



URANTIA FOUNDATION'S NEWS ONLINE

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Devote your life to proving that love is the greatest thing in the world.



EVEN AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

By Seppo Kanerva. President, Urantia Foundation.

God is love.
... love is the greatest thing in the universe ...
Love is the desire to do good to others.

Said Jesus: "If you love your fellows as I have loved you, then shall all men know that you are my disciples." "And so I give you this new commandment: That you love one another even as I have loved you. And by this will all men know that you are my disciples if you thus love one another."

... for years his [the aged Apostle John's] only utterance was, "My little children, love one another."

Jesus' great commandment to his apostles to love one another the way he had loved them, and the additional incentive that in loving one another the apostles will simultaneously proclaim to "all men" that they are Jesus' disciples, is equally a commandment to our Urantia

community. If we love one another, the world will know that we are Jesus' disciples. If believers in the revelation love one another, the world will one day note our love and recognize us, and maybe be attracted to the revelation because it seems to work wonders in its adherents. Our strife-torn community is now, slowly but steadily, progressing on the path of putting the past finally behind and seeking ways to be lovingly together and to work in harmony. We are slowly but steadily beginning to desire to do good to others in the community. If we desire to act and work together with the multiplicity of different personalities of the community, love is the secret of success. *Love is the secret of beneficial association between personalities. Love is the supreme relationship.* We are little by little achieving this "supreme relationship" as we are, more and more, understanding the motives and sentiments of our fellows in the community, and that is a prerequisite and the beginning of genuine, unselfish love. *Love is infectious and contagious, love is more catching than hate;* if our community is a loving community, "all men"

will be attracted to us. On the other hand, if "all men" continue to see a strife-torn community, they will, in disgust, turn away from us and away from the revelation.

It has always been "politically correct" in our circles to profess love, to give it lip-service. True love though wells up, not from the lips, but rather from the heart. If love is not genuine and authentic, it is *only a sentiment, a philosophic distortion, a psychic illusion, a spiritual deception.* True love is from God, and we receive the divine affection only if we in turn bestow this love upon our fellows.

The aspects of how outsiders view us and the concern of the overall health of the community are not the only considerations. Love is the force and power that makes the community alive. *Love is eternally creative. Love is dynamic. It can never be captured; it is alive, free, thrilling, and always moving.* Love, thus, is the engine that will keep our community active, always moving, always alive, always thrilling.

I love you.

NEWSWORTHY ITEMS FROM THE AUGUST, 2007 TRUSTEE MEETING

By Mo Siegel. Secretary, Urantia Foundation

The extended Board of Urantia Foundation met in Chicago,

IL, for the Third Quarterly Trustee Meeting of 2007. Some of the areas of discussion and decision-making at this meeting included:

Social Usage License

Earlier this year Urantia Foundation introduced a new social trademark licensing

agreement which legally expanded the organizational usage of the name *Urantia* and the Concentric Circles. In creating this new social usage system, the agreement needed to solve two distinctive and slightly conflicting problems. First, the agreement needed to protect Urantia Foundation's trademarks so no other organization could trademark the circles and the name and block others from using them. Second, the agreement needed palatable terms of engagement that encourages all dedicated Urantia Book groups to use the circles and the name. After a great deal of discussion and work, we now have a licensing system that feels fair, wise, and friendly. As a result of many months of extensive discussion and feedback with reader groups, the Board agreed to change the name of the "Social Usage License" to "Social Usage Agreement." If you participate in a social organization solely dedicated to The Urantia Book and its teachings, your group might benefit by becoming a part of this non-intrusive agreement. Please e-mail or call our offices for further information.

Changes in Website Policy

The board agreed to change the website usage policy for the three blue concentric-circles symbol. The terms of Urantia Foundation's policy regarding personal use of "Urantia," "Urantian," and the three blue concentric-circles symbol provides many legal "safe harbors" so web sites can display the concentric circles symbol. One of the policy's terms required that websites displaying the circle symbol must state on the web site front page "This Web site is unaffiliated with Urantia Foundation". It was agreed that this statement is no

longer needed and should be removed from the terms of the policy.

