

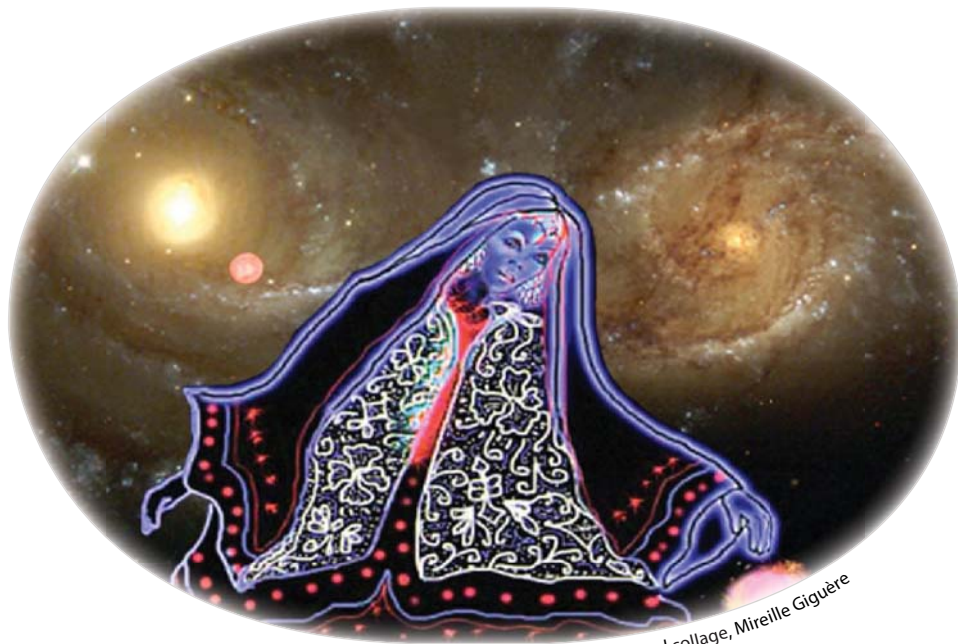


# Tidings

FROM ASSOCIATIONS AROUND URANTIA

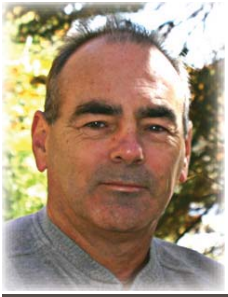
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## President's Message

Dear Friends of UAI,

**L**AST MONTH WAS the first edition of the UAI Journal for this year. If you did have the opportunity of reading it, you have certainly been inspired by the many articles contained within its pages. I hope that you took good notice of the last three articles written by Carolyn Prentice concerning a program helping us to become a more effective teacher of spiritual truths in our daily life. This program, if put in practice, contains every necessary ingredient to help each of us become a better disseminator of the teachings we hold so dear in our heart.

If you want to help in bringing light and inspiration to your fellow readers, you could take the opportunity to send them a copy of the UAI Journal every time it is published and while you are at it, why not send them a copy of Tidings. Every little action we make in sharing spiritual light contributes to the betterment of this world and fulfills the mission of *The Urantia Book*.

Sometimes we might be overawed by the immensity of the task that lies ahead of us; we might even become discouraged by all the efforts necessary to improve mankind and in the end just let go of every thing. This is why the International Service Board of UAI is so devoted to bring to this organization a strategic plan that will make every little effort count in the accomplishment of our mission to bring *The Urantia Book* and its teaching to the world. It is no easy task to coordinate the efforts of so many but like the saying goes, "The only way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time."



How can we be of help in accomplishing this important and vital mission to the world? We can start by becoming a participant in a study group, or better, host one ourselves. We could visit our local book store or library and make sure *The Urantia Book* is available. Every week or month we could publish in our local newspaper a little pearl from *The Urantia Book* like the ones in the Thought Gems. We could give a copy of the UAI Journal to some of our friends or drop a few copies in hospital or doctor's waiting room. We could become a member of our local association governing board or be part of a committee. The opportunities to serve are many; they await your participation.

