawn of Civilization.' I'll have read it cover to cover again before I get out [of prison] in the end of March, and I find it so fascinating I'll start all over again. It is indeed the best book I have ever read! I do believe a book of this caliber can only be divinely inspired. I ask the Father to assist me in my understanding as I read. I don't expect miracles or some kind of religious experience but I do believe my spiritual growth is making progress. And yes, I do ask the Father for guidance and help in understanding in the hopes that my future will not be a repeat of my past, when I was a thinker of good thoughts but a doer of bad deeds. *The Urantia Book* is a fascinating book – an absolute page turner! I recommend it to everyone who asks me about it and say it's a must-read book."

—From California.

"This afternoon, *The Urantia Book* briefly passed through my hands, long enough to read the back cover/inside flaps, as well as the table of contents. I knew right away I had to have my own copy!"

—From Washington.

“I just received *The Urantia Book* and I thank you for having sent it out so quickly. I have already read the Foreword (17 pages! and definitely something not to be rushed!) and also the first paper, “The Universal Father.” I am really excited about this book and look forward to the second paper. I plan to try and read a paper every day, or every other day, which should take about a year.”

—From Arizona.

“This letter is concerning one of your books I came in contact with in the chapel library at my institution. *The Urantia Book* really caught my attention. I am very interested in the concepts that it teaches. I have been studying and searching for the universal truth. I think that the information I was reading in your book coincided with my beliefs.”

—From Florida.

“I received my book in November last year and I’m into my second reading of it. I’m almost half way through with it and I have to say, I’m totally blown away! I’ve been searching for the last twenty years for answers and never have I found anything I could stay with and believe as being the real or whole truth until now. If you can find me someone or a group to write to about all of this I would greatly appreciate it. I feel after all these years of searching I’ve finally found something that makes sense out of everything. I’m probably one out of a billion or so people fortunate enough to know the real truth. I feel most honored.”

—From Florida.

“I received my Urantia Book last week and it’s all I expected and some. I haven’t gotten much sleep in the last

few days because I haven’t been able to put it down. I have so many questions I don’t know where to begin.”

—From Louisiana.

“I am a prisoner. I bought a copy of *The Urantia Book* at a garage sale last year. However, before I got the first hundred pages read I was arrested and came here. Had I read this book I probably would have taken a different course. Please help me if you can. I am in desperate need of my Urantia Book!”

—From Ohio.

I've been searching for the last twenty years for answers and never have I found anything I could stay with and believe as being the real or whole truth until now.

“The Life and Teachings of Jesus was one of my favorite sections of papers because of the insight from prebirth to post-death. I enjoyed getting to know the teacher instead of just knowing about him.”

—From Wisconsin.

“I’ve been an inmate here for almost ten years. Two years ago I requested a

copy of *The Urantia Book*. Since that time I’ve discovered many answers to questions I’ve had in regards to history, spirituality, religion, worship, and my destiny, answers which this world’s Holy Bible does not have. The information that is contained in *The Urantia Book* has been immensely enlightening. I’ve found many hours of comfort from reading it. Thank you so much for such a gift!”

—From Texas.

While all the books prisoners receive are donated by the Urantia Foundation, currently PIRT requests inmates to cover the \$7 postage cost. If a prisoner says that he is indigent, we have a donation fund to pay the postage for him. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please contact Joy at: joybrandt@comcast.net. □

Prison Placement Program

PRISON INQUIRY RESPONSE TEAM

The Prisoner Inquiry Response Team (PIRT) was recently formed and is engaged in an IUA project with the goal of placing *The Urantia Book* in the hands of individuals who find themselves incarcerated. Inmates from around the world send requests for books to Urantia Foundation, which then forwards the requests to the IUA Dissemination Committee. PIRT volunteer members, in turn, answer the inmates’ letters and provide informational brochures to the inmates along with an explanation of the Prison Placement Program.

Although a free book is offered for those who cannot afford one, there is a required \$7.00 shipping fee. However, the shipping fee may also be waived in cases where the inmate is indigent.

Book donations from Urantia Foundation consist of soft-cover books that have been returned by booksellers for one reason or another. Correctional facilities generally will not accept hardcover books or books that are not shipped by the publisher. Although these books may have slight defects, the inmates cherish them greatly, at

least according to the many letters of thanks received by the PIRTeam.

