



URANTIA FOUNDATION'S NEWS ONLINE

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM URANTIA FOUNDATION



By Mo Siegel, President, Urantia Foundation

On behalf of the members of the Expanded Board of Urantia Foundation, I send you holiday greetings and good cheer. As we look back at 2008 and count our many blessings, your volunteer efforts, prayers,

and support sit at the top of our gratitude list.

As Urantia Foundation builds for the future, we are deeply indebted to many people for their day to day excellent work. We are especially grateful for the team in Chicago, the Branch office teams worldwide, and the translators who work selflessly for this noble project.

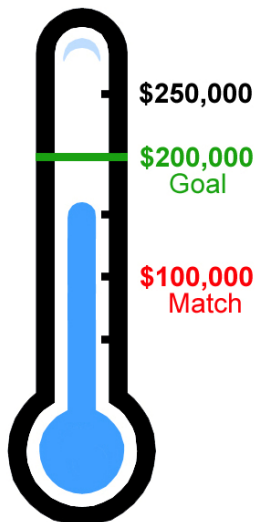
Thank you to the donors who pay for book printings, book distribution, translations, web site upgrades, building improvements, and the many other activities of Urantia Foundation. We could not do our work without your generosity.

To our fellow readers whose dedication to the Urantia Revelation remains stead-

fast, thank you for your loyalty. Knowing you are there invigorates us and gives us courage to press on. To those who lead study groups, attend study groups, or read on your own, thank you for caring. For those of you who send prayers our way, thank you; we need and appreciate them. To those of you who are associated with social groups and who valiantly live and share these teachings, we salute you and your noble efforts.

May our prayer this holiday season be to serve this revelation as our unseen friends desire that it be served. May this service result in more people of all races, religions, and nations experiencing the supreme satisfaction of knowing and loving our heavenly Father. Happy holidays to you all!

URANTIA FOUNDATION LAUNCHES MATCHING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN 2008



By Gard Jameson, Treasurer, Urantia Foundation

Four anonymous donors have generously pledged to match, dollar-for-dollar, contributions up to \$100,000. The world needs *The Urantia Book*, and Urantia Foundation needs your support more than ever.

In the next 12 months, Urantia Foundation will print three new translations: the Estonian, Hungarian, and Swedish. Funds are needed to reprint the Portuguese and Spanish translations. Better means of

book distribution throughout the world are essential to spreading the teachings which in turn can powerfully contribute to changing the perspectives of individuals and their relationship to God, and to invigorating the social network of an increasing global society.

The matching fundraising campaign ends on December 31, 2008. Please contact 773-525-3319 or <http://www.urantia.org/contributions.html>



NOTEWORTHY DECISIONS FROM THE NOVEMBER 2008 BOARD MEETING

By Mo Siegel, President,
Urantia Foundation

Audio Book in German

Mr. Reinhard Schneider of Switzerland has offered to produce an audio version of *Das Urantia Buch*. The Board has authorized Jay Peregrine, Executive Director of Urantia Foundation, to communicate with Herr Schneider about expediting the production of this audio edition.

Books Ready for Printing

The Board was informed that the Estonian, Hungarian, and Swedish translations will need to be printed in the near future. In addition, the Portuguese and the Spanish translations will need to be re-printed. Funds will have to be raised to pay for these printings.

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Urantia Foundation Europe

Trustee Georges Michelson-Dupont, President of Urantia Foundation Europe, reported on continuing efforts to make Urantia Foundation Europe a reality. The Trustees foresee

the day that Urantia Foundation Europe will assume the responsibility for printing and distributing translations of *The Urantia Book* in Europe.

Reprinting the Russian Translation

The Board agreed to sign a book printing and book distribution agreement with our current business associate, "Irena" in St. Petersburg. The fourth printing of the Russian translation will be done in Russia, and the money for the fourth printing will come from funds collected from sales of the Russian book.

2009 Budget

The Board modified and then ratified the 2009 budget including the approval to hire two part-time sales consultants, one for the United States and one for Europe. The budget is conservative due to the uncertain times we face in the coming year.

The Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS)

The Board reviewed the needs of UBIS as expressed by Dorothy Elder and Jay Peregrine. The Board expressed its commitment to the work of UBIS.

Marilynn Kulieke, the editor of *Urantia Foundation's News Online*, was asked to find ways to publicize the needs and activities of UBIS. The Board made newsletter suggestions, such as a running feature for UBIS stories, advertisements for classes and teachers, and fundraisers that include a Pay Pal method for making contributions. Jay expressed his on-going commitment to keeping the best

affordable web structure for UBIS.

