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Rewards of Isolation

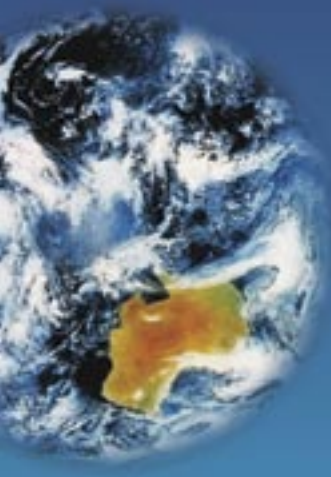


small teams in deep waters

Urantia 2006

IUA International Conference > Sydney Australia

14 to 18 July 2006 > The Women's College, Sydney University, Newtown



...you belong to a well-nigh infinite family of worlds, but your sphere is just as precisely administered and just as lovingly fostered as if it were the only inhabited world in all existence. (p 183)



Opera House & Sydney Harbour Bridge

Our mortal struggles and experience reflect a theme playing at all levels of the current grand universe age: small groups of persons, high and low, finding themselves in unfamiliar circumstances, facing tasks that initially seem too big and too hard, but which somehow they eventually come to master. Like small teams placed in deep waters, and allowed to learn to swim.

Often these struggles involve isolation, and for mortals, they always involve faith. But there is a priceless result: each cycle of struggle and success ripens each person involved by a few more degrees.

And once each context is mastered, this cycle repeats, in waters that are deeper, more marvelous and ever more complex. In this way the Father unfolds the potentials of all his experiential children.

But a deep question remains. Why bother with such elaborate evolution? What needs of the future motivate the Father to set up the entire grand universe, and devote this entire age, to experience and education? What is it about us finite evolving persons that could possibly contribute to the Father's long-term plan? How on earth might humans make a difference in the universe of universes?

Well, the papers tell of the magnificent perfection of persons populating the central universe, but imply that while such perfection makes for a fine foundation, it is inappropriate, or insufficient, to confront the vastness of the Father's eternal infinity.

They then contrast such static completion with the main phenomenon of this transitional universe age: trillions of new persons, engaged with evolving themselves. Created as near nothing, then given struggles and troubles and the time to master them—a sequence that allows the full potentials of each person to unfold.

And then the Father plays a wild card—fusing such surprising persons with a fragment of himself. He makes us sufficient to penetrate the place where he dwells, and to begin unimagined work by his side.

An invitation

On behalf of the International Urantia Association (IUA) the Australia and New Zealand Urantia Association (ANZURA) invites you to participate in the eighth international conference of the IUA to dicuss these fascinating themes. This promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to fraternise with Urantia Book readers from all over the world to ponder the Rewards of Isolation and contemplate what small teams struggling in deep waters can accomplish for the fifth epochal revelation on our planet, Urantia.

Venue

The conference venue, The Women's College, is situated within the grounds of the University of Sydney. The College offers heritage surroundings, with a range of seminar and function rooms, accommodation and full dining facilities. The College is located less than 4 kilometres (2.5 miles) from Sydney's bustling city centre, and adjacent to the colourful café-lined suburbs of Glebe and Newtown.

For regular updates and information visit our website at www.urantia.org.au/anzura/IUAconference2006 You may also register your interest in attending the conference or to volunteer your time and skills.

A rewarding program

The plenary sessions and workshop topics have been designed to tease out various aspects of this broad and fascinating theme. We have decided to categorise the workshops into three "streams" to allow for a diversity of choice:


The **Reward of Experience** stream – making sense of how things work. This stream will explore the rewards of isolation from a universe viewpoint and attempt to discover how having a 'big picture' understanding can strengthen the effectiveness of the work we do.


The **Reward of Life** stream will explore how so very much depends on an enthusiastic and effective load-pulling spirit and how revelatory truth has relied on committed teams to keep the light of truth alive on our planet. Discover the heroes of the past, present and future and "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." *Margaret Mead*


The **Reward of Faith** stream – touching the source. This stream will explore ways of finding the values and meanings to launch ourselves all the way to the Father. It will focus on the individual dealing with the fact of isolation and how to grow as a team player. It will discover ways of proving that prayer and worship are antidotes to feelings of isolation.


