

The Urantia Book Fellowship's
Summer Study Session

July 22 - July 25, 2010

God Consciousness @ Cosmic Morality: Living the Teachings

39.4.10 4. Quickeners of Morality. On the mansion worlds you begin to learn self-government for the benefit of all concerned. Your mind learns co-operation, learns how to plan with other and wiser beings. On the system headquarters the seraphic teachers will further quicken your appreciation of cosmic morality — of the interactions of liberty and loyalty.

110.3.10 4. Joyful acceptance of cosmic citizenship — honest recognition of your progressive obligations to the Supreme Being, awareness of the interdependence of evolutionary man and evolving Deity. This is the birth of cosmic morality and the dawning realization of universal duty.

117.4.8 The temporal relation of man to the Supreme is the foundation for cosmic morality, the universal sensitivity to, and acceptance of, duty. This is a morality which transcends the temporal sense of relative right and wrong; it is a morality directly predicated on the self-conscious creature's appreciation of experiential obligation to experiential Deity. Mortal man and all other finite creatures are created out of the living potential of energy, mind, and spirit existent in the Supreme. It is upon the Supreme that the Adjuster-mortal ascender draws for the creation of the immortal and divine character of a finaliter. It is out of the very reality of the Supreme that the Adjuster, with the consent of the human will, weaves the patterns of the eternal nature of an ascending son of God.

THE URANTIA BOOK
FELLOWSHIP
Cultivating The Spirit of Religion



Wednesday

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Spiritual Retreat - Four Faith Attitudes
Africa Chapel

Thursday

9:00 am - 8:30 pm Spiritual Retreat - Four Faith Attitudes
Africa Chapel

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Social - Room 219

Friday

7:45 am Morning Meditation - Africa Chapel

8:00 am Breakfast

8:45 am **Gathering for Spiritual Communion**

Doors will close promptly at 9:00 am

Prelude to Worship

Plenary: Microcosm to Macrocosm:

Moral Choice in Our Cosmos

Andre Radatus - Room 408

Cosmic Citizenship

Steve Dreier - Room 407

The information revealed in *The Urantia Book* provides new opportunities for meaningful living. In this workshop we will explore various concepts of cosmic citizenship through reflection on selected passages from *The Urantia Book*, along with some creative imagining and universe romancing. Among the questions we will consider are these: What does it mean to be a cosmic citizen? What are some of the principles of cosmic citizenship? How can a person begin the practice of cosmic citizenship while still living on Urantia?

The Role of Education in the Development of God-Consciousness and Cosmic Morality

UrantiaUniversity - Room 405

One of the fascinating revelations in *The Urantia Book* is that the universe is one vast and intricate training school for developing God-conscious cosmic citizens. The methodology favored by Deity seems to be Continuous Divine Education + Wise and Loving Service = Universal Progress. Education plays a large role in personal spiritual growth in terms of stimulating the growth of values and progress in meanings and realizing their cosmic inter-relatedness.

If we were to adopt the educational methodology of the grand universe to the best of our abilities and discernment, what would it look like? What would be its mission? How would it be organized? What would be its educational philosophy? What would you find in its curriculum? This workshop is an introduction to UrantiaUniversity, a newly formed global center of study and service, based on the truths in *The Urantia Book*, dedicated to training farseeing leaders and fostering spiritual community. Engage a panel of UrantiaUniversity founding members in discussing its dual mission of study and service. Learn more about how you can participate as a student, instructor or active community member.

Fostering the Progressive Growth of Human Society & Civilization: The Unceasing Campaign of the Master Seraphim

Neal Waldrop - Room 410

In section 6 of Paper 114, the Chief of Seraphim describes how the master seraphim promote the progressive growth and development of human society. Since each of the twelve corps of master seraphim focuses on specific aspects of human civilization, workshop participants will divide into small groups. The members of each group will then play the roles of a particular corps of master seraphim, doing their best to agree on appropriate goals and strategies for improving human life on our planet Urantia.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 pm **The Father’s Temple**

Dan Amyx - Room 408

Recap and feedback session - Room 408

2:30 Workshops

Leaving a Spiritual Footprint

Bill & Share Beasley - Room 407

URGENT! URGENT! Our Urantia sojourn is short! Some of us tread heavy and some lightly but we all leave an impression. What is the desired impact of our Spiritual Footprint? How do we secure it? This workshop will focus on recognition of the factors and exponential effects in this foremost opportunity of eternity.

Citizenship...morality and responsibility... As our insight of this gift develops we begin to recognize our interdependence with the Supreme and our duties as potential Finaliters.

Soul: The Birth Place of Morality and Where The Gospel Grows

Tony Finstad - Room 409

Let’s explore the meaning of the word “soul” as it’s defined within *The Urantia Book*. What is the meaning of soul-consciousness and how does it differ from self-consciousness and God-consciousness? Recommended

reading is Paper 5: God's Relationship to the Individual. I'd like to direct some focus on morality and the living gospel. I have some selected readings for those who bring their books. We'll close with the second to the last paragraph of the book (196:3.31). What does this mean to you?

Achieving Supernal Goals

Angela Thurston - Room 410

The Urantia Book states, "Man's true destiny consists in the creation of new and spirit goals and then in responding to the cosmic allurements of such supernal goals of nonmaterial value."

