



# URANTIA FOUNDATION'S NEWS ONLINE

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## Goal One: Place *The Urantia Book* into 1,000 Alternative Libraries

## 1,000 LIBRARIES, 1,000 BOOK REVIEWS, AND 1,000 STUDY GROUPS

By Mo Siegel, President,  
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USA

Please, we need your help!

Good things can come in threes. Right now there are three projects that seed the Urantia Revelation into the world, and to accomplish them, we need your help. The goals are simple, place *The Urantia Book* in 1,000 "alternative" libraries, write 1,000 compelling Urantia Book reviews for internet book sellers, and foster the formation of 1,000 active study groups.

### Goal One: Place *The Urantia Book* into 1,000 Alternative Libraries

For years readers have placed *The Urantia Book* in public libraries. Another library placement opportunity - the alternative library - remains untapped. Alternative libraries are those informal libraries in hotels, cruise ships, bed and breakfast inns, youth hostels, restaurants, truck stops, hospital waiting rooms, nursing homes, churches, fraternity and sorority houses, and more. So next time you stay at, or pass by, an establishment that has a library, you might place a copy of *The Urantia Book* on their library shelf.

To make it easy and inexpensive for you to place



books in libraries, we have created a system that allows you to buy books for \$10 a copy, plus postage, if you agree to place them in libraries and not resell them. You can read about this program on Urantia Foundation's website: <http://www.urantia.org/en/urantia-foundation/library-placement-policy>.



### Goal Two: Write 1,000 Compelling Urantia Book Reviews for Internet Book Sellers



The top internet book sellers provide a place on their websites where you can write your opinion of a book. Many books have over 1,000 customer reviews. For example, on Amazon.com, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* has 1,145 reviews. *Eat, Pray and Love* has 2,078. *A New Earth* has 1,502. *The*

*Shack* has 4,212. *The Secret* has 2,523. *Three Cups of Tea* has 2,284. *The Urantia Book* has 210. Google Books has 214, Barnes and Noble has 15, Borders has zero, Alibis has seven, Booksamillion has zero, and Chapters Indigo, the Canadian book vendor, has one review. We need to do better! Personal testimonials make a significant impact on people who are thinking about buying a book. People's individual stories and book reviews have amazingly persuasive power to convince others to read a book because their personal story feels real and authentic.

The goal is to have 1,000 book reviews on the internet. The more book reviews, the more credibility. Please share your thoughts with others by visiting book websites and submitting a review. Let them know how reading *The Urantia Book* has changed your life, how it uplifted your thinking, what you like about it, what you have learned from it, and why you recommend it.

Here are seven links where you can post your customer review. For those of you living outside the USA, I hope you will "localize" this list by using the best internet, book review sites in your country.

1. Amazon: [http://www.amazon.com/Urantia-Book-Foundation/dp/0911560513/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?](http://www.amazon.com/Urantia-Book-Foundation/dp/0911560513/ref=sr_1_1?)

[ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1275072116&sr=1-1](http://www.urb.com/urantiabook/urantiabook.html)

2. Google Books:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=jnDGQwAACAAJ&dq=the+urantia+book&cd=2>

3. Barnes and Noble:

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/Urantia-Book/Editors-of-Urantia-Foundation/e/9780911560077/?itm=1&USRI=urantia+book>

4. Chapters Indigo:

<http://www.chapters.indigo.ca/books/Urantia-Book-Revealing-Mysteries-God-Urantia-Foundation/9780911560077-item.html?ref=Search+Books%3a+%2527Urantia+book%2527>

5. Borders:

<http://www.borders.com/online/store/TitleDetail?sku=0911560076>

6. Alibris:

[http://www.alibris.com/books/search?qwork=6954379&matches=58&keyword=the+urantia+book&cm\\_sp=works\\*listing\\*title](http://www.alibris.com/books/search?qwork=6954379&matches=58&keyword=the+urantia+book&cm_sp=works*listing*title)

7. Booksamillion:

<http://www.booksamillion.com/product/9780911560510?id=4749823265646#overview>



**Goal Three: Fostering the Formation of 1,000 Study Groups**

The first generation of readers of *The Urantia Book* believed that the most effective way of building a secure social and educational community for the Urantia Revelation was through the development of study groups. So far, history has proven those early readers correct. We estimate that approximately 500 study groups now exist worldwide. While not perfectly suited for everyone, study groups provide readers a number of benefits. Attending study groups enhances one's understanding of the complex parts of the book, builds local communities of believers, creates an appropriate opportunity for group prayer and worship, stimulates life-long friendships, offers support groups for

believers, strengthens one's faith, and safeguards one from isolation and doubt. Every functioning study group is a source of spiritual light in the world.