The **Reward of Recreation** stream – wholesome diversion of uplifting play. This stream will provide opportunities to relax and recoup through humour, music, exercise and excursion. We are inspired by Jesus' emphasis on recreation which he initiated with childhood playmates and perpetuated right through his adult life, initiating such a program in the regular activities for his twelve apostles. We will learn to take ourselves less seriously and banish feelings of isolation through group participation.


The **Reward of Youth** stream – fun activities for the young so parents can make the most of the conference by participating in lectures and workshops knowing their young ones are happy and occupied with creative activities.



The Women's College

Day 1 – Sat 15 July 2006	**Plenary 1** morning	**Plenary 2** afternoon
Reward of Experience	Personality in Transition – the Individual Blossoms	The Agondonter Story
Day 2 – Sun 16 July 2006	**Plenary 3** morning	**Plenary 4** afternoon
Reward of Life	Isolation as an Evolutionary Technique	Heroes of the Revelation –Triumphs of Small Teams
Day 3 – Mon 17 July 2006	**Plenary 5** morning	**Excursion** afternoon
Reward of Faith	Worship in Isolation – Touching the Source	**Reward of Recreation** Harbour Cruise – See the magnificence of Sydney
Day 4 – Tue 18 July 2006	**Plenary 6** morning A	**Plenary 7** morning B
Conference Reward	Results of our Rewards – The Purpose of Life	Small Teams in the Deep Waters of Today

After you have been registered, you will be sent a confirmation packet which will include additional information, maps and other things you will need to know before arrival.

On arrival at the Conference you will be given your full Program Booklet. You will be afforded every opportunity to explore the facilities and meet the program presenters to get a better idea of the subject matter. This will enable you to coordinate your choices with friends and family who are also participating.



Workshops

As one of our preliminary themes will be teamwork in relation to the dissemination of revelatory truth, as well as the efficacy of small teams pulling together for common goals, we aim to emphasise the workshop/study group components of the program. While the plenary sessions will motivate and set the tone for each day's theme, we are allowing plenty of time for smaller discussion groups so that readers may choose those areas of study to which they feel most drawn, making the most of this opportunity to explore fully their chosen topics. Workshop topic descriptions will be as follows:



Reward of Experience

Personality in the Grand Universe Age The Urantia Papers reveal "personality" to be so fundamental—as the source of everything and the destiny of all—that the Father did not delegate its care. They describe how the Father is using the current transitional age to unfold the potentials of personality in seven great isolated nests, evolving each superuniverse uniquely to a breathtaking culmination.

Succeeding in the Search for God *The search for God is the unstinted bestowal of love attended by amazing discoveries of new and greater love to be bestowed.* (p 1289) The human opportunity is personal, and involves learning how to love. The Father's own first circuit ripens by one degree as each of us aligns to its purposes, and tunes to its loving source. In the end, our free-will choice to join the circuit of the Father is our one significant, essential, act. And recall, our final reach for the universal Father, we make alone.

How Deep Are the Waters? Our determined struggles to stay afloat in the relative shallows of space-time equip us, as finaliters, to sail upon the vast reaches of the master universe. Once there, a new cycle of struggle and success may move us into deeper waters still, even as they grade into the unfathomable depths of the absolute.

Universe Uncertainties – the Close Calls The challenge of remaining resolute in the fact of enormity. We can scarcely imagine by what slim margins some of the successes of the Supreme Creator Personalities are won. The end may be certain, but that's the very end. The processes through which that end is established are full of struggle, challenge, and uncertainty. Things go wrong and must be compensated for; imperfection lies around every corner, and only the Father's love is dependable. Faith triumphs, but sometimes only by the skin of its teeth.

Echoes of Eden The Adamic default made our isolation complete. All planetary administration and cultural reference points were gone. All progress from that day on would be home grown, and unique to our world. Now 37,000 years have passed, and we must begin to synchronise the mindscapes of Urantia with the ways of Jerusem. The Urantia papers are well-tuned to help bridge current planetary beliefs with the worldview Adam attempted to seed in Eden.