Committee on "Standard Reference Text"

The Committee on the Standard Reference Text (formerly the Committee on the Inviolable Text) met in Chicago in July to discuss a strategy to evaluate the past changes and corrections made in the text of The Urantia Book in Urantia Foundation and Uversa Press editions. The committee's goal is to study the validity of, agree upon, and annotate all necessary corrections made to the book since the original publishing in 1955. The committee was asked to agree upon a final text that would become the unchanging "inviolable text" of The Urantia Book. After looking at their mission, the team felt their job was to recommend an unchanging "Standard Reference Text." The board agreed to the committee's request to rename the Committee to "Committee on the Standard Reference Text". The committee, consist-



Patricia Mundelius, Richard Keeler and Neal Waldrop

ing of Seppo Kanerva, chair, Marilyn Kulieke, and Jay Peregrine from the Foundation, and Marvin Gawryn, Merritt Horn, and Nancy Johnson from Uversa Press, expects to complete its work next year.

Fundraising Committee

The Board resolved that Uran-

tia Foundation create a fund raising committee of the Board. The initial committee members are Gard Jameson, Richard Keeler, Jay Peregrine, Marjorie Reed, Betty Zehr, and Ralph Zehr. The committee will be chaired by the Executive Director of the Foundation. With the creation of the new fundraising committee, the Matthew Project Committee was dissolved. The Board acknowledged and praised the fantastic work done by all the former members of the Matthew Committee. The need for funds continues as a very challenging priority for Urantia Foundation.

Book Committee

As always, a good deal of time was spent discussing book sales. When you historically look at the most effective means of disseminating The Urantia Book into the world, selling through retail book channels such as bookstores and online have been the big winner. Over 95% of all books distributed since the first publication have been purchased, not given away. As the bookstore industry has matured, retailers demand ever increasing sophisticated business practices from small publishers like Urantia Foundation.

Russia and Eastern Europe

Political, economic, and logistical distribution problems in Russia and Eastern Europe continue to challenge the book team at the Head Office. Demand for The Urantia Book remains strong but the cost of doing business makes the retail price of the book overly expensive. Additionally, Urantia Foundation often experiences the problem of not receiving payment for books shipped to book distributors in those countries. The Board asked Gard Jameson to coordinate an effort to investigate the printing of translations of The Urantia Book in Russia and Eastern Europe.

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Translating the book is the first vital step but successfully printing and then getting those books into people's hands is a huge and ongoing job. But as each day passes, more and more Urantia Books find their way into the world. Little pockets of revelatory light crop up when books find their way into world distribution.

Urantia Book Index

Marilynn Kulieke and Jay Peregrine presented their findings regarding the quality of the "work in process" index created by Anna Rawson and Edith Cook. They reported that the work previously completed by Anna and Edith provides a solid platform to create a high quality index for

The Urantia Book. The Board agreed to finish the index project which will begin immediately.

Ad Hoc Committee on Translations

The Board resolved to create a six-member ad hoc Committee on Translations chaired by Seppo Kanerva. The committee shall be composed of two members of Urantia Foundation's expanded Board and four outside individuals nominated by the Chairman and ratified by the Urantia Foundation Board. The committee shall make recommendations regarding translations of The Urantia Book.

A Call for Leadership

During the meeting, the Board discussed the growing need for leaders and teachers. As the baby boomers age, the mantle of leadership must pass to the next generations. We spent time identifying men and women who could become the leaders of the future. From the heart we invite those of you reading this newsletter to submit names of people you consider the leaders and teachers of the future.

The third quarterly meeting ended with hope, love, and dedicated enthusiasm for the future where the Most Highs rule on earth.

"The mantle of leadership must pass to the next generations."



FOUNDATION PRINTS A PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION



By Irmeli Sjölie, Associate Trustee, Finland

Why is it important to print the existing Portuguese translation? The answer is simple. In 2003, after seven years of assiduous work, the Portuguese translation was officially launched in Brazil on a CD and made available on the Internet. There were plans to print the

translation, but as a result of a number of Brazilian readers who voiced concerns about the quality of the rendering, the printing was delayed, and a process began to refine the translation.