In the month of February the Representative Council has been busy choosing three members from their rank to become members of the Election Committee. Their choices were made and they elected Alain Cyr from Canada, William Wentworth from Australia and Olga Lopez from Spain. This committee will soon be revising the nominations that were received to fill the positions of the International Service Board that are open for election this year. Once this process is done, they will send all nominations to every member of the Representative Council in time for the election which will be held in the last week of March.

A new item has been sent to the Representative Council for adoption. This new business has to do with the approval of the Charter and By-laws under UAI's new registration. A period of discussion of ten days has just been open and will be followed by a vote.

## TIDINGS

From Associations  
Around Urantia

Tidings is a 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 International Service Board of UAI is looking at the participation of UAI in a new endowment fund that will be created to finance Urantia Book related projects. This fund will be a joint participation from three organizations, the Urantia Foundation, the Fellowship and UAI. It was initiated by Gard Jameson, trustee of Urantia Foundation. More information about this subject will be made available once it is approved by the RC.

Enjoy your reading. ☐

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# Getting to know the Trustees: Georges Michelson-Dupont

## The Prodigal Son

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**T**O MY LOVING and lovable wife, Marlène, who was so patient and instrumental in influencing me to accept the teachings of *The Urantia Book*; to Jacques Weiss, who translated *The Urantia Book* into French and became my father's best friend; and to my father, Jacques Dupont, who gave me *The Urantia Book* – to these three persons I pay tribute, and for them, I say, "Thank you, Father".

In the late 1950s Jacques Weiss started translating *The Urantia Book* into French. In 1959, my father, Jacques Dupont, met Jacques Weiss at my father's favorite bookstore, "La Procure" in Paris. The owner of the bookstore knew that my father was a truth-seeker and spiritual explorer, and he introduced my father to Jacques Weiss (who was there -- apparently by chance), by saying to my father: "I know that you are looking for truth, and that you have never found it in any book that you have read. This man [Jacques Weiss] is translating a very intriguing book, and you should talk to him about it". Jacques Weiss showed my father the table of content of *The Urantia Book*. And within minutes my father was convinced of the importance of such a book, and he made arrangements to purchase a copy of the French translation of *The Urantia Book* when it was available.

In mid-1961 my father received a parcel, by registered mail, which contained a book, the French translation of Part I and Part II of *The Urantia Book*, which was eventually published in three volumes under the title *La Cosmogonie d'Urantia*. Immediately



Photo: Cathy Jones

Marlène and Georges

he started reading the book and trying to find inconsistencies and other mistakes, as he had found in other "spiritual" texts. He could find none. He called Jacques Weiss and subsequently met him at Jacques Weiss's office. It was the beginning of a long friendship between these two men. When my father received the two other volumes, the French translation of Part III and Part IV of *The Urantia Book*, he continued to critically and sceptically study the book, as he was a Cartesian, scientifically minded person.

After a few months, having found no contradictions, inconsistencies, or other errors in the book, he realized that he was in possession of a revelation. His thirst for truth was finally quenched. He used to spend 3 hours every day studying the book and writing comments, which he shared with Monsieur Weiss.

I was 15 years old in 1962, when my father introduced me to *The Urantia Book*. He gifted me the 3 volumes of *La Cosmogonie d'Urantia*. Much to his disappointment, I was not interested. I was interesting in spending my time with my friends, playing guitar and singing in the streets of Paris.

This was my first reaction to the fifth epochal revelation!

There were meetings and gatherings of Urantia Book readers at our house and at the Weiss's residence, gatherings at which I was sometimes present, and at which I exhibited a modicum of curiosity. The Dupont and the Weiss families grew closer, and Jacques's wife, Simone Weiss, became my dentist. In 1967, Jacques and Simone Weiss and my mother and father travelled to the United States and visited Doctor Sadler in Chicago.