The Benefits of the Lucifer Rebellion In the darkest of places and deepest of waters, struggling small teams have the chance to shine bright. For "seven long years" the whole of Nebadon was moved by the steadfastness of a struggling band of their youngest ascendant fellows: "What of Amadon of Urantia, does he still stand unmoved?" On page 619, the Melchizedeks are said to teach "that the good resulting from the Satania rebellion is more than a thousand times the sum of all the evil."

Sub Infinite Penetrators By surfing a wave of love tuned to carry us across the grand universe age, we may arrive at our first true destination—the brink beyond which lies an absolute arena. Our finite struggles and success equip us to penetrate these deepest of waters, and ensure we are sufficient not only to endure such unbounded experience, but to enjoy it too!

Reward of Life

Agondonter Dreaming Those souls evolved by faith alone. The priceless benefits of believing without seeing. Consider how planetary isolation has fostered exquisite differentiation, providing unique variation in creature experience and capacity. What marvelous contributions such souls will make to the versatility of teams engaged in tasks where unquestioned faith and sublime confidence are essential to success.



Van and Amadon – the Power of Persistence The extraordinary sagacity of Van in being prepared to question his superiors. Contrast with the equally sincere but mistaken loyalty of the rebellious staff members to Caligastia. Consider Amadon's sublime faith and trust in both Van and his heavenly Father.

How to "…fatten upon disappointment and enthuse upon apparent defeat" The essence of our own human and then morontial growth involves facing the new or the unexpected, learning how to proceed, then succeeding with the struggles that ensue. While such change is individual—a soul alone that chooses—the presence and support of a friendly team helps smooth the way. Eventually the very struggle to grow becomes a delight.

The Flowering of the Evolutionary Races – a Garden of Variety The six Sangik specialisations of Urantia's human type each possessed the potential to create complete and characteristic civilisations. Natural tribal antipathy led to the separation of these races, setting the stage for each to flower in isolation. Had all gone well, Adam would have had a full palette of evolutionary cultures to integrate into a planetary civilisation, to impregnate with his Violet blood, and to seed with the ideals of Eden.

From Herds to Brotherhood – the Adjutants and the Spirit of Truth Our adjutant inheritance includes the urge to mingle and cooperate with whichever group we come to know. Such gentle feelings are often swept aside by animal needs, or by local ideologies burning bright. But for 2,000 years, such drives have been amplified by the Spirit of Truth, and given meaning by our adjusted response. Taken together, these urges, desires and insights are helping to lay foundations for the brotherhood of all mankind.

From the Cocoon of Christianity… Jesus' spiritual kingdom has begun its beautiful unfolding. The intellectual mistakes of the Christian Church have not interfered with the spiritual progress of individual believers, and the Spirit of Truth has produced, in modern Christianity, a new and updated version of the gospel. The religion of Jesus is alive and moving in many 21st Century churches! Fellowship with the living Jesus is destined to unite the various groups of his followers in a spiritual brotherhood that will work together to transform society and pave the way for the recognition of the brotherhood of man. Let us help to glorify and uplift our beloved Creator in the Church that bears his name.

Teamwork and Epochal Revelation Each epochal revelation on Urantia has been entrusted to small teams, and each initially appeared insufficient in every way: that first mighty team of two, Van and Amadon, the Sethite priests, the Salem missionaries, the apostles and disciples of Jesus. Each proved able to maintain the thread of spiritual continuity, and kept a spiritual flame alight. Will those of us entrusted with the fifth revelation be ready and able to carry such a torch?



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Number of children under 15 years of age. _____ *(Note, family accommodation will need to be arranged on a case by case basis. Please contact the conference organizers for family requirements.)*

Pre/Post Conference

The venue is available two days prior and two days after the conference. I I/we will be arriving on _____ and will need accommodation for _____ nights before the conference and _____ nights after the conference.