For those of you currently hosting or attending study groups, your involvement in these groups fulfills a vital role. For those of you not attending study groups, please consider the value to both you and your fellow readers of your participating in one. Make study groups a part of your weekly routine. If there is no study group in your area, start one.

For information on Urantia Book study groups, visit: <http://www.urantia.org/en/contact-readers>. For information on forming and fostering study groups, visit:

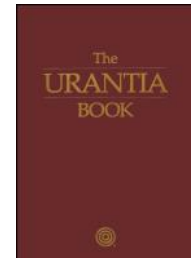
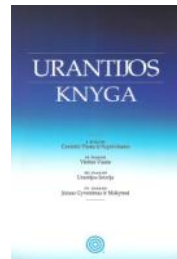
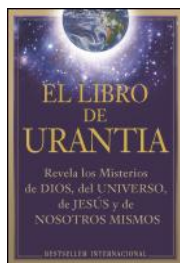
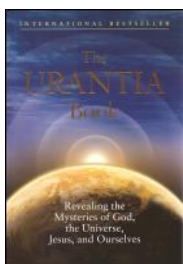
<http://www.urantia-uai.org/studygroups.html> and <http://urantia-book.org/archives/readers/doc990.htm>.

"You cannot experience real joy all by yourself. A solitary life is fatal to happiness. Even families and nations will enjoy life more if they share it with others." (1220.6) 111:4.7

"Spiritual growth is mutually stimulated by intimate association with other religionists." (1094.2) 100:0.2

You will receive updates regarding our progress in achieving these three goals. Please unite with your fellow readers in achieving these important tasks.

"Just as certainly as men share their religious beliefs, they create a religious group of some sort which eventually creates common goals. Someday religionists will get together and actually effect co-operation on the basis of unity of ideals and purposes rather than attempting to do so on the basis of psychological opinions and theological beliefs. Goals rather than creeds should unify religionists." (1091.6) 99:5.7



# NOTEWORTHY DECISIONS FROM THE APRIL 2010 BOARD MEETING



By Marilynn Kulieke, Secretary, Urantia Foundation, Illinois, USA.

## 1. Election of Urantia Foundation's Officers

The Board of Trustees of Urantia Foundation elected the following persons to serve for the next three years: Mo Siegel as President, Georges Michelson-Dupont as Vice President, Marilynn Kulieke as Secretary, and Gard Jameson as Treasurer.

## 2. Revision of the Spanish Translation

The second bestselling edition of *The Urantia Book*, after the English edition, is the 1993 Spanish translation, which was translated by Latin Americans. After the Spanish translation was published, a team of readers in Seville, Spain, offered to revise and correct the translation. The Trustees accepted their offer. For all practical intents and purposes, their revision was a new translation - the Sevillian translation. It is preferred by most Spanish-speaking people in Spain.

In 2008, the Trustees decided to make the Sevillian

translation available to the Spanish-speaking people in Spain and to call it *El libro de Urantia Edición Europea*. The 1993 translation continues to be sold to the Spanish-speaking peoples in Latin America.

The problem with this arrangement is that it is more expensive with respect to printing, storage, and distribution. Smaller print runs, for example, are more expensive. In addition, having two translations is confusing in study groups when both translations are present.

During the last few years the Board has commissioned professional analyses and comparisons between the two existing Spanish translations. The results have proven inconclusive with split votes on which translation is superior. Both translations have their advantages, yet both need improvement and revision. After extensive conversation with widely varying points of view, the Board voted to publish only one Spanish translation instead of revising and correcting two. The Trustees are committed to creating one new translation that incorporates the best of both existing translations, a translation which is "true to the original" and so beautiful that native speakers would not know that it is a translation.

