



are on. Don't try to knock the foundation out from under a person whose ideas are somewhat different than yours. Strive to do as Jesus did and that was to expound upon the truth and build around each individual's personal foundation of faith.

Another important key to public ministry is to know the basic foundations of the individual's or group's beliefs. If you are talking to a Christian, it helps if you know the Bible. When talking to someone, find out where their faith lies, and modify your presentation to them accordingly.

God has found many ways of communicating with His children. This is evident by all the different formal religions there are on Urantia. If you want to do the most service to God's children, first you must desire to know them.

I would like to share with you an analogy that might be able to shed more light onto the subject, from another perspective.

THE BIKE

Witnessing to the public about The URANTIA Book is very much like riding a bicycle. No matter how many people tell you how, or how many books or articles you read, you never learn how until you get on and try.

Remember how when learning to ride a bike you always fell down a few times and

got discouraged and your parents smiled and just said, "It's OK, you are just beginning." That is how it is witnessing to people in the beginning. You always make a few mistakes, and the Spirit of Truth will just smile and say, "It's OK, you are just beginning."

Also, like bicycling, when introducing the Book, you have to be aware of the road conditions, because you might fall into a hole and disable your bike. You have to be aware of your speed, or otherwise you might fall behind with a very intellectual mind, or go too fast for the average person.

If a man were to plan a bike trip to the south, he would take clothing for warm weather. And if he were to go to the north, he would take clothing for cold weather. And as we go riding into the paths of higher communication with our brothers and sisters, we must dress ourselves accordingly. If we are speaking to a Bible believer, then we must "dress" ourselves to the Bible. If we are speaking to someone of the Mormon religion, then we must know some of their doctrines. A good cyclist always plans for a long journey and is always prepared for the short ones.

As you ride through the streets of communication with others, always be courteous and aware of other's needs. It's sometimes difficult to ride at first, but if you start slow, before you know it, you will have found your balance and will soon learn to love the joys of making contact.

