

You are

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to

Melbourne

for an

Australian Conference

of

Readers

of

The URANTIA Book

30 Sep. - 3rd Oct. 1994

Theme

Shepherds' Pie

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What Happens at the Conference?

This annual event is friendly and informal, usually with 30 to 50 people from many Australian States, and some overseas visitors. It includes presentations and workshops and discussion on relevant topics, news and stories, and opportunities for individuals to facilitate meditation or discussion or study groups. Social / leisure activities have included music and dance (both recitals and participatory), plays, quiz nights, and excursions in beautiful settings.

It includes catered meals and ample free time, to enhance opportunities to meet new and old friends. Many of these friendships span long distances within Australia and around the world, and long time-intervals since previous face-to-face contact. Before planning Melbourne 1990, I asked regulars what they liked best, and their overwhelming reply was: "The fellowship!"

Martin McBurney
Co-ordinator, Melbourne 1994

As far as I am concerned, the spiritual content of any conference is not to be found in words but in the behaviour and contacts between people. And those conferences, large or small, have the advantage of giving the opportunity to gather truth-seekers. This, we owe to God, our Father in heaven, because He is the very One who gives us this immediate feeling of brotherhood. Those moments, when discovering a new sister or brother, are "magic". It's as if we had already known each other for a long time! Like "kindred spirits" we are inexplicably attracted and, beyond the spoken words, our souls commune in a common outburst of brotherhood.

Georges Michelson-Dupont, Blennes - FRANCE
from "THE LETTER", Summer 1993, No. 32

Location

Sacred Heart Retreat & Conference Centre
Croydon - an outer suburb, East of Melbourne

Venue

- 55 year old former Monastery
- most rooms original
- set in 48 acres overlooking Dandenong Ranges
- on-site car parking
- Telecom gold phone
- no smoking indoors
- providing amenities / accommodation / catering - we are providing the program

If you don't read The URANTIA Book?

- You are welcome to join any or all of the program.
- The same fee applies.
- City & surrounding attractions are accessible: train to city takes 50 minutes, every 40 minutes.

When does Registration close?

- If and when all bedrooms are allocated.

What happens after Registration?

- A receipt and confirmation will be mailed promptly.
- An information pack, including final program, will be mailed out on 21st August.

Registration & Enquiries to:

Martin McBurney
63 Orange Street
South Oakleigh Vic 3167
Australia

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If you want a testimonial about how good it will be, I'll try to refer you to someone in your own State or Country.

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PROGRAM

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INFORMATION

Times in this Program

- am times: not bold
- **pm times: bold**

Tmes of Sunrise & Sunset

	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
• sunrise:	5:58	5:57	5:55	5:54
• sunset:	**6:23**	**6:24**	**6:25**	**6:26**

Responsibilities

- Co-ordinator: Martin McBurney
- M. C.: Tony Rudd
- Remembrance Supper: Ryta Kunciunas
- Music - in program: Pamela Reynolds
- Workshops: Tom Reynolds
- Worship: Steve Shanahan
- Manager (of venue): Barry Brindle

Locations

Check-In	Central Stairway
Conference Closing	Hall
Conference Opening	Hall
Dialogue	Hall
Drama	Hall
Happy Hour	Hall
IUA AGM	Pink Room (number 9)
Keynote Address	Hall
Keynote Interview	Hall
Meals	Dining Room
Open Forums	Hall
Presentations	Hall
Remembrance Supper	Hall
Workshops	Hall
	Pink Room (number 9)
Worship	Silent Room (upstairs)

Individual Initialtives for Free Times

- advertised on Bulletin Board

FRIDAY

after 3 **Arrival & Check-In**

during the afternoon & evening

- check-in
- payment of balance
- room allocation
- receive conference folder

free time

no meal provided this evening

- dine before arrival, or
- eat-in / take-away in the local area

8:15 **Conference Opening**

"Welcome"
Tony Rudd

"God be in my head"
Pamela Reynolds

"Individual Introductions"

Shepherds' Pie
"The Gospel & Sonship/Daughtership"
- introduced by Martin McBurney
- individual reflection

- 9:45 **Open Forum**

9:45 **Happy Hour**

SATURDAY

7 - 7:45 **Worship**
- no late entry after 7, please

8 Breakfast

9:15 - 10:30 **Dialogue**
- Individual Introductions
- Briefings & Reports

10:30 - 11 Morning Tea

11 - **Keynote Address**
"Readers in Remote Countries - Russia/Eastern Europe/Latin America"
John Lange, Ft. Smith, USA

- 12:15 **Open Forum**
on the Keynote Address

Are you an isolated reader?