In December of 1965, while attending the Sorbonne in Paris, I met Marlène Vieux, a beautiful, intelligent, and charming philosophy student, who would become my wife. Three years before I met her, she and her family fled from Algeria because of the civil war there. They moved to Fontainebleau, France, where I was living at the time. Having experienced the uprooting of her life and her family's life in Algeria, having left almost all of their belongings, having lost all of their property there, and having started a new life in France, Marlène fell into depression. A few weeks after meeting her, I fell in love with her, and I desired to see her happy. I thought that she was looking for something that would give her hope and bring some balance into her life. I really do not know why, but I felt moved to give her the three volumes of *La Cosmogonie d'Urantia*. It was a miracle! It was like a rebirth. After reading it for a few months, Marlène discovered that, while she was an animal-origin being, she was indwelled by a fragment of God, a fragment of infinity,

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

This is last in the five-part series, "Getting to know the Trustees." – Cathy Jones

## Getting to know the Trustees – Georges Michelson Dupont

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spark of divinity, and ember of eternity. Thanks to the philosopher Jean Paul Sartre, she learned that Man is responsible for his destiny, and she realized that she could give eternal meaning to her destiny. Since 1966, when I gave her *The Urantia Book*, she has continued to read and study it. While Marlène's "taking" to the book was my second exposure to its teachings, I was still not interested in it. And it was certainly not a priority in my life, as it had become in the lives of my father and my future wife.

My third encounter with *The Urantia Book* occurred in the late 1970s, during a time of great tribulation and turmoil for me. Marlène and I had started a small business in the late sixties; it was a success. Then I decided to start another business to develop an idea that I had. It was a big mistake. I have a creative mind, I am a good salesman and technician, but I am a poor manager. I sunk all of our money and a lot of borrowed money into what became a disaster. Bankers were calling us at home, and document servers were serving us papers in connection with our being sued. Because of me, we were descending into financial hell. Anyone who has been there knows what I am talking about.

My life became increasingly difficult, my businesses collapsed, and my friends and relatives disappeared. They avoid me like the plague. In addition, my mother was dying of cancer.

What of Marlène? Did she stand with me unmoved? Yes! Angelically she supported me with Godlike, unconditional love and understanding, which made me feel even guiltier. As a consequence, I became depressed and contemplated suicide. I was miserable -- unhappy and guilty. One Sunday afternoon, I was slumped over, sitting on the side of our bed, crying and longing to be delivered from this misery and craving direction and love, when my eyes were directed toward the book shelves, where a copy of *The Urantia Book* sat. I remembered my wife's experience with the book when she was depressed. I stood up and took the book off the shelf. My life was a mess, in no small measure because I was not looking for the real values that bring joy and happiness in life. The example of Jacques Weiss's translating the book, the

example of my father's experiencing the book as a revelation, and the example of my wife's recovering from depression after commencing to read the book convinced me that I should read it.

I opened the book at random to page 1850, on which is a section titled "Parable of the Lost Son", the parable of "The Prodigal Son", Jesus' favorite parable. After reading the entire paper, an overwhelming feeling of relief and happiness filled my heart and soul. I realized that I was the prodigal son! I made a commitment to myself to read the book for at least fifteen minutes for the next fifteen days, starting with the Foreword. Not only did I read for at least fifteen minutes every day, I read for hours every day, and the fifteen days never ended because I am still reading the book.

From that memorable day, my life gradually changed. Marlène and I joined my father's study group, and we became involved in the Urantia community of readers. My father was, of course, overjoyed to see the change in his son's life.

When I look back at these experiences, I understand how the angels, the Thought Adjuster, the Spirit of Truth, and the Holy Spirit work together for our spiritual welfare. The angels used my decisions to manipulate the circumstances around me, as I was doing my will to execute my plans. My determination led me into a spiritual "cul de sac", from which I was forced to react. The angels put me in a position where I had a choice: to turn to God and ask for help or to turn away from God and sink into spiritual oblivion. My Thought Adjuster was heroic and instrumental because he was the one who made me long for love and crave direction in my life. He presented higher and supreme ideas and goals to my mind. The Spirit of Truth helped me to grasp the spiritual meaning and magnificent truths of the Parable of the Prodigal Son (which so accurately described me), and the Holy Spirit, through the 6th and 7th adjutant mind-spirit, sensitized me to the discovery of the fatherly nature of God.