We are pleased to announce that this program is now operating in English and Spanish, placing scores of books in inmates' hands every year in both languages. *The Urantia Book* offers inmates the light of truth during a dark time in their lives, a saving path to personal reform for the inmate and an ultimate benefit to society in

general. Word is slowly spreading throughout the prison systems and it is hoped that the Prison Placement Project will be expanded as it continues to bear more and more fruit.

Our sincere thanks go to the national and local associations who have donated money to the Foundation's Prison Placement Program, which makes this project possible.

How *The Urantia Book* Found Me

SHIRLEY PELLAND

Southwest Urantia Readers Family



WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, about 4, I overheard my mother complaining about what a terrible job the neighbor next door did painting some furniture of ours. It was a startling revelation to me to realize that being grown up did not mean you would know everything and will be able to do everything right. It was a wake up call that sent me outside to take a closer look at the world around me. I looked at the grapefruit tree in the front yard and wasn't sure if a man who couldn't paint furniture right could make a tree. I looked around at the other houses in the neighborhood and decided that they were a lot like furniture and a man who knew what he was doing could probably make them. I looked at the lawns in front of the houses and thought maybe a man could do that. Then I looked up at the cloudy blue sky and said "NO WAY!" I marched into the house and asked my mother who made things like the sky and the clouds. She said, "God did." I asked where he was. She said, "Up in the sky, he's invisible." I asked how I could find out more about him and she said, "Some people read the Bible and some people go to church." I couldn't read yet, so that would have to wait but I did ask if we could go to church. She took me the following Sunday, and sure enough, she didn't take me to the large interesting looking building with the dark colored windows but instead, around to the little room on the side full of other children. I told the teacher I wanted to find out about God and she told me we were going to learn about his son. I was a little

disappointed and decided I was just going to have to learn how to read.

But I got a break! We moved and I saw a church right around the corner from our new house. I had learned how to read enough to read the day and time of the service, 10AM Sunday. I had a plan. At ten minutes to ten I came out in a big hurry and announced to my mother that I was going to church. She said, "Wait, I'll go with you". I said, "No, there isn't time" and dashed off, I figured it was worth a try and I got away. Then I boldly went in the front door and slid quietly into the back row, hoping they wouldn't throw me back with the kids. They didn't and I got to stay. The man who came out looked tired and weary and not much like God, so I figured he wasn't. But what really surprised me was that all he wanted to talk about was God's son. I decided to take things in proper order and checked into Sunday school. I had a hard time with things like "God made the world in seven days," and I said so. Camp was fun but I asked my mother to buy me a Bible and she did. I could read it well enough but starting from the beginning was not very interesting, begat, begat, begat. After about my third attempt I walked out and looked up at that cloudy blue sky and said, "It isn't moving that fast, it can't be that hard to explain, there must be a book out there somewhere that tells it like it is."

I looked hard and read a lot of books and even when it did find me I had my doubts. But I came around and I still thank God for answered prayers.

Thank you God, (and Jesus). □

It isn't moving that fast, it can't be that hard to explain, there must be a book out there somewhere that tells it like it is.

Meeting of Urantia Book readers in Spain

OLGA LÓPEZ

President, Asociación Urantia de España

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of Urantia Book readers was held between April 29 and May 2, 2005 in the Sagrados Corazones Residence, next to the monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, near the city of Madrid. Altogether we had 33 people attending from Madrid, Barcelona, Gerona, Tarragona, Seville, Malaga, Valencia, Burgos and Biscay.

There were very intensive days, with an excellent atmosphere and a very good level in the discussion of topics, which were chosen by our readers from a poll that we conducted the previous year. These were the papers selected and the persons making the presentations:

- The Seven Superuniverses: Xavier Francisco (Tarragona)
- The Trinitized Sons of God: Maria José Sánchez (Malaga)
- The Seven Mansion Worlds: Rafael Mondéjar (Madrid)
- The Spheres of Light and Life: Víctor Izquierdo (Seville)
- The Evolution of Prayer: Javier García-Alcaide (Madrid)
- The Supreme Being: Antonio Moya (Seville)



Readers attending the presentation of "The Evolution of Prayer"

- After Pentecost: Mariano Pérez (Madrid)
- The Faith of Jesus: Santiago Rodríguez (Tarragona)

These presentations, with notes and comments have been published in the inaugural issue (May 2005) of "Luz y Vida" (Light and Life), bulletin of the Asociación Urantia de España. Go to:

<http://www.auesp.org/index.php?page=lyv>

For us, the directive board of the Association, the balance is highly positive. We see with joy that there is a very consolidated group of readers in Spain, very committed to the Revelation, and the quality of our meetings is increasing year after year.