This revision will synthesize the two current translations, as well as make improvements throughout the entire text. It will be in-depth and will require between five and ten years to complete. The Manager of Translations and the Translation Committee are preparing an

implementation plan, a budget, and a revision team to move forward with this project.

## 3. Book Issues

### A. The Perpetual Printing Fund Modified

The Perpetual Printing Fund (PPF) was originally set up to ensure that Urantia Foundation always has money to reprint the English edition of *The Urantia Book*. Sales of the Spanish and Portuguese translations have increased to the point that

The Board increased 2010's budget for providing "typo and error free," standard reference system compliant, and downloadable translation texts. The English edition and the Spanish, Portuguese, French, Dutch, and Italian translations have already been completed. The Polish and German translations are in the conversion process. Creating clean files requires approximately 250 hours per book.

### 4. Kitchen and Dining Room Renovation Plans at 533 Diversey Parkway



PPFs are required for these translations as well. The major donor to the English PPF is allowing \$250,000 to be earmarked for these translations.

The Board, accepting the donor's offer, resolved that all printings of the Spanish and Portuguese translations, beginning in 2010, will be included in the calculations of the PPF up to \$250,000. This decision provides long term financing for the Spanish and Portuguese printings.

### B. Safeguarding the Text of *The Urantia Book* in All Languages

A donor has contributed funds for a complete renovation of the second floor kitchen and dining room. After reviewing the architectural plans, the Board accepted the generous donation and voted to proceed with the project. The cost of the renovation will range between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

## 5. Governance Committee Resolutions

The governance committee passed the following three resolutions.

### A. The Charter for the Translation Committee



**Translations.** *Chair:* Georges Michelson-Dupont. *Members:* Gábor Cseh, Richard Keeler, Olga López, and Claire Mylanus.

**Compensation.** *Chair:* Mo Siegel. *Members:* Gard Jameson and Richard Keeler.

**Strategic Planning.** *Chair:* Marta Elders. *Members:* Marilyn Kulieke and Judy Van Cleave.

**Text.** *Co-Chair:* Marilyn Kulieke and Merritt Horn. *Members:* Seppo Kanerva, Richard Keeler, Jay Peregrine, and Ralph Zehr.

**12. Upcoming meetings**

January 14-15, 2011  
(Dallas, Texas)

July 22-23, 2010 (Chicago, Illinois)

April 15-16, 2011  
(Chicago, Illinois)

October 15-16, 2010  
(Chicago, Illinois)

July 2011 (Chicago, Illinois)

October 2011 (Paris, France)

## UBIS NEWS: A NEW WEBSITE, AN EXPANDED CURRICULUM, AND THE CHALLENGE AHEAD



Back row: Mike Wood, Jay Peregrine, Tom Brachna  
Front row: Judy Coky, Pam Maunakea, Susan Flacks, Kristi Pielspick, Betty Zehr, Dorothy Elder, Ralph Zehr.

*By Dorothy Elder, Chair of the Board of Directors of UBIS, California, USA.*

I begin this article with a quote from Urantia Foundation's website, "Delivering this revelation to souls in need of its spiritual message, without invasive promotion, churchification, or evangelization is the challenge that faces us. Plans are underway to increase the number of language translations to sixty by the year 2030 and to provide worldwide distribution channels. By then approximately eighty-four

*percent of the people on the planet will be able to read The Urantia Book in their native tongue...."*

Think of that! Think of what this will mean and bring to our world in just two decades! The growth in the readership during the next twenty years will be increasing rapidly, and as a result, each new reader will be seeking ways to contact and study the book with other readers. The Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS), with its previous 10 years of practice and experiential growth, is now launching its next phase of development with the purpose

of meeting this on-coming need - the challenge of the rapidly growing worldwide readership.

**The New UBIS Website**

Thanks to a generous donor, the new UBIS website is now in operation for the April 2010 semester. Many new features were added in order for UBIS to keep pace with the ever-advancing communication technology. The current semester is now in progress, but the website is always available for viewing. To do so, visit

[www.urantiabookschool.org](http://www.urantiabookschool.org). Here you can read about the purpose and philosophy of UBIS, its organizational structure, the course format, and many more details of this unique educational outreach program.