Yes, it took three times (three opportunities) and nearly 15 years of perseverance for my Thought Adjuster to finally lead me to accept in my heart, mind, strength, and soul the necessity of God and faith in my

## IV National Congress of Urantia in Colombia

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**W**e take the opportunity to invite you to participate in National Congress of URANTIA in Colombia. You may consider this e-mail as the first advice and more details will be sent to you later.

If there are other persons in your country interested to participate in this congress and/or give a lecture, they are also cordially invited.

You are most kindly requested to confirm your intention to participate in this event via e-mail.

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life. It was the struggle between my animal and my spiritual natures.

I thank my wife for her loving patience, tact, and tolerance during all those years of storm and drang.

I know many readers of *The Urantia Book* who are saddened by the fact that their mate is not interested in the book. But the book is only a tool – a marvellous tool -- that opens one's heart and mind to advanced cosmic truths and realities. But the real challenge is to establish a living relationship with one's indwelling divine fragment. To those friends I say: Be patient, tactful, and loving (like Marlène was for 15 long years), work hard, and never lose hope, for the ways of God are unfathomable. If "it" does not happen in this life, "it" will happen in the next. □

## How *The Urantia Book* found me

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**M**Y NAME IS VOYETTE Perkins-Brown from Soul City, North Carolina. I am 65 years old, widowed in 2006 after a few years of separation, and have one really neat 38 year old son/brother from a former marriage. David and I are fortunate to love one another dearly. I found it necessary to retire because of a disability 10 years ago, having worked full time as a Medical Technologist

I minister to homebound persons who cannot get out to church services. I am reminded that it is the Thought Adjuster who accentuates the Divine Plan and motivates all who are seeking the Light of Mercy that prompts us to, (and I paraphrase here), "Act on your free will to knock that the door may be opened"; "Seek that you may find...the Peace of Jesus in your mind."

In retrospect I am convinced that this is exactly what occurred in my life a few decades ago. During a period of deep depression, and while hanging on to a very thin, unraveling straw of despair, I sought relief from the pain, at a local health clinic near my home. It was late that night, around 8:30 Dec 18, 1981, when I passed by the clinic. I had almost reached home, when I decided to turn around and go back. (The clinic was open late one night a week to meet the needs of the community.) I had not been a patient there for over a year, so I was not aware until that night, that the physician I had previously seen was no longer employed there. I was walking out the door when the receptionist came running after me, and walked me back to the desk.

"I thought that Dr. Perry was gone, but he is still here. Would you like to see him?" she asked. That was my first introduction to Dr. James H. Perry. A few weeks later at the clinic, I remember Dr. Perry stating that he had not ever expected to see me again, but was glad that I decided to come back for a follow-up.



Voyette Perkins-Brown  
 of North Carolina

To tell the truth, I was not interested in his assessment, but the medication he gave me seemed to be helping, and I had come back for a refill. On one subsequent visit as I was getting ready to leave his office, I saw this Big Blue Book on his desk. I read the name *The Urantia Book*, and asked if I could look it over. As I perused it in the office, words assaulted my vision. "The Love of God, The Nature of God, The Attributes of God," and phrases like that caught my curiosity. I thought that I had found a fantastic new book of Science Fiction.

That same day I ordered my own book from the Foundation.

When my book arrived I started discussing it with him, and soon afterwards we established our group called the "Truth Seekers", and began having meetings once a week. Friends and relatives also joined us. Over time we gave away a lot of books. (Smile)

In years to come, Dr. Perry would become mentor and guide to many of us UB readers.

Bible study, prayer meeting and UB group every week enabled me to discover many insights which resulted in a "Born Again Experience" for me in July of that same year. However, it was the soul wrenching ache of absolute pure joy that came

from the discovery that Jesus loved me that prompted me to enlist in the Gospel Ministry. Many are called, but I must admit that Jesus so overwhelmed me so with his compassion, forgiveness, and gentleness of spirit that I volunteered for service. My objective was to commit myself to a life of sharing the truth that Jesus really loves us.