However, having only an electronic version of the Portuguese translation in Brazil is problematic. Brazil is not like my country, Finland, where virtually everybody has a computer and a broadband Internet connection is available in every corner. In Brazil,

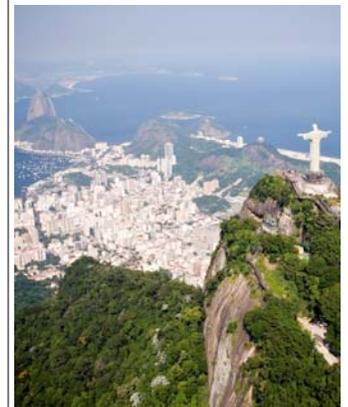
This situation divides the readership into two categories: those who can download the translated papers in Portuguese and those who cannot.

You can imagine how awkward it is at study group meetings. The host has to print the pertinent paper for all participants. Should it happen that they want to check something in one of preceding or subsequent papers, it is not possible to do so because those papers are often not available. One

reader printed the whole book on his home printer. The print folders now occupy one meter (three feet) of shelf space in his bookcase!

So we must get the Portuguese translation into a book form soon so that the many Brazilian readers will not give up. They are very enthusiastic

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The Portuguese translation headed for Brazil.

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and excited about the revelation, and they number in the hundreds. I, for one, view this particular Portuguese translation as one of the most beautiful translations I have come across and look forward to being able to read it in book form.

In order to satisfy the tangible demand for a Portuguese translation, the Foundation voted at their April meeting to make this work available in its current form. Because of the quality concerns, a disclaimer

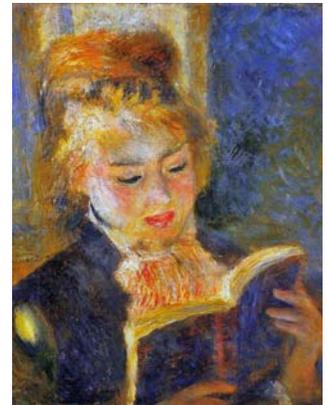
will be printed on the publisher's page declaring that the work is not final and that refinement of the text is in progress. Information on the Portuguese translation can be obtained from the Foundation's Chicago head office.

The purpose of education should be acquirement of skill, pursuit of wisdom, realization of selfhood, and attainment of spiritual values.



Left to right: Maria Hilda Bernardino, Suzana Huttner, Marianne Prado, Pentti Pitkänen, Luiz Carlos Dolabella Chagas (translator), Werner Sutter, Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölje

Suzana has been working with Luiz Carlos since the beginning of the project over ten years ago.



AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE



By Gard Jameson, Urantia Foundation Trustee and Chair of the Education Committee,

USA

For some time many within the Urantia community have pondered on the importance of the need for training teachers and leaders, the sense that study groups could use an educational boost, and the feeling that the teachings could be having a larger impact in our world's culture. On the weekend of June 8th and 9th a small but dedicated group of educators gathered at 533 Diversey in Chicago, USA to consider our educational opportunities.

The group of educators in attendance at the Educational Initiative consisted of four educators from Europe and twenty one from North America. Jane Ploetz (USA), one of the organizers of the event, said she was looking forward to the "concert" that would be emerging from our work together. Dr. Marilyn Kulieke (USA), another organizer, indicated that many changes are occurring in the field of education which might be beneficial as the group thinks about the direction that it is undertaking. Gary Deinstadt (USA), chair of the Urantia

Education is the business of living; it must continue throughout a lifetime so that mankind may gradually experience the ascending levels of mortal wisdom...



Book Fellowship education committee expressed his hopefulness for this process. Dorothy Elder (USA), founder and leader of The Urantia Book Internet School, indicated that she had been dreaming about such an initiative as this for a long time.

Marta Elders (USA) ably lead a process known as *Appreciative Inquiry* to help the initiative move toward some realistic goals.

This process recognizes the sanctity of personality and attempts to draw the best in

people, affirming past and present strengths. It is a four step process: *Discovery* (What gives life to the educational process, a sharing of experiences), *Dream* (What might be?), *Design* (What should be?) and *Destiny* (How to empower, learn, monitor, and

adjust?), which is designed to build upon the assets of the group in order to foster its vision.

Instead of approaching organizational initiatives by identifying problems and their causes, *Appreciative Inquiry* attempts to appreciate and value the best of what is now taking place, beginning with establishing real community. The objective at this year's gathering was to move through the *Discovery* and *Dream* stages of the process.

During the *discovery* stage participants told their stories of educational achievement. This allowed each person to experience the commonalities and differences of perspectives.