[l'Association Urantia du Québec](#)

Québec elects new governing board



Edouard Bellerive, Johanne Séguin, Alain Cyr and Line St-Pierre

On Sunday May 29th, l'Association Urantia du Québec had its annual meeting and elections.

It is with great joy that I announce that Alain Cyr was elected as our new president and Johanne Séguin as our vice-president.

To love is to serve

—Line St-Pierre, Secrétaire AUQ

I would like to add that we thank Line very much for having accepted to serve an additional year as Secretary. Her precious presence will assure a smooth and delightful term.

—Alain Cyr, President, AUQ

Paignton, Devon, England, 13–15 March 2005

The Summer Meeting

GARY RAWLINGS
President, Urantia Association of UK and Ireland

ON A WONDERFUL SUMMER WEEKEND in Paignton, Devon, England, where Urantia Book readers came together from the United Kingdom & Ireland.

We had prepared a long time for this event which turned out to be the largest gathering for the traditional summer meeting for Urantia Book readers.

The previous summer meetings had an interesting flavour of brotherhood and socialisation with kindred spirits exalted by various thought provoking topics of discussion, however this year's meeting had a difference to offer to all of us that partook of the joys of sharing in the true spirit of the *The Urantia Book*.

The event was organised for the first time under the auspices of the association that came into existence after the previous summer meeting that was held on the Isle of Wight in 2003, that was inaugurated in October of that year, and in 2004 the meeting was waived in favour of the Chicago conference which was attended by the then small membership party from our association.

The organising members and officers of the Urantia Association proved to be great hosts, excellent organisers and provided together with the rest of the active members a great presentation of topics, whilst the chef of the Redcliffe hotel provided a series of unforgettable dinners, even the great British summer weather conspired to keep us together indoors, away from the temptation of Devon summer beaches, so we could enjoy the high quality, thought provoking and inspiring presentations.

Amongst ourselves this year, we were fortunate to have for the first time new members Eileen Appleyard from Ireland, Martin Pearse and his wife from Cambridge,



A study presentation

Hara Davis from Tottnes in Devon, Pato Banton who is a world renowned musician from Birmingham in the United Kingdom where both he and his wife made a great contribution to the meeting, and we were also honoured by Max Fairclough who is originally from Kansas City and a long time Urantia Book reader, now living in England.

In addition we had as a guest one of the three editing members of the Greek translation team coming all the way from Thessaloniki, Greece, Sani Kapragkou who enjoyed immensely the companionship of her Urantia brothers and sisters at this event.

The planned topics this year's meeting were presented in the renowned Dick Francis, (the famous detective author) a beautiful conference room blessed with large windows overlooking the sea that was made available by the Manager of the hotel, Mr. Twigger for the occasion in conjunction with Gary Rawlings who had selected the Redcliffe hotel and who once again has been the inspiring force for this special event.

The presentation started with Roberto Lara who once again showed his in-depth understanding of the book and

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its teachings that had his audience asking various searching questions on his overview on the Religion papers. This led us into the presentation of Costas Diamantopoulos who us gave us a deep insight of Spiritual Receptivity with his excellent Powerpoint presentation of Expansion Consciousness and Enhancement, an inspiring picture show, his approach was based on that Life and Light that starts at

grass roots levels from the individual and a symmetry in a Jesus-like personality is achievable based on the 12 spiritual like performances and examples that are given in *The Urantia Book*.

This was then followed by Chris Moseley who gave a very thought provoking insight on the Planetary Mortal Epochs from - paper 52, which entailed the reading of the book by various persons and then raising a number of exhilarating questions and debating his concise aspects of *The Urantia Book* with his audience.

Rowland Store then presented The Bestowals of Christ Michael from paper 120 and once again from his previous study group meetings held his audience captive with his delivery of various readings from that particular reading with assistance from the participating audience.