Conference Fees *(All costs are in $AUD)*

- The basic conference package is $450 if booked before 30 November 2005. For late bookings the fee is $480. Basic conference package includes accommodation from Friday to Monday nights and includes meals from dinner on Friday to lunch on Tuesday.
- To calculate conference costs other than the basic package, see the information below on the various rates and components. "Nightly rates" include accommodation and three meals per day. "Day rates" mean no accommodation with lunch provided or lunch and dinner.
- If you are only attending on day rates indicate how many days and whether only lunch is required or both lunch and dinner.
- Don't forget to indicate if you wish to go on the Sydney Harbour cruise on the Monday afternoon and add in the cost.

One night accommodation = $112 *(before 30 Nov)* or $120 *(after 30 Nov)*

Day rates *(no accommodation provided)* = $50 for lunch only or $65 for lunch and dinner

Sydney Harbour Cruise = $45 .

Basic Conference Package Per Person *Before Nov 30 2005 ($450)*	**Basic Conference Package Per Person** *After Nov 30 2005 ($480)*	**Number of People**		**Total Cost**
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Special Needs

I need financial assistance to attend. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applications for sponsorships must be submitted.

See www.urantia.org.au/anzura/IUAconference2006

Translations

Do you need translated material? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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[availability will depend on number of attendees requiring this service in your language]

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REWARDS OF ISOLATION

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What's Different About Planet Urantia? How did we come to be isolated? In what ways, really, are we alone? What compensation awaits us for enduring such unique and acute struggles? While Urantia may lack the benefits of a planetary culture and shared beliefs, our personal spiritual circuits are all in place. All we need do is believe without seeing. What does it take to do this? Why are agondonters so special?

The Dynamics of Teamwork Why are some teams more effective than others? Why are some teams like the "A-Team" and others more like dysfunctional, loosely woven committees? How does effective leadership influence the dynamics of a team? *One of the most important lessons to be learned during your mortal career is teamwork.* (p 312) *In civilization much, very much, depends on an enthusiastic and effective load-pulling spirit.* (p 911)

Change of Latitude, Change of Attitude Discover and investigate the benefits stemming from the isolation of worshipful meditation—the greatest of all methods of problem solving that Rodan learned from Jesus. Vexing situations can all but disappear after a 'time-out'. Revisiting an old problem with a new attitude can reveal an obvious solution that escaped our frantic mind.

Harmony in the Face of Diversity Learning to work with one another in a spirit of unity for common goals despite sincere differences of ideologies and opinions. *Always we may have diversity of intellectual comprehension and interpretation, even varying degrees of socialization, but lack of spiritual brotherhood is both inexcusable and reprehensible.* (p 1866)

What the United Midwayers Undertake, the United Midwayers Do An example of an effective small team in VERY deep waters. The actual citizens of Urantia are persistently working for the progress of their planet. They are anchored here till establishment of the era of Light and Life. Consider their chief work today of unperceived liaison-associates of those men and women who constitute the planetary reserve corps of destiny.

Human Nature and the Twelve Apostles A study of the cross section of personality types and human characteristics – their strengths and weaknesses. Understanding our fellows helps us to work more effectively with one another. *Love is only born of thoroughgoing understanding of your neighbor's motives and sentiments.* (p 1098)

Preparing Small Teams for the Dissemination of Truth Learning to articulate the teachings of The *Urantia Book* in a way commensurate with people's intellectual development. Look at how the small teams were prepared in Dalamatia, Eden, and Salem and explore Jesus' methods.