In the *Dream* phase there

was an attempt to envision what might be in our community. Small groups explored personal dreams of what education might look like within the context of the Urantia Community. Line Charland (Canada) shared the power of her educational experience with the African spiritual teacher, Moussa Ndiaye, and how she felt as if her soul had been midwived through that teaching experience. Sara Blackstock (USA) shared her dream of seeing the teachings move into family life and provide a transforming influence. Charles Olivea (USA), emphasized the importance of friendship and humor in the learning environment. He stated: *Teaching is a noble act because of the possibility of friendship, and Teaching requires provocative questions.* John Ploetz (USA) emphasized the importance of understanding the media of the next generation as they listen to iPods and gather information from the web. Agnes Lazare (Belgium) pointed out that a good

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teacher makes the student feel at home" Chris Halvorson (USA), leader of one of the most popular study groups in North America, emphasized the need for passion and intuition. *Excitement, he shared, is contagious...The teacher must learn how to get out of the way.* Betty Zehr (USA) shared her view of the importance of *one-on-one teaching* by telling a story of her ministry to an internationally-known violin player dying of a brain tumor. Jerry Prentice (USA) emphasized that our job as Urantia Book readers is to infuse *the great spiri-*

tual principles into our culture. After each person shared their dreams, the group looked for common themes.

The participants will reconvene in June, 2008, to engage in the *Design and Destiny* phases of the *Appreciative Inquiry* process. Until that time, participants made personal "commitments to action" until the group meets again. Elisabeth Callahan (USA) called for us to form a "university of spiritual living." Ralph Zehr (USA) shared the

dream of preparing a seminar on cosmic citizenship. Gaetan Charland (Canada) intends to continue his efforts to empower study groups and develop a network of study groups. Claire Mylanus (France) will continue her work sponsoring study groups. Jeff Wattles (USA) plans to share his work on a text based on truth, beauty and goodness. Polly Friedman (USA) envisions building Field Service Teams which will bring the teachings to other parts of the planet.

Though no definitive conclusions were arrived at, it was exciting to see educators from throughout the world gather and address part our sacred trust, to bring forth the teachings of this revelation into the thought and heart streams of humanity. If you have any thoughts about the Education Initiative, please email Tamara Wood at tamara@urantia.org

DISTRIBUTION OF EL LIBRO DE URANTIA

By Tamara Wood, Sales Manager for Urantia Foundation

While attending the annual international book fair in Guadalajara, Mexico, last November, I quickly discovered how popular *El libro de Urantia* is among Spanish-speaking distributors. One distributor in particular caught my attention with his enthusiastic long-term vision of creating solid availability of the book in stores throughout a large territory. After extensive discussions, we signed a contract to distribute the book via

Tarots del Mundo in Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama and Uruguay.

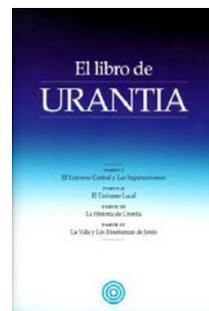
Orlando Ashman and his wife Patsue are dedicated to developing the market for The Urantia Book with reliable, accountable, and client-oriented business practices. This approach is both refreshing and promising given the many difficulties Urantia Foundation has experienced in distributing the book in Latin America. As the market expands, we look forward to



Orlando and Patsue Ashman

having a strong distribution system so that all who search for The Urantia Book can find it.

El libro de Urantia is available in Mexico, and anyone who wants/needs books in Orlando's territory may contact him. The contact details are: info@tarotsdelmundo.com
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The evidence to all the world that you have been born of the spirit is that you sincerely love one another.



God is everywhere present; the Universal Father rules the circle of eternity.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE OWNERS OF URANTIA FOUNDATION'S HEAD OFFICE

By Jay Peregrine, Executive Director Urantia Foundation, USA

An examination of the original deeds, records, and drawings stored in a safe at Urantia Foundation reveals the following names and dates relating to 533 West Diversey Parkway, Chicago, USA.

- 533 W Diversey is "Lot 5 in Lehmann Diversey Blvd Addition", an early 20th Century subdivision on Chicago's Northside.

- March 19, 1907 Augusta Lehmann sells "Lot 5 of the Lehmann Diversey Blvd Addition" to Myna L. Kunz. The Kunzes are required in the contract to improve the property by constructing a two- or three- flat building.

