

On Priorities... II

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In setting our perspectives, let us remember that The URANTIA Book is being given to those who are ready for it long before its world-wide mission. The presentation of The URANTIA Book to the races of mankind is a part of the evolutionary — not revolutionary — growth of religion on our planet. Let this be one of

our long-range guides as the Brotherhood sets its course for the future.

We cannot expect our Brotherhood to spring full blown into a perfected working group. We after all are a part of the age in which we live, and we are an evolutionary organization. But we have every reason to expect, even to require, that we will use our best efforts to be progressive evolutionists always using the hard won wisdom of experience to temper and practically adjust our idealism to the sometimes difficult

realities of a planet suffering both the betrayal of its Planetary Prince and the default of Adam and Eve, its Planetary Mother and Father and its visible link with the Supermortal Planetary and Universe Administration.

One thing we will want to keep in mind is that while our organization is associated with a new revelation of truth, this in no way means that we will in some manner escape the problems which are part and parcel of any human organization. Yes, there will be misunderstandings. There will inevitably be different points of view.

But in facing the challenges which will require time for their outworking in dealing with these opportunities before us in a practical and effective way, we indeed can have unity, but unity without uniformity. We can be confident that through the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood we have the necessary mechanism to distill the various points of view into an effective program for worthwhile service without our suffering oppressive creeds, dogmas, rules and regulations. But the other side of the coin is that while we may have these

problems and challenges as a necessary part of our growth and service, we are, in fact, by meeting together, carrying out an important and effective work which will affect the lives, gladden the hearts and enrich the souls of untold generations yet to come. And we can do all of this with joy and without having to be dour or overly serious. Good humor and the smile of happiness are among the most powerful of the human assets for religious propagation.

In closing, let us observe that the future course of URANTIA Brotherhood is as yet largely uncharted. This is the first time that a major revelation has been presented in book form. Nevertheless, as Soldiers of the Circles may we wholeheartedly enlist in the solid ranks of those who shall go forth in the coming battle for truth against error under unfaltering leadership of the mighty Seraphim of Progress.

Father, Thy will be done -- and we're going to help you do it.

Peace be upon you and may progress be our eternal goal. ●