In Dec. of 1982, I preached my initial sermon and was issued a license to preach. Two years later after study and much contemplation, I decided to seek ordination. I was refused twice, and at the last attempt was told not to come back until I could prove that God had something for me to do. Well the next day I was asked to pastor a small local church. What an experience, but one must remember the times; ordained female ministers were few and far between in the U.S. In the Baptist church... forget about it.

The day came when I was finally able to come before the Ordination Counsel. Twenty-five grown men packed the room, and I sat there petrified while they each in turn grilled me at length about my life's history, and what seemed like almost every line and paragraph in the Bible. Oh! My sisters and brothers it was a sight to see! Finally after two and a half hours everyone was exhausted. I tell you they did not want to give up. The moderator hung his head and asked if there were any more questions. A voice from the back rang out!

"What is your calling?"

I replied. "My calling is to reveal the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man!"

Seriously, those great, learned men responded as if they had never heard anything so profound. It was that declaration of truth and faith that caused the moderator to declare that the conclave was over, and the time had come for the vote. I was Ordained a few weeks later.

I had to find a way to share those truths that had saved me. Once fear is removed so many people weep with joy to learn that they are truly loved by Jesus...they are truly cared for by the Lord. As a member of the clergy, I think that it would be wonderful

# Outgoing International Service Board (ISB) officers

## Editor's Note:

As International Service Board Vice-President, Seppo Niskanen, explains, five volunteer members will be leaving the board this year. This aspect is a unique feature of our organization. This "changing of the guard" enables more people to have the service opportunity and have a fresh look at the job.

Tidings is grateful for your many hours of dedicated service and after you have had a brief rest there is no doubt you will continue serving in some capacity.

Rick Warren, outgoing Dissemination Chair, will be featured in the April issue.

—Cathy Jones



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**T**HE UAI HAS THREE international bodies: the RC, Representative Council, which is the legislative body, consisting of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the National Associations, the ISB, International Service Board, whose members are elected by the RC for a four-year term, and finally the Judicial Commission. The ISB is the executive branch of the UAI. The Judicial Commission, as its name indicates, is there to solve and settle disagreements between the governing bodies of the UAI or disputes between the associations or any other problems. In principle, the UAI is an organisation for co-operation between its constituent associations, and it would be nothing without the national and local associations inclusive their members. The members of the associations are the real field workers of our movement.

The Vice-President has a very thin job description in the Bylaws of the UAI, as long as everything runs smoothly. The Vice-President substitutes the President should the latter be unable to discharge his duties. The RC has not appointed or elected a chairman. The President functions as the leader of both the ISB and the RC. In order to somewhat ease off the presidential duties, the incumbent President and I agreed that the Vice-President will assume the chairmanship of the RC, so to enable the President to concentrate on chairing the ISB and being the spokesman of the whole UAI. The Vice-President is concurrently a member of the ISB and takes part in its proceedings.

To chair the RC is, by and large, very rewarding but also exacting. The RC is the most international of the bodies of the

UAI, with 14 nations represented, three of them enjoying an observer status. This means that there are fourteen different cultures involved, with their dissimilar ways of doing business. Some extra spice comes along with the different temperaments and ways of acting of the participating individuals. At the outset of my four-year term, we experienced some minor difficulties, or rather misunderstandings, but now the RC as a whole is functioning and working splendidly, with every participating individual really striving towards the best outcome in each issue at hand. For practical reasons, the RC is working by means of an unending online meeting. Technological advances and devices like the Internet and the email-system, enable the UAI to function as an indisputably international organisation.

One of the obstacles we have to face and overcome in international co-operation is the language barrier. The RC is conducting its business in three languages: English, French and Spanish. This is possible only because of the efforts of our skilful volunteer translators. My hope is that, in the future, the RC would focus solely on the item at hand, leaving and delegating other messages, opinions and discussions to other forums, like the UAI-forum; there are UAI forums in other languages, too.

I have learned a lot during these four years. I also know that two more 4-year terms in the offices of the ISB would be possible. But I believe in rotation and am aware of the fact that new persons always come with fresh ideas and new approaches. The principal reason for my decision to step down is that of making room for others to continue. I will continue as a member of the Finnish Urantia Association and be more active in other fields of the UAI in the future. I thank you for this opportunity I had to serve. God bless you all.