Report on Standard Reference Committee

Seppo Kanerva, chair of the Standard Reference Text Committee, distributed the committee's draft report. He asked the Board to review the report in preparation for passing a resolution at the January 2009 Board meeting. The committee dedicated the report to Seppo to acknowledge his tireless contributions, leadership, scholarly command of the English language, and knowledge of *The Urantia Book*, which helped create the findings of the report.

The purpose of this committee was to review the changes that have been made to the text of *The Urantia Book* since it was first published in 1955 and to recommend a "final" English version. Since 1955, spelling and punctuation errors have been corrected, and a few other changes have been made to the text published by the Foundation. Now that the English edition of *The Urantia Book* is not protected by copyright and there is more than one publisher, the Board appointed this committee to create an agreed upon Standard Reference Text to be used for all future printings. Committee members include: Merritt Horn, Marvin Gawryn, Nancy Johnson, Seppo Kanerva, Marilynn Kulieke, and Jay Peregrine.

Edición Europea de *El libro de Urantia*

The Board reaffirmed its decision to print the European edition of *El libro de Urantia* and its preference to limit

sales, including internet sales, to Europe. The Board reconsidered the logistical feasibility of limiting internet sales because it is not practical; internet sales cannot be restricted or controlled. Therefore, the Board rescinded the July 4th, 2008 resolution restricting the internet sales of Edición Europea de *El libro de Urantia*. Nevertheless, the Board continues to prefer that sales of this edition be limited to Europe to avoid confusion with the translation currently being distributed in Mexico and Central and South America.

Education Committee

Gard Jameson reported that the individuals from the educational working group who participated in the Educational Appreciative Inquiry will reconvene on June 12 to 14, 2009 at 533 Diversey Parkway in Chicago to continue their work. This group's purpose is to recommend education activities that need Urantia Foundation's support.

Index Committee

Marilynn Kulieke and Jay Peregrine reported on the progress of the Urantia Book Index Project and handed out sample pages of the index. Work on this project will continue.

Parliament of World Religions

The Parliament of World Religions will be held in Australia in December 2009. Gard Jameson, head of the Education Committee, will coordinate with Susan Cook of the Urantia Book Fellowship and Merindi Belarski of Urantia Association International to coordinate with readers who will attend the Parliament. He



will bring a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

Reappointment of Associate Trustees

The Board reappointed Jan Bernard, Marta Elders, Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie, Olga Lopez, and Claire Mylanus to serve as Associate Trustees through 2009.

General Permission-to-Quote Policy

The Board agreed to update Urantia Foundation's 1998 Safe Harbor Policies. The "Permission-to-Quote Policy for Commercial Works"; the "Permission-to Copy Policy for Educational Purposes"; and the "Permission-to Quote Policy for Labors-of-Love" will be replaced with the following policy:

Elections

The Board elected: Mo Siegel to serve as President of the Board of Trustees of Urantia Foundation until the next regular elections scheduled for April 2010; Georges Michelson-Dupont to serve as Manager of Translations and chair of the Translations Committee; Marilyn Kulieke to serve as secretary until the next regular elections scheduled for April 2010; Judy Van Cleave to serve as chair of the Governance Committee; Henk Mylanus to serve as an Associate Trustee and as European Manager of Sales and Distribution.



Jan Bernard



Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie



Marta Elders



Claire Mylanus



Olga Lopez

GENERAL PERMISSION-TO-QUOTE POLICY

Urantia Foundation authorizes anyone to quote up to 25,000 words from a translation of *The Urantia Book* published by Urantia Foundation for any educational or commercial work provided that:

Standard academic attribution is given to *The Urantia Book* where it is quoted.

The following statement of copyright is prominently displayed in the first few pages of the work:

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THE URANTIA BOOK IN AUSTRIA



By Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie, Associate Trustee, Helsinki, Finland & Werner Sutter, British Columbia, Canada

For the first time *Das Urantia Buch* was introduced in Austria. It has been available in Germany and Switzerland since the first printing became available in 2006. In both countries there are study groups and many interested readers.

However, since there were no readers in Austria, we decided to attend an "Esoteric Fair" in Vienna last October to introduce *The Urantia Book*. The second printing of the German translation was recently

printed, and it looks really nice. The print is bigger, and the text is easier to read.

At the fair, we were pleased to notice that a constant flow of people stopped at our booth. Many of them sat down and discussed the teachings with Werner. Some of them had been reading *Das Urantia Buch* on the internet and were already familiar with the teachings.

Werner gave two lectures that were well attended, and the people participated by asking

questions.