**Expanded Curriculum**

A new and enhanced curriculum has been developed and will be initiated in September 2010. Designated the "Basic Curriculum Plan," each semester will include courses from the following four categories:

1) A core curriculum course (Deity and Cosmology, Personalities, The Evolution of Man, and the Evolution of the God Concept).

2) A course from Part IV.

3) A theme or topical course (oft-requested).

4) A course designed for new readers.

**The Challenge Ahead**

UBIS is dedicated to doing its

part in contributing to the needs of the on-coming growth of the worldwide readership. UBIS was founded to 1) provide an educational tool for study through a non-interpretive, non-invasive methodology and 2) provide a vehicle for training teachers. Embodied in this dual purpose is, perhaps, its greatest service, that of advancing *Spiritual Brotherhood* on Urantia. In 2009 students from 15 countries participated in UBIS courses. Overall, in the last three years readers from 31 countries have enjoyed study and fellowship via the UBIS program. And what a great joy it is to meet and greet these readers who are

so thrilled to experience this new-found fellowship!

**Five to Seven Year Goals for UBIS**

- Implement and enhance the Core Curriculum Program.
- Present a minimum of 21 courses annually.
- Present courses in multiple languages.
- Enlarge the teaching staff to at least 30 Teachers/ Facilitators.

• Attract additional volunteers for the growing operational tasks of the UBIS program.

If this unique educational program appeals to you, ***please come and join us!*** If study and fellowship with readers from around the world attracts your interest, ***please come and help us!*** If the prospect of enhancing Spiritual Brotherhood on Urantia inspires you, ***please come and work with us to meet the challenge of the future!***

# INTRODUCING THE URANTIA BOOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY



By Jacob D, President, Urantia Book Historical Society, Stockholm, Sweden

Editors Note: Many Urantia Book readers have donated their time and talents to a project that they strongly believe in. One such group of readers formed the Urantia Book Historical Society. This article highlights the importance of preserving historical records.

The mission of the Urantia Book Historical Society (UBHS) is to collect, document, and preserve the legacy of *The Urantia Book* and its history.

In July 2006, 51 years after the publication of *The Urantia Book*, UBHS was officially established. Over the years the number of records in possession of readers had grown to such a size that UBHS turned to the University of California at Santa Barbara for help. They agreed to house all that the Society had collected as part of their "American Religions Collection." That same year, [www.ubhistory.org](http://www.ubhistory.org) was launched and made available to the public.

UBHS, a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization, currently has twelve members serving on its Board of Directors, all of whom in some way are educated and experienced in

history or archiving. UBHS is an independent organization and is dedicated to preserving, recording, documenting and cataloging, collecting, and storing, both digitally and physically, the history of *The Urantia Book* and the Urantia movement.

Many of the physical records in the online archive are the possessions of individuals who have temporarily donated their historical materials for digitization. The physical repository of documents is housed at the University of California at Santa Barbara, while the digital library of records is online at [www.ubhistory.org](http://www.ubhistory.org). The UBHS website contains over 5000 records and is constantly growing.

This summer UBHS will be launching a new software program that has state of the art internet services giving groups from around the world the opportunity to record their history. Each group that decides to participate will be granted access to its own document or collection room



in the online library. A volunteer archivist from that group will be able to save the group's records directly from the internet and choose which records the group makes available to UBHS archivists for incorporation in the public archive.

UBHS invites and urges local

groups and readers of *The Urantia Book* to participate in this important endeavor. This can be accomplished in several ways:

1. Start talking about history and begin recording your personal history. Invite your study group to jot down its history. Record video

interviews of your group members and preserve them for posterity.

2. Search your files for documents, meeting minutes, pamphlets, records, films, photographs, recordings, videos, and correspondence that you want to be safeguarded.

3. Donate your historical collection to UBHS. For information on how, visit <http://www.ubhistory.org/UBHS/Support.html>

Participate in the goal of UBHS to collect, document, and preserve the historical legacy of the Urantia Book community.