I wish to leave you with this quotation, of which I believe all readers of *The Urantia Book* do well if they keep it in mind:

*The extent to which you have to go with your message to the people is, in a way, the measure of your failure to live the whole or righteous life, the truth-co-ordinated life.* [1726:2].

—Seppo Niskanen

## How *The Urantia Book* found me

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if more members of the clergy would read, and accept the revelatory teachings of *The Urantia Book*. Many are not going to be too willing to look beyond the "Holy Books of the Bible," for additional revelations of truth. Regardless of belief, we can all share in loving service to our brothers and sisters as we just go along.

One day those many years ago, brother/Dr. Perry seized the opportunity, reached out to me and won me over to the truth. I, in turn, was able to reach out to my beloved niece/sister Sherry, with *The Urantia Book*.

Inspired by the teachings, she seems to have grown by leaps and bounds. I meet and share with many people. Most are quite satisfied right where they are, and that's OK. Perhaps we all move in different directions as we listen to the teachings of our adjusters. Some take one path, while some others... another. As sure as *The Urantia Book* found me, I'm sure that Jesus loves us, and it takes just a thought to become one with Him.

*The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man – a reality indeed!* ■



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**L**AUNCHING A NEW world-wide readership association with fraternal ties to the Urantia Foundation has been a labor of love and a definite challenge to all of us who were asked to volunteer. We have all grown in administrative understanding and skills and been blessed with the joys of successful teamwork.

As Secretary, I have been called upon to set up computer and hardcopy filing systems to keep orderly track of the undertakings of the International Service Board and the Representative Council and participate with the ISB in decisions regarding the formulation of plans and strategies that the Urantia Association International is developing, to help all of us work together in furthering the dissemination of the Revelation and the fellowship of readers.

There is still much work that needs to be done formulating procedures and database information that can be used by secretaries throughout the UAI. We have just begun on many useful projects and programs that will facilitate communications and fraternity within the UAI. It will be a long and rewarding process and a great opportunity for anyone and everyone who wants to participate.

I want to share with you all the thrills and challenges that have been mine as we work together for such a good purpose. Even as I step down as Secretary, I will never be far away if council is needed and always available to help carry a share of the load when necessary. I eagerly anticipate the election of Judy Van Cleave as our new Secretary. She is so very qualified and enthusiastic and it will be a joy to work with her through the transition and I plan to stay on as a part of her Secretarial Committee.



## Will Sherwood

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**O**VER THE PAST 2 years, with the able help of a very capable Communication Committee composed of M. Caoile, Guy Perron, Alain Cyr, Carrie Prentice, Olga Lopez, Jean Royer and Seppo Kanerva. Will has been responsible for all UAI communications, the UAI website, UAI Forum, the UAI Journal, and the development of the UAI database (ably completed through the tireless efforts of Oscar Morales and Gaetan Charland).

Will's responsibilities also included overseeing international publications and community relations as they relate to UAI members, the general community of readers of "The Urantia Book," the media, and the public. Throughout his tenure, he has assisted in compiling information from constituent associations regarding their communications efforts in order to share experiences among associations worldwide, and upon request, he has generously provided assistance and support for communications efforts by UAI associations.

Will has been an active student of the Book since 1969 and has served the Urantia movement in many ways including as founding president of SURF. He is a marketing and graphic communications professional and a past president of the Advertising Professionals Assn. in Los Angeles. His design work is in the Library of Congress permanent collection. He is a Federal Design Excellence Award recipient, the highest award given by the National Endowment for the Arts. And he is the recipient of both a national gold medal and "Best In The West" awards for excellence in effective graphic communication from the American Advertising Federation.



## Jerry Prentice

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**I**nitially, when the Charter and Bylaws were being written, revised, debated, and revised again, my job as Charter Committee Chair required considerable time and effort. Since then, necessary corrections and amendments, and arranging for the translation of these has required less time. Occasional questions about meaning and intent of the governing documents are asked of me. To these I can only give my interpretation or opinion. Where intent is concerned, I often defer to Travis Binion who I nominated to replace me in the Chair position. Travis was involved in the conception of and the writing of the documents and has a better understanding of both intent and content than I.