We sold the six books that we had with us and referred prospective readers to book stores where they could order the book. In this way the bookstores will find it profitable to have the book on their shelves!

We feel that it was a worthwhile effort, that study groups will start forming in the near future, and that Austria will join the other German-speaking countries.

EDUCATION AND URANTIA FOUNDATION

By Dorothy Elder, UBIS Director, Los Angeles, California

Recently UBIS completed its first decade in operation, and I was asked to write what the vision is for UBIS's next ten years.

In doing so I have put my response in a larger context.

Seeding *The Urantia Book*

Making *The Urantia Book* available world-wide was the first, and still is, the #1 priority. A good steward was created to accomplish this task, and if all goes well, this goal should be attainable in the next twenty years. By 2030, *The Urantia Book* will be available in all the major languages and to all the free societies on earth. Good-will emissaries will have placed them in libraries, universities, and bookstores around the world. Even if this goal is not reached until 2050, it will still be a wonderful achievement. Along with this, there will be heightened public awareness and ever-increasing global communication.

Education And *The Urantia Book*

It is inevitable that in the future there will be "Centers for Urantia Studies" world-wide. There will be a handful of major centers and many regional centers all over the world. This will be the time when the initial resistance to *The Urantia Book* will have subsided, and the general recognition and application to study takes its place on the world scene. The prospect of "organized" Centers of Study may not seem palatable to us now for a variety of reasons, and this may not occur for 100 years, but that time will surely come. The questions for us today are: How is the soil being prepared for that time? Is there a vision in place now for that time ahead, and if so, how do we get from the present to the future *with the vision, however enhanced, still intact?*

The Urantia Book Internet School

From the beginning I could see the potential of UBIS, but now from experience I know with certainty its present value: a solid foundation for building that vision of the future. Experi-

ence has shown that it is real and that it works. Its fundamentals are true. Even more, its timely partner in communication makes UBIS available to everyone, free of the constraints of time and location. It is a good place to prepare the soil: the evolution of the concept of "learning, teaching, and training" demonstrated by the Master—the ultimate educational vision. The following is what we are presently working toward to complete the initial phase.

A Vision for UBIS in Ten Years

Five hundred students will be participating annually in courses presented in five languages around the world. A tri-level curriculum (new, general, and advanced) will be presented with an ever-advancing technical format. The core teacher staff of 20 English and additional other-than-English staff will be operating with new Teacher-Facilitators being developed every year through the Teacher Training Program. Mentor teachers, as well as administrative helpers, will assist with the work of the school. In addition, UBIS will have attracted those with special educational talents, and

from the results of on-going dialogue and seminars, a strategy will have been developed for mid-phase and long term objectives. High-quality courses will be archived and available for use as the curriculum expands. What is most important, the experience garnered in ten years, will clarify and amplify the future vision. Experience, coupled with truth, is a potent pathfinder.

Education And Urantia Foundation

Presently, Urantia Foundation has a lot of priorities that have to do with accomplishing goals set in 1950. It is reasonable that the first 100 years should be devoted to translating and seeding the world with the book, and I admire all that is being done. But the time immediately following that accomplishment is also vital to think about. The Trustees and Foundation of 50 to 100 years from now will be struggling with how best to interact with the far-flung "educational" activities taking place in one hundred different ways if no attention is



given now for those times ahead. A vision for the future evolves experientially along the path, and now is the time to begin gathering the needed experience; now is the time to forge a vision for the future that encompasses both the

teaching about education and the model as demonstrated by Jesus, the Master Teacher. With this vision in mind, and with the initial work that is already in motion, Urantia Foundation will become the fostering, stabilizing, and

leading influence in the development of those eventual Centers for Urantia Studies. It will be preparing the soil with wisdom.

I have called this article "Education and Urantia Foun-

ation" because I believe in the future, the two will be synonymous.

SECOND MEETING OF URANTIA BOOK READERS IN GERMANY



By Christian Ruch, Dattwil, Switzerland

Around 20 German-speaking

readers of *The Urantia Book* met for the second time in Frankfurt, Germany. We met for the first time last year when we learned more about the history of *The Urantia Book* and the challenges of translating it from English into German. This time, the main topic of discussion was "Personality - in this Life and after Death," and Paper 112 was the focus of our study.