The Salem Missionaries *The lives and experiences of the men and women who ventured forth from Salem, Mesopotamia, and Lake Van to enlighten the tribes of the Eastern Hemisphere present a heroic chapter in the annals of the human race.* (p 1021) *You who today enjoy the advantages of the art of printing little understand how difficult it was to perpetuate truth during these earlier times; how easy it was to lose sight of a new doctrine from one generation to another.* (p 1022)



Innoculation Against Disappointment Enduring the disappointments of life. Standing up after a fall. Getting stronger as a result of disappointments. Maintaining focus. *The universe of your origin is being forged out between the anvil of justice and the hammer of suffering; but those who wield the hammer are the children of mercy, the spirit offspring of the Infinite Spirit.* (p 100) *Loving and intimate human associations tend to rob suffering of its sorrow and hardship of much of its bitterness.* (p 1776) *Remember, …sometimes your most disappointing disappointments have become your greatest blessings. Sometimes the planting of a seed necessitates its death, the death of your fondest hopes, before it can be reborn to bear the fruits of new life and new opportunity.* (p 555)

Reward of Faith

Love – the Interaction of Personality Minds can share words and ideas but only persons can love. You learn love in worship and you exhibit love with other personalities.

Loyalty in the Face of Adversity Discover how the ability of faith insight can transcend the sometimes tragic circumstances of earthly life. *Only a poet can discern poetry in the commonplace prose of routine existence.* (p 557)

Personal Rewards – With the Father You're Never Alone *When you feel that you are alone in the world, I will know of your isolation…* (p 1954) *…the Father is not very far from any one of you; he dwells within you, and in him do we all literally move, actually live, and veritably have our being.* (p 139)

The Rewards of Isolation as Opposed to the Dangers of Isolation *Salvation is the reward of faith, not merely of works.* (p 1802) *Only sin is isolated and evil gravity resisting on the mental and spiritual levels. The universe is a whole; no thing or being exists or lives in isolation. Self-realization is potentially evil if it is antisocial.* (p 647)

How to Turn Adversity into Opportunity Life's circumstances can swamp the individual. Consider how faith can overcome even the most trying of life's circumstances. In a world where experience is its own reward remember, *…the greatest affliction of the cosmos is never to have been afflicted. Mortals only learn wisdom by experiencing tribulation.* (p 556)

Let Faith Replace Fear Fear is a lack of faith. Humility enables us to become truly exalted; the aim is to show true humility toward God. Humility and sincerity go hand in hand to strengthen faith. Sincerity is the sign of a pure heart, while courage is at the very heart. *"Fear not" was his [Jesus'] watchword, and patient endurance his ideal of strength of character* (p.1582). *Man might fear a great God, but he trusts and loves only a good God.* (p 40)

Worship with Rita Rita draws analogies of inspiration from everyday objects, showing them to be symbols of spiritual meaning. Experience the transformation, as a grain of wheat becomes bread, a thread of wool becomes a warming blanket, a drop of water turns dirt to clay and transformed clay becomes a vessel for water. How do these concepts have personal significance for you?

Worship as a Group Experience *Worship is the highest privilege and the first duty of all created intelligences.* (p 303) Worship, taught Jesus, makes one increasingly like the being who is worshiped. Can we experience the joys of worship here on Urantia? As a group, we examine how we mortals can bring admiration to the Universal Farther.

Prayer – the Antidote to Feelings of Isolation *Prayer has been the ancestor of much peace of mind, cheerfulness, calmness, courage, self-mastery, and fair-mindedness in the men and women of the evolving races.* (p 998)

The Greatest Religionist and His Perfected Soul The way Jesus lived allowed him to make "extraordinary progress in the conquest of the human mind". Jesus, by unbroken communion with his Paradise Father, attained the mortal goal of human existence. He fully believed in the ascendancy of his divine nature over his human nature. By age 31, the midwayers say he had achieved that level of personality perfection which would normally result in the fusion of his fully matured soul with its Adjuster. They also describe Jesus as "the world's most wholehearted and devoted religionist". How can we employ this portrayal in our own efforts to commune with the Father?

Reward of Recreation

Sydney Harbour Tour See the magnificent Sydney skyline from the comfort of a modern cruiser.

Reward of Music *Harmony is the speech of Havona.* (p 500)

Reward of Dance Experience a real live 'Aussie Bush Dance'.

Reward of Sport Respond to the call of the great outdoors. How enjoyable to have a body which is poetically synchronised to the beck-and-call of your mind.

Reward of Play Exercise your mind with the challenge of an 'Aussie Pub Quiz'and have a good laugh with your 'mates'.

