

URANTIA BOOK READERS' CONFERENCE CANBERRA, 4-7 OCTOBER 1991

FRIDAY EVENING, 4 OCTOBER

5.00pm- 8.00pm Welcome and Billetting
8.00pm-10.00pm Registration and Payment

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

8.00am- 9.00am Breakfast
9.00am- 9.30am Introduction: Statement of Theme
"What If ... ?"
9.30am-12.30pm Small Group Discussion
12.30pm- 1.30pm Lunch
1.30pm- 3.30pm Presentations by Small Groups
3.30pm- 5.00pm **Presentation:** *Vern Verass*
"Angels in the Affairs of Men"
6.30pm- 7.30pm Dinner
8.00pm-10.00pm AASUB Annual General Meeting

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

7.00am- 8.00am Early morning walk
8.00am- 9.00am Breakfast
9.00am-10.00am Songs and Music
10.00am-12.30pm Tour of "Floriade" Floral Exhibition
12.30pm- 1.30pm Lunch
1.30pm- 2.30pm **Presentation:** *Neil Francey*
"The Current Situation with 'Six-O-Six'"
2.30pm- 2.45pm Sitcom by Vern, Anne, Roy
2.45pm- 5.00pm HOT GOSSIP
Open forum on the place of unorthodox
beliefs in studying the Urantia Book
Reincarnation, the New Age; Astrology,
Elijah III, etc
6.30pm Restaurant Meal

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER

8.00am- 9.00am Breakfast
9.00am-10.00am **Presentation:** *Nigel Nunn*
"Evolving Our Next Model of the Mind"
10.00am-11.00am Final Discussion

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PROGRAM NOTES

Most of Saturday will be spent on an exercise wherein small groups discuss a topic and then present the results of their work to the entire conference.

We have chosen five topics which we think will provide thought-provoking discussion and ample opportunity to illustrate and highlight some of the more important and controversial teachings of the Urantia Book.

The topics have been selected deliberately because they are a little out of the ordinary. Questions such as these are not commonly raised at conferences, although private discussions of them often arouse intense interest.

We hope that the small groups will not be too serious about "reaching conclusions" or "solving the problem". The aim is to suggest imaginative ways of presenting some of the controversial aspects of the teachings of the Urantia Book and to stimulate further thought and discussion. This process is meant to be enjoyable, and to allow scope for humour where that is appropriate.

The five topics we have chosen are as follows:-

1. What if Australia adopted a progressive program of Eugenics over the next century?
2. What if Australian family life began to conform more to the ideals of family life portrayed in the Urantia Book?
3. What if a "real musician"(see p.500) appeared in Australia today?
4. What if an Avonal Son should appear in the flesh on Urantia today?
5. What if modern men and women confronted their fear of what the religion of Jesus "will do to them - and with them." (p.2083)

In making your presentations to the Conference after lunch, do not hesitate to do anything which you think may help to get your message across. You may like to talk, recite, sing, read aloud or interact with the audience.

PROGRAM NOTES (cont.)

In order to save time and to ensure that the groups contain a balance of new and old readers, male and female etc., we have selected the groups in advance, and request your cooperation in sticking to this arrangement.

The groups are as follows:-

GROUP 1. What if Australia adopted a progressive program of eugenics over the next century?

~~SUE WEBB~~

~~TORY KING~~

TOM REYNOLDS

ARI MAJURINEN

WILL WENTWORTH

DAVE BRADFORD

ROBERT WEBB

LEITH LUCKETT

TERRY

GROUP 2. What if Australian family life began to conform more to the ideals of family life portrayed in the Urantia Book?

BETTY GLASZIOU

KATHLEEN SWADLING

RITA SCHAAD AND DAUGHTERS

PAM STEWART

KEITH BACON

ALEX KING

GROUP 3. What if "a real musician" (see p.500) appeared in Australia today?

PAM REYNOLDS

SUSAN WENTWORTH

~~PETER WEBB~~

~~ROY STAPLETON~~

TREVOR SWADLING

TONY RUDD
NICHOLAS ARNOLD

GROUP 4. What if an Avonal Son should appear in the flesh on Urantia today?

ANNE MITCHELL

JANE KING

NEVILLE TWIST

PETER BENETTI

NIGEL NUNN

NEIL FRANCEY

KARL SARELIUS

GROUP 5. What if modern men and women confronted their fear of what the religion of Jesus "will do to them - and with them."

~~ROY STAPLETON~~

~~SUE BENNETTI~~

MICHAEL KING

KEN GLASZIOU

VERN VERASS

RAY FREDERICKSON
ZARA BORTHWICK

(see p.2083)

STEVE SHAWAHAN