- Plans for a three-flat steel-framed building "at the corner of Diversey and Hampden"

are drawn up by Frommann and Jebesen, Architects for Mrs. Myna Kunz.

- The American Institute of Architects guide to Chicago dates the "Sylvan Kunz Flats" as completed 1908. The building is listed in that publication as a noteworthy building on Chicago's Northside.

- April 4, 1908 the Sadlers buy property in La Grange, (Lots 3 and 4 in Block 3 in Leiter's Addition to La Grange) according to a later title search.

- Nov 15, 1918 Myrna and Sylvan Kunz change their name to Myna and Sylvan Coombs.

- Oct 23, 1919 Myna Coombs sells 533 to Annie M. Richter.

- May 25, 1922 Dr. William S. Sadler purchases 533 W. Diversey from Annie Richter. The "Chicago Institute of Research and Diagnosis" operated out of 533 by William S. Sadler and Lena K. Sadler until Lena's death Aug. 8, 1939.

- Dec 3, 1970 533 West Diversey transferred to Urantia Foundation by the Probate Court after the death of Dr. William S. Sadler.



COMMENTS ON URANTIA ONLINE APRIL

Fantastic. The best newsletter/serial that has ever been produced by the Foundation to date. You are now a truly "user friendly" organization! Bravo to all who worked on this project. The graphics are lovely in addition to wonderful reporting. The work and spirit of brotherhood among the trustees is truly inspiring. We are so blessed to have Jay and Tamara and team efforts at the office.

Victoria Clark
(USA)

Congratulations to Marilyn K. and the staff of the new Foun-

dation ONLINE. It is beautiful both in content and appearance and a pleasure to read! Thank you. I will buy another color cartridge just to print this out! Best wishes to all.

Polly Friedman
(USA)

Thanks for this great publication! Will look forward to future issues.

Blessings

Meredith Sprunger
(USA)

Thank you for the online newsletter. My wife and I have been reading The Urantia Book for about 9 months and have just about finished the Life and Teachings of Jesus and is just mesmerizing. I have searched all my life (off and on) for what I feel is the truth about God and Jesus. Those who preach "It's our way or none at all to get into the Kingdom of God" need to read and follow The Urantia Book. I thank those who introduced me to its teachings.

I thank you for all that you do to make the book available to the world. Oh what a wonder-

ful world it would be if every soul would read it and follow its teachings. Thank You.

Dave Reynolds
(USA)

WOW! Great design, layout, information and finally a feeling that you belong to a group of "other like-minded spirits"

who love and admire The Urantia Book. Thanks to whomever for creating this wonderful, informative, connective masterpiece. PLEASE, share my appreciation. Thanks so much!

Darlene Ousley
(USA)

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! By the way -- Georges looks fantastic with a beard!

Cheryl Glicker
Milford Study Group,
(USA)



"My kingdom is founded on love, proclaimed in mercy, and established by unselfish service." ~ Jesus

TRUSTEE EMERITA PATRICIA MUNDELIUS LEAVES EXPANDED BOARD

By Carolyn Kendall

At the August meeting of Urantia Foundation, Pat Mundelius was honored for her many years of service to Urantia Foundation. Pat's long-time friend Carolyn Kendall recalls her contributions.

Pat has been around the Urantia Revelation all her life. The rare person who was "born into it," she was the granddaughter of Drs. Lena and William S. Sadler, in whose home and office at 533 Diversey, Chicago, the Papers developed. She grew up in the same building with her parents, Leone and William S. Sadler Jr., who was the principle author of the Urantia Brotherhood's Constitution. Her dad was also its

first President, as well as Vice-President of Urantia Foundation. Although too young to remember the early days, she came of age as The Urantia Book was being published.

Patricia read the book while still a young woman, but education, marriage, family, and the building of an insurance business with husband Manfred in California precluded active involvement with the Urantia organizations until later in life.

When three trustees left the Board precipitously in 1989, she was called upon by the remaining two trustees to fill one of the vacant spots in 1990. At the time, the Board was grappling a number of serious issues. At the time,

the Board was grappling with a number of serious issues. Pat assumed the presidency in 1992. An era of less restrictive sales and pricing policies began, and more translations were initiated. An improvement in relations with long time readers occurred.