Reward of Youth

Reward of Childhood Creativity – artwork depicting Jesus' life on Urantia. Created using various methods, such as crayon, oil paints, pencil, stencils, chalk, and texta.

Reward of Australian Animals – enjoy a visit to Sydney's famous Taronga Zoo where all kinds of animals can be found. Take particular joy in the Australian koalas, kangaroos and the echidna.

Reward of Theatre – be part of a special youth theatre performance – written to entertain and teach.



Pre-Conference Booking

Accommodation and meeting rooms will be available for 2 nights before and after the conference. Naturally additional charges will apply. Please be sure to indicate on the conference booking form if additional accommodation or meals will be required outside of the official conference times. For groups wishing to book meeting rooms outside of the conference times, please contact the conference organisers.

Registration

Check-in will begin at 2:00pm on Friday, 14 July. No on-site registrations will be accepted. The conference begins on Friday, 14 July with Check-in, Dinner, then "Welcome" and ends on Tuesday, 18 July with a Final Plenary, "Farewell" and Lunch.

Rooms and Facilities

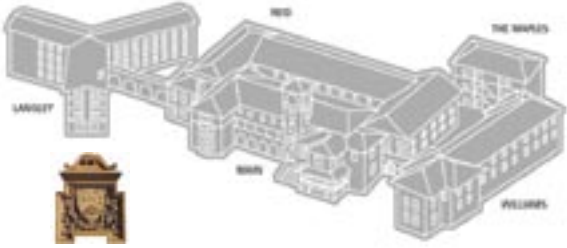
All rooms in the College are student study bedrooms, most of which share convenient bathroom facilities. The majority of rooms are single, but a number of twin rooms are available too. These will be reserved for married couples and families on a first come first served basis. Tea and coffee making requirements are provided in kitchenettes on each floor, and each wing has a comfortable common room with television. Rooms are fully serviced, and laundry services are provided in each wing. There is a telephone in every room, and guests can have access to the Internet from the computer labs. Limited parking is available within the College grounds.

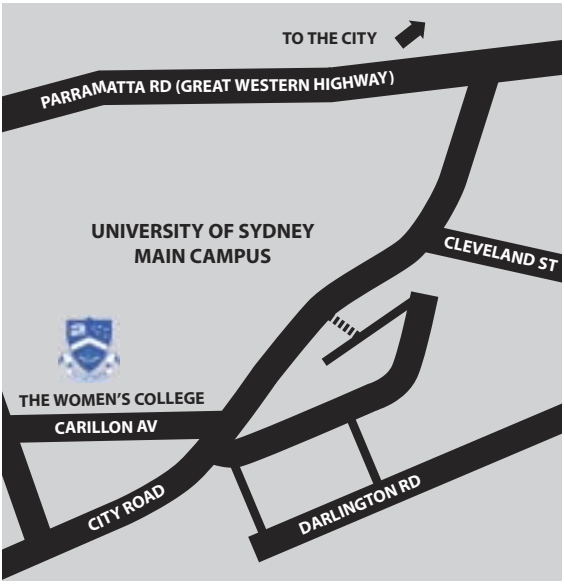
Meals

All meals from dinner on Friday to lunch on Tuesday will be included in the full conference fee. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served in the College's elegant timber-paneled dining hall. Each day a delicious array of fresh food is presented buffet-style. There will be multiple choices available so vegetarians and diabetics will be catered for but any other special dietary requirements will need to be pre-arranged. Please let the conference organisers know of any special requirements.

Entertainment

There will be social activities planned for each evening that promise to be loads of fun. In addition, a chartered cruise around





Sydney Harbour is being planned for Monday afternoon. The cost of the cruise is not included in the conference fee. If you would like to join in the cruise please be sure to indicate it on the registration form.

Disabled Facilities

The College is only wheel chair friendly for daytime visitors. Unfortunately the bedrooms do not allow for wheel chair access. However, there is a Rydges Hotel in close proximity that has accommodation for wheel chair access. Early booking may be required. See www.rydges.com

Travel

The Women's College lies less than 4 kilometres to the west of the Sydney city centre. The University of Sydney campus is bordered by two major arterial roads, Parramatta Road and City Road. The College lies on the City Road side of the campus, off Carillon Avenue, Newtown.