Particularly in these formative stages of this now autonomous UAI, organizational changes and adjustments will be necessary and perhaps frequent. Both the Charter and Bylaws may require amendment to accommodate these changes. The Charter Committee chair will continue to insure that wording of the amendments is clear and concise, that language throughout both documents is consistent with the changes, and that neither document conflicts with the other as a result of amendments.

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However, Will states that his greatest honor was being called upon to design the current cover of *The Urantia Book*.

He is the father of two boys, Brandon and Devin. He's married and resides in Valencia, California with the love of his life, his wife, Margo, a reader of 15 years.

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## UAUS conference update

Please note that the EARLY REGISTRATION DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO:  
**MARCH 31, 2007**

Please see the UAI website at [http://www.urantia-uai.org/pdfs/UAUS\\_RegistrationForm.pdf](http://www.urantia-uai.org/pdfs/UAUS_RegistrationForm.pdf) for an updated registration form. You may also contact Jim Nelson [jbnels123@hotmail.com](mailto:jbnels123@hotmail.com) or Janiece Hoggart, 206-612-2974 [janiece528@verizon.net](mailto:janiece528@verizon.net) if you have questions.

## GLMUA annual meeting on March 10th

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Vice President, GLMUA

GREATER LAKE Michigan Urantia Association (GLMUA) President Benet Rutenberg has announced that our Annual Membership Participation Meeting will be held March 10, 2007 in the Forum Room at Urantia Foundation. The Meeting will begin at Noon and continue until approximately 5PM. We will have a study session TBA and a business Meeting. All members and friends of GLMUA are invited.

Items of business include elections for Vice President and Secretary. Our current VP Rick Lyon has reached the end of his eligibility per the bylaws and Sheila Schneider has chosen not to seek re-election due to her commitment to university. Nominations are now being accepted and will be accepted up until the time of the vote on March 10th. If you wish to nominate someone or to be nominated, please contact

Benet at [rutabl@aol.com](mailto:rutabl@aol.com) or  
Rick Lyon at [rlicklyon@tctc.com](mailto:rlicklyon@tctc.com)

Our other main topic of consideration is planning for a fall education session. All of our committees are open to more volunteers and would appreciate the help. These are exciting times for this revelation and you can be a part of that excitement. This meeting is your chance to participate in the decision making for our organization for 2007. This is your opportunity to make a difference. Please join us March 10, 2007, beginning at noon at the Urantia Foundation. There is plenty of parking across both streets and as always there will be an opportunity to study with members and friends, plenty to eat, and lots of good conversation and sharing among all who attend. □

## His Name Is

His name is God, Lord of Lords, Father of Fathers,  
The Almighty, The High and Lofty One, The One Truth,  
Allah, Great Spirit, First Source and Center,  
Yahweh, Jehovah, El Elyon, The Immortal,  
Infinite Upholder, Elohim, The First Father, Our Father,  
The Breath Giver, The Great Light, The Supreme Chief,  
The God of Israel, Lord of Hosts, The Great Teacher,  
The One Source of Life, God the Father, Lord of Heaven,  
The Universal Father, The Divine Controller,  
Father of Lights, Father of Universes, Gift of Life,  
The Original Personality, The Lord God, Universal Creator,  
The Paradise Father, The Eternal Witness, Light of Lights,  
All-powerful One, The Spirit Father, The Supreme One,  
Universal Center, The Eternal, The Great Heaven,  
Our Maker, The Prince of Heaven, Eternal Father,  
The Lord of Lights, The Supreme God, The Wise One,  
The Infinite, The Havona Father, Father of All,  
Our Parent, Glorious Father and Mother, Lord,  
The Great Supreme, The One First Cause,  
God of Gods, One Universal Deity, O Supreme Person,  
The Father in Heaven, The Creator of Heaven and Earth,  
The Most High God, Adonai, The Final Father,  
The Most Precious One, The Most Beloved.

—Meredith Van Woert, 07Feb07  
Southwest Urantia Readers Family