It was gratifying to participate in a stimulating discussion of personality and to observe a deep understanding of the teachings. I think that everyone went home with an en-

hanced understanding of personality and with satisfaction that they had come to Frankfurt. Among the participants was Rita Schaad from Newcastle, Australia, secretary of ANZURA, the Australian-New Zealand Urantia Readers Association. She was warmly welcomed! Rita, who was born in Switzerland and whose first language is Swiss-German, was in the "neighborhood" visiting family and decided to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with German-speaking Urantia Book readers. She also participates in the German-speaking Urantia Book

newsgroup which exists on the internet.

Another highlight of the Frankfurt meeting was the presentation of the German audio version. Reinhard Schneider, a Swiss reader, put the text of the German translation into MP3 format for people who want to listen to the Urantia Revelation. He received a loud applause for this work.

Everybody is looking forward to next year's meeting which will also be in Frankfurt. Our topic of study will be the Lucifer rebellion.

HENK MYLANUS, NEW ASSOCIATE TRUSTEE AND EUROPEAN MANAGER OF SALES



By Claire Mylanus, Associate Trustee, Brittany, France

Editors Note: Claire Mylanus wrote this article to introduce her husband as an Associate Trustee and the European Manager of Sales. Georges Michelson-Dupont will work with Henk to increase the channels of distribution and sales in Europe.

Henk Mylanus was born in the Netherlands and discovered *The Urantia Book* in 1972. In 1981 he started attending a study group hosted by Henry and Bauke Begemann of Wassenaar, the Netherlands. In the 1990s he moved to Malta, introduced *The Urantia Book* to numerous individuals, hosted a study group for

twelve years, and continued to attend the Begemann's study group when he was in the Netherlands. He is still hosting study groups in France where he now lives.

Henk studied at Delft Technical University in Holland. After graduating from Delft, he worked in the petrochemical industry in Asia, Europe, and North and South America. He was a Sloan Fellow in the 1971-1972 Executive Program of the Stanford University Graduate School of Business where he obtained his Masters in Business.

In 1981 he became President and Chief Executive Officer of the Dutch Subsidiary of a large German petrochemical company. Henk speaks four languages: Dutch, English, German, and French.

In the short term, Henk's work for Urantia Foundation will focus on solving existing problems with sales and distribution in certain countries of the European Union (EU). In the long term he hopes to streamline the sales and the distribution for translations and for the English edition in 27 countries of the EU.

REFLECTIONS



By Jay Peregrine, Executive Director, Urantia Foundation

Editor's Note: In this article Jay Peregrine shares his reflections on a recent trip to Brazil with Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie.

After an overnight flight from Chicago to São Paulo, I caught a local plane to Brasilia, the capital of Brazil. At the Brasilia

airport I was greeted by a delegation of Urantia Book readers lead by Nemias Mól, President of Association Urantia Brazil (AUB), Rosa Torres, whom I had met recently when she visited 533 W. Diversey in Chicago with her daughter, and Clebson da Silva, a minister and student of the Victor Frankl Institute who is enthusiastic about *The Urantia Book*. We all gathered with Irmeli at her hotel and had a wonderful visit.

The next day Nemias and Rosa took me sightseeing in Brasilia. In the evening we had a study group at Rosas apartment, and the attendees had many questions for Irmeli and me. The Brazilians are enthusiastic about *The Urantia Book* especially now that they have it in Portuguese. Book sales have been steady, and we explored ideas on how to spread the teachings.

Back in São Paulo a few days later, Irmeli and I attended a

study group followed by a question and answer session at the home of Susana Huttner Palaia, AUB's vice president, and her husband, Sabino, who is AUB's secretary. The next day we attended the wedding of Iremli's granddaughter, and it was a wonderful occasion. Sabino and Susana took me to the beach for the weekend where we met an interesting philosophy professor who discussed *The Urantia Book* and related topics with us two nights in a row.

Later that week Nemias joined us in São Paulo, and Ricardo Machado arrived from Portugal. While Nemias and Susana looked into local printers, Ricardo and I shared how we discovered *The Urantia Book* and what we thought we should do with it. After a day in the city we drove up to Kalevala, Iremli's daughter's ranch in Minas Gerais, for a gathering of Urantia Book readers in a beautiful retreat setting. This was the second such gathering

this year, and everyone hopes that there will be more.

On Saturday we enjoyed presentations by Nemias, Irmeli, and Clebson. In the evening we had a delicious feast and danced to live Brazilian music. On Sunday, after a morning walk up the mountain, I gave a short talk and answered questions. Then, after lunch, we drove back to the airport where I caught my flight for the overnight trip back to Chicago.

I treasure the friendships I made in Brazil. I know from past experience that, because they have been initiated in the context of reading and discussing *The Urantia Book*, many of these relationships will last a lifetime and beyond.



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