By Air: Sydney's domestic and international terminals are a 20-minute drive from the College. Regular coaches and trains connect the airport to the city. Plans are underway to arrange group bookings with a US airline. When details become available they will be placed on the website or you may contact us directly for further information.

The 'Sydney Airporter' hotel/motel shuttle bus service stops at the College. It departs every 20 to 30 minutes from Bus Bay No. 2 at the International Terminal, & Bus Bay No. 4 from the Qantas Domestic Terminal.

By Rail: The nearest railway station to the College is Redfern Station. Central Railway Station, servicing both suburban and country trains, is a short bus or taxi ride away.

By Taxi: The street address of the College is 15 Carillon Avenue, Newtown. Estimated cost from airport, $20.

By Bus: Take buses 422, 423, 426 & 428 along Castlereagh Street or in front of Central Station.

Visa Information

ALL visitors to Australia are required to have a VISA. Visitors from some countries can apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) visa but visitors from the non-ETA countries need a different kind of visa. Visitors from non-ETA countries will need assistance from conference organisers and should contact them **immediately**. For detailed information visit www.urantia.org.au/anzura/IUAconference2006 or contact the organisers. We encourage you to apply for your visas as soon as possible.

Weather

July is the middle of winter in Australia. In Sydney the average maximum temperature is 17° C (around 63° F). At night it can get down to 9 or 10° C (around 55° F). It can be chilly if it is raining or windy, but Sydney is renowned for its sunshine, even in the winter. A still sunny winter's day in Sydney can be delightful. Warm jumpers (sweaters) and jackets are advisable. In case of inclement weather, umbrellas and overcoats are advisable also.

Holiday Suggestions

For those coming from overseas we suggest you take full advantage of this opportunity to take that well deserved holiday and explore some of the great holiday places around Australia and New Zealand. Places to visit are too numerous for this booklet but we suggest you take a look at some suggestions we have placed on the conference website at www.urantia.org.au/anzura/IUAconference2006

The tropical region of North Queensland hosts the Great Barrier Reef and is beautiful and dry in July.

The further south you travel in July, the colder it will become. Be careful about planning outdoor activities, such as camping. Here is an idea of the average maximum temperature variations around the country. →







New South Wales (NSW)
Sydney 17° C [63° F].
Byron Bay 19°C [66°F]
Cessnock [Hunter Valley] 17°C [63°F]
Katoomba [Blue Mountains] 9°C [48°F]
Perisher Valley [Snowy Mountains] 2°C [36°F]

Victoria (VIC):
Melbourne 13°C [55°F]
Warrnambool (Great Ocean Road) 13°C [55°F]
Mt Buller 1°C [34°F]

Queensland (QLD):
Brisbane 20°C [68°F]
Cairns 26°C (North QLD) [79°F]
Cape York 28°C (North QLD) [82°F]
Hamilton Island 22°C [71°F]

Western Australia (WA):
Perth 18°C [64°F]
Broome 28°C (North WA) [82°F]
Bunbury 17°C [63°F]

South Austalia (SA):
Adelaide 15°C [59°F]

Australian Capital Territory (ACT):
Canberra 11°C [52°F]

Northern Territory (NT):
Darwin 30°C [86°F]
Alice Springs 19°C [66°F]
Uluru (Ayers Rock) 20°C [68°F]

Tasmania (TAS):
Hobart 10°C [50°F]

We look forward to seeing you in Sydney in 2006!



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Reward of Faith – touching the source. Focus on the individual dealing with the fact of isolation and how to grow as a team player. Discover that prayer and worship are antidotes to feelings of isolation.

Reward of Recreation – an Aussie barbeque, bush dance, sightseeing tour, boomerang throwing, pub-quiz night, music session. Discover Australia.

Reward of Youth – fun activities for the young so parents can make the most of the conference by participating in lectures and workshops knowing their young ones are happy and occupied with creative activities.

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