Discussion:

- What is a supernal goal ?
- How to set and achieve such goals on Urantia
- Relation of supernal goals to cosmic morality
- Reconciling the material nature versus the Thought Adjuster's leading
- Bring in a spirit goal to work on

The Ascender's Emulation of Divine Goodness

David Glass - Room 405

We will explore the ways and means that mortals and then ascenders respond to the Thought Adjuster-induced "hunger and thirst for righteousness," as it begins with simple moral discrimination and grows exponentially through the Paradise ascension career to the achievement of divine perfection in response to the Father's supreme mandate to all creature beings: "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect." The workshop will include an initial address delivered by David to be followed by questions and answers and then a general discussion period.

5:15 pm Afternoon Meditation - Africa Chapel

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Social and Music - Rooms 219 and Centennial Room

Saturday

7:45 am Morning Meditation
Africa Chapel

8:00 am Breakfast

8:45 am **Gathering for Spiritual Communion**
Doors will close promptly at 9:00 AM
Childlike Gratitude

Recap and feedback session

Plenary: Call of Duty:

The Next Generation of Study Groups

Seth Wood - Room 408

10:30 am Workshops

First Among Equals: Challenges and Responsibilities Confronting U.S. Readers of *The Urantia Book*

Neal Waldrop - Room 410

Readers of *The Urantia Book* who live in the United States are probably no longer a majority of all readers, but in certain senses they deserve to be considered “first” (i.e., chronologically, numerically, and perhaps because they synthesize a range of overtones and implications). On the other hand, readers who live elsewhere are “equals” who are amply entitled to relate to the teachings from their own perspectives. Given these mindal and material realities, the speaker will explore the spiritual challenges.

How the Law of Attraction Can Contribute to the Evolution of the Supreme

John Lambo - Room 407

The basic premise of the Law of Attraction states: “that which I give

thought to and that which I believe or expect is.” The workshop will explore how we can purposefully use the Law of Attraction to contribute to the evolution of the Supreme. *The Urantia Book* tells us that every thought and deed promotes or limits the evolution of the Supreme, and that, “*There is however, a real and emerging providence in the finite realm of universe existence, a true and actualizing correlation of the energies of space, motions of time, thoughts of intellect, ideals of character, the desires of spiritual natures, and the purposeful volitional acts of evolving personalities.*” (118.10.3).

Guardian Angels

Katharina Becker & Charles Laurence Olivea - Room 409

Prerequisites: This seminar has required reading and study. All participants must read and study Paper 113, The Seraphic Guardians of Destiny, before the study conference in July, 2010. They will also need to bring their copies of *The Urantia Book* to the seminar for the purpose of referencing it during the conversation about Guardian Angels and Cosmic Morality.

Cosmic Morality and Cosmic Mind

Barbara Newsom - Room 409

This workshop will explore God-conscious decision-making in the lives of mortals who share the faith of Jesus. After a brief presentation and readings, we will work individually and in small groups to expand our understanding of how cosmic mind functions in human experience to enhance God-consciousness and cosmic morality in our decision-action process. All types of decisions will be considered from the major, life-changing to the mundane. We will explore how Jesus made decisions in doing our Father’s will in the triumph of love on Urantia.

Please bring your books and your own favorite references on these topics.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 pm **The Bestowals of Spirit** - Rabia Harris - Room 408

Recap and feedback session - Room 408

Self-mastery: Jesus' Unconventional Approach

Vicki Arkens - Room 410

Conventional wisdom tells us to take control, motivate, apply will power, and self-monitor. But, Jesus shows us a new and better way to alleviate the intense conflicts between our material and spiritual natures. We'll take a close look at his teachings in the effort to understand how this is accomplished. To conclude our study, my husband Bob will lead us in a few songs that deepen the meaning of a key concept.

An Inquiry into True Worship:

Bridging God Consciousness to Cosmic Morality

Bob Debold - Room 405

One of the spiritual disciplines articulated in *The Urantia Book* is that of worship integrated with service. The midwayers tell us that Jesus was "...wholly concerned with that inward and spiritual fellowship with God the Father which so certainly and directly manifests itself as outward and loving service for man." After a short presentation, attendees will engage in small group breakouts regarding the idea that true worship functions as a bridge between God-consciousness and cosmic morality.

Cosmic Morality - Why Bother?

Avi Dogim - Room 407

A Divine Counselor of Uversa tells us: "*When the mind believes God and the soul knows God, and when, with the fostering Adjuster, they all desire God, then is survival assured.*" (5.5.13). If that is the case, why then trouble ourselves with issues of morality - cosmic or otherwise?

We will examine the relationships among the will of God, evolutionary morality, cosmic morality, the soul, The Supreme and the religious life of Jesus. Advance reading related to all these topics is highly recommended. Books would be very useful at the session.

Cosmic Morality & Business

Dan Amyx - Room 409

What went wrong with the world's business model? Why aren't ethics and morality an intrinsic part of business behavior in the 21st century? Are profit and morality mutually exclusive?

In this workshop we will look at current business models and the reason for their failure (in *Urantia Book* terms), investigate the business models of Light and Life, and find a way to apply those higher methods in our present time and make a profit.

5:15 pm	Evening Meditation - Africa Chapel
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Social and Music Rooms 219 and Centennial Room
6:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting Room 409

Sunday

7:45 am	Morning Meditation Africa Chapel
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:45 am	Gathering for Spiritual Communion (Doors will close promptly at 10:00am)
10:00 am	Remembrance and Consecration David Zebedee Award Recap and feedback session Plenary: The Scent of an Unseen Flower Michelle Klimesh
	Closing - Room 408
2:00 pm	General Council Meeting - Room 409

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!