12:30 Lunch

2 - 3:15 **Workshops** (first series)
- small groups
- up to 8 people per group
- topics listed on bulletin board
- you select topic & group
- group selects own facilitator

3:15 - 3:45 Afternoon Tea

3:45 - **Open Forum**
feedback from workshops

Drama
"Seraphic Workshop"

Presentations
"Our Place in Chaos"
Les Sheridan, Latrobe, Tas

- 5 **Open Forum**

6 Dinner

free time

9:45 **Happy Hour**

SUNDAY

7 - 7:45 **Worship**
- no late entry after 7, please

8 Breakfast

9:15 - **Presentations**
"The Ascension Plan"
Vince Harraghy, East Oakleigh, Vic

"4 Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven"
Tom Reynolds, Oakleigh, Vic

- 10:30 **Open Forum**

10:30 - 11 Morning Tea

11 - 12:15 **Workshops** (second series)

12:30 Lunch

2 - 3:15 **Keynote Interview**
Rob Crickett, North Balwyn, Vic
interviewed by Martin McBurney

3:15 - 3:45 Afternoon Tea

3:45 - **Open Forum**

Presentations
"A Personal View"
Tony Rudd, South Yarra, Vic

"Beauty"
Pamela Reynolds, Oakleigh, Vic

Open Forum

- 5 **Remembrance Supper**

6 Dinner

free time

8 **for members of ANZURA / IUA**
- Annual General Meeting of IUA - International URANTIA Association

for non-members
- *free time*

9:45 **Happy Hour**

MONDAY

7 - 7:45 **Worship**
- no late entry after 7, please

8 Breakfast

before 9:15 Check-Out from room, with all luggage

9:15 - **Presentations**
"Faith & Growth"
Martin McBurney, South Oakleigh, Vic

Open Forum

- 10:30 **Soliloquy for Two**
"Mary"

10:30 - 11 Morning Tea

11 - 12:15 **Conference Closing**

Open Forum
on the Soliloquy

How was the weekend for you?

Reflections
on the conference

Recital
"Joy to the World"
Bill Bertram, Emerald, Vic
Pamela Reynolds, Oakleigh, Vic

12:30 Lunch

free time

before 3 **Departure**

South Pacific Conference II

Wed 4 Oct - Sun 8 Oct 1995
Auckland, New Zealand

Contact: Marion Steward
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Public Holiday

- Monday 3rd October 1994, for NSW & ACT.

Opening Conference Session

- Friday 30th September 1994
  8:15pm

Arrival options

Friday 30th September 1994
- arrive after 3pm, preferably by 8pm
- no meal provided on Friday evening

Saturday 1st October 1994
- arrive preferably by 9am
- breakfast scheduled for: 8am
- first Conference Session: 9:15am

Last Conference Event

- Monday 3rd October 1994
  lunch at 12:30pm

Departure

- Monday 3rd October 1994
  after lunch, say before 3pm

Accommodation

- three nights - Friday/Saturday/Sunday
- all bedrooms twin share (bookable as single)
- organise a room-mate, or we will allocate
- linen/towels provided
- electric blankets, heater, robe, basin (H&C)
- communal showers/toilets (separate men/women)
- bring own personal toiletries, including soap

Meals

- breakfast Saturday through lunch Monday
- morning & afternoon teas
- happy hour - Friday/Saturday/Sunday
- own meal arrangements for Friday evening:
  possibly eat-in / take-away in the local area

Registration Form

Name:.....

Address:.....

.....Postcode:.....

Country:.....Telephone:.....

Vegetarian / special diet (please tick): Yes..... No.....
- If **Yes**: please attach details.

- Expected arrival: Fri..... Sat..... .....am/pm

Conference Fee (per person, incl. meals/accomm.)

- For twin share, from Saturday **$105** $.....

  Sat. breakfast: Yes..... No.....

- For twin share, from Friday **$130** $.....

- I will share with:.....
  If blank, we will allocate.

- Surcharge for single room **+ $50** $.....

  Total $.....

Day Tripper Fee (incl. meals)

- Expected arrival: Sat.... Sun.... Mon.... .....am/pm

- No. of people (from same address) .....

  Total: @ **$25** per person per day $.....

Deposit:
- **$10** per person (not refundable)
- payable with Registration Form
- optional for overseas visitors

Balance of Fee:
- payable on arrival
- refundable if paid in advance

Cheques payable to: ANZURA
- Australian currency, drawn on an Australian bank

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Picture: **Shepherd's Field with Bethlehem in the background**