Ade Awoyinka concluded the presentations by giving an insight to The Spheres of Light and Life from paper 55, with a number of future alternatives and also receiving from the audience their thoughts on the next phase on this planet of ours Urantia with very interesting speculations on what may be coming next, with opinions that were divided from those who advocated that Light and Life can only come to our planet via an external spiritual intervention and others who believe this will happen via a slow and painstaking growth and spiritualisation of each individual.

At the end of the meeting Pato Banton formed a circle holding hands offering individual prayers and thanksgiving to the Father. We all left deeply united in spirit and purpose, invigorated by the Light of newly discovered Truths thanks to our Brothers and Sisters' exceptional efforts that also included special prayers for our very much loved Tommy Outerbridge who because he is wheel bound could not make the summer meeting. Tommy has a wonderful story to tell that incorporates excerpts from *The Urantia Book* and you can contact him direct and he will e-mail his life story to you, in the belief that for every person who reads it, will then give him strength to recover from his disability. He would love to hear from each and every one of you out there. thomas.outerbridge@btinternet.com

The final overview was presented by Roberto Lara that was followed by an interesting debate with numerous questions and answers from the audience.

The meeting was then concluded by Gary Rawlings who thanked everyone of them for attending the summer meeting and made them aware of the forthcoming events

Wolfing It Down

To sate a hunger
known only to humans experienced in
starvation,
the undernourished survivors
of one-belief-or-another
who,
by reason of a craving for
bread,
asked God to point the way to His bakery.
In that moment they
caught a whiff of warm bread
fresh from His oven
and
following this scent to the Bread-giver,
began wolfing it down.

—MEREDITH VAN WOERT
Southern California

both in 2005 and 2006 and also to remind them of their annual subscriptions for the association, to carry out the teachings of *The Urantia Book*, before wishing all bon voyage and a safe journey home.

This was another minor milestone from our small but enthusiastic team in the United Kingdom and Ireland on the Long and Widening Road to Light and Life, an Era for the Brotherhood of Man, achieved by a collective effort on this troubled and backward but yet amazing experimental world, the planet of the Cross. A planet blessed and protected by the Merciful Creator Son Michael of Nebadon, our very own Jesus of Nazareth, that is our door and pathway to our Heavenly Father!! Let us keep advancing one step at a time holding hands with an inner Peace beyond understanding, coupled with unselfish service and devotion secured in the knowledge of our Eternal Destiny.

We hope to see you all next summer, somewhere on the Green Hills of England or the mountains of Wales, the Highlands of Scotland or the Beaches of Ireland.

We will be there slowly but surely in ever growing numbers.

In loyal and loving service – IUA for the United Kingdom & Ireland. □

An Invitation from Colombia, South America

Third National Conference - Colombia

From Atom to Peace

August 12 - 15, 2005
San José, Colombia

THE ASSOCIATION URANTIA COLOMBIA and the Association Urantia Eje Cafetero have the pleasure of inviting you to the Third National Conference for Readers of The Urantia Book. It will be held in the city of San José, Province of Caldas - in the heart of the wonderful Colombian “Eje Cafetero” (Coffee-Land). The event will begin on Friday August 12th, 2005, and will finish on Monday August 15th. We will have 3 full days of study and social activities, and integration of readers. We shall offer a variety of activities for most tastes, among which are: Urantian cinema, social chats, Colombian music concerts, campfires, and study conferences centered in the main theme: Evolution.

MAIN THEME: THE EVOLUTION — FROM ATOM TO PEACE

- Evolution of matter.
- Evolution of the human mind.
- Evolution of society.
- Evolution of the soul and religion.

THE CONFERENCE LOCATION: San José - Province of Caldas

Dominant over the mountain, and scraping the sky, the young city of San José emerges from the earth. San José and its people have the privilege to enjoy the marvelous topography that characterizes the eastern province of Caldas. Many were the men who roamed through these lands, and who forged with their customs the strengths of the San Jose citizenry. It has been said, “When the sun goes down and hides in the west, its last glimpse is dedicated to this beautiful town”.



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San José offers an excellent panorama; there is marvelous sightseeing everywhere. You can enjoy this beautiful country no matter where you happen to be. Nevertheless, a special visit must be made to the stunning Valley of Risalralda in the east, and the superb view of the Snowy Peaks of Ruiz, Santa Isabel and Tolima volcanoes in the west.

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We look forward to have you with us!