Pat left the Board in 1997, but in 2003 agreed to return as Trustee Emerita. Her associates honored her and a group of lifelong Chicago area friends held a social gathering to wish her Godspeed as she looks toward the last chapter of her fascinating life.



Patricia Mundelius

REFLECTIONS

By Patricia Mundelius

In this article – Patricia Mundelius – past President of Urantia Foundation, now Trustee Emerita- shares her experiences and hopes for the many "personal trustees" who cherish The Urantia Book.

I became a Trustee for Urantia Foundation in 1990, but

in a personal sense, I feel that I became a Trustee long ago when I began reading and loving the Urantia Papers. I think all of us who cherish The Urantia Book are personal trustees. It is up to all of us to make sure that no harm comes to this wonderful revelation and that we do what we are able to do to spread this sublime message. Our activities are, of course, as varied as we are.

As personal messengers, we are free to follow our hearts. And as individuals, there has been much success spreading the teachings. It is a joy for all of us to hear these inspiring stories.

However, when one becomes a trustee with a capital "T", I think a different standard does apply. The Declaration of Trust defines the activities

of the Trustees clearly. These include formal responsibility for publishing the book while protecting the integrity of the text and spreading the teachings all over the world in a way that is appropriate for each country. The Trustees are ever aware that they are not only responsible to the current generation of readers and nonreaders but also to the generations to come. The Fifth Epochal Revelation

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"We need your testimonials on how the Urantia Book has changed your life."

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will bring light for centuries. The Trustees are ever mindful of their duty to help, not harm or hinder the spread of the Revelation.

Frankly, it's not easy being a Trustee and it never has been, even in the very beginning. There have always been challenges and there always will be. This is serious business. The weight of responsibility slows us down, makes us cautious, and decisions take much time. There have been conflicts among some of the Trustees. There have been misunderstandings and many times communications from the Foundation have been slow in coming. Silence can be easily misinterpreted. And yes,

mistakes have been made. Sometimes, I wish everyone could walk in the Trustees' moccasins for a time...you might send us a bunch of flowers.

Perhaps many people have begun wearing the Trustees shoes, in spirit, for I feel a new breeze of understanding among the various reader groups. There is wonderful cooperation going on between the social groups as well as between the Foundation and these groups. I feel much love and understanding generated because of shared activities. You just can't help loving the folks with whom you work. We are on the right track in 2007. Let's keep going in this direc-

tion.

When I look back on the 1990's when I was President of the Trustees and now in the 2000's as a Trustee Emerita, I assure you that we are truly on the right track again. It has stopped raining and the sun is out. The present Trustees respect and love each other. They are deeply appreciative of all those people who have supported the Foundation during the less than sunny times. They are also delighted to work with all those who wish to till the Father's garden. Our universe is a friendly place and we are the vanguard for the Fifth Epochal Revelation. What a marvelous time to be alive!

HELP WANTED

By Mo Siegel

As you probably know, publishers place testimonials on the back of book covers because testimonials have proven to be the most effective way to sell books. If you've ever wanted to say something that would influence someone to read The Urantia Book, here's your chance. On the next printings of North American Urantia Books, Urantia Foundation has decided to test putting testimonials on the back of the book's dust cover. That means we need your testimonials on how The Urantia Book has changed your life. Your testimonial should feel personal, real, specific, and touching. The most

effective testimonial should explain what the book's teachings have done for you vs. what the book is about. Write your testimonial as if you were telling your next door neighbor how the book has changed your life. If you need inspiration when writing your testimonial, look at the back cover of most books and see how others write testimonials.

The perfect length for the most effective testimonial would be 25-35 words. Please don't write anything longer than 40 words. When you submit your testimonial, you need to list your name and the city or town you live

in. If listing your occupation would positively influence others, please add it. Once you submit your written testimonial to Urantia Foundation, you have automatically given Urantia Foundation permission to use that testimonial on the back of the book cover, in book promotion literature, and in our Newsletters.

We need lots of testimonials to choose from so please send yours in immediately. Please send to: urantia@urantia.org

We deeply appreciate and need your help. Your words will inspire others to find the revelation and live its wonderful teachings.



The search for God is the unstinted bestowal of love attended by amazing discoveries of new and greater love to be bestowed.

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