## ATTENDING THE BOOK FAIR IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



By Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie, Associate Trustee, Helsinki, Finland

When I heard that the Hungarian translation of *The Urantia Book* was ready for printing, I decided to attend the book fair in Budapest this past April. Werner Sutter and Gábor Cseh, the translator, were also there to lend a hand. Gábor is a charming young man! What a commodious booth providing an excellent place to introduce the book!

One of my Hungarian friends helped with all the logistics: securing the booth, reserving our hotel lodgings, receiving the shipment of books, and so on. That part was easy. The big challenge was getting there. The eruption of Iceland's volcano, Eyjafjallajökull, had

left me stranded in Chicago just a few days before the opening of the fair. I had to take an 11 hour train ride from Frankfurt to Budapest.

Being Finnish, I have a great interest in the Hungarian translation. Besides having many good Hungarian friends, the Finnish and Hungarian peoples are closely related. Together we came from the Ural Mountain region a long time ago. Then the Hungarians turned left, and the Finns continued north.

After the communist rule in Hungary, there seems to be great hunger for spiritual food. So the Hungarian translation is



coming at the right time. Many visitors to our booth had been looking at the text on Gábor's website. Others have been reading the book in English. There is great

interest in the teachings. What really made me happy was hearing the Hungarians tell me what a beautiful translation it is!



On the last evening, my Hungarian friend took me to dinner at an elegant restaurant. We had goose liver for the main dish. There were four little pieces prepared in various ways for an exorbitant price of fifty dollars. But it was worth it, including a lovely setting and beautiful violin music.

Budapest is a beautiful city full of history and is very worthwhile to visit.

It was a most rewarding experience!

## 9TH NATIONAL MEETING OF READERS IN SPAIN - CULTIVATING UNIVERSAL INTELLIGENCE



By Olga López, Associate Trustee, Barcelona, Spain

The ninth national meeting for readers of *El libro de Urantia* was held from May 7 to 9 in Aluenda, Spain, a small village near Zaragoza. Thirty-two people attended this

meeting; most of them were long-time readers, members of a study group, and regular attendees at our meetings. Our readers ask for more and more each year. So we - as the Urantia Association of Spain - try to give them what they want!

We wanted this meeting to be different from the previous ones, in that we wanted tools for our self-improvement and for the dissemination of *The Urantia Book* teachings in a more advanced way. Sheila Keene-Lund was our keynote speaker and gave a two-day seminar titled "How to Cultivate Universal Intelligence," that is, how to apply *The Urantia Book* teachings to improve ourselves and our

environment. Sheila based this seminar on her book, *Heaven is Not the Last Stop*.

There were many interesting points in the seminar. Sheila shared her life experience with us, and we did the same. We talked about how *The Urantia Book* aides us in our personal improvement. We participated in many activities, sharing our thoughts and participating in self-discovery through the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. We used the life and teachings of Jesus as a model of a person who cultivated universal intelligence.

The meeting was edifying to all the people who attended, and we are considering holding more meetings that are practice oriented and focused on dissemination.

We thank Sheila for giving us so many valuable insights. ¡Muchas gracias!



**Back row:** Dori Pérez, Carmelo Martínez, Esteban Cotán, Olga López, Paco Ruiz, David Carrera, Víctor Izquierdo, Samuel Salles, Andrés Pérez, Eduardo Altuzarra, Philippe Anselin, Dolores Blanco, Demetrio Gómez and Luis Coll.

**Middle row:** Viviana Rioseco, Sheila Keene-Lund, Josefina Canseco, M. Carmen Jiménez, Rita Fernández, Carmen Requena, Carlota Mejía, Rafael Mondéjar and Nana Mondéjar.

**Front row:** Ismael Gracia, Gregorio Acedo, Violeta Anselin, Mariano Pérez, Susi Fernández and Santiago Rodríguez.



## NOLA SMITH: A PIONEER IN LAUNCHING THE URANTIA REVELATION

“After moving to Chicago in the 1940s, she became acquainted with Dr. Sadler.”

By Larry Bowman, Arizona, USA

*Editor's Note: We have learned of the death of Nola Smith, a long-time reader of The Urantia Book who was a member of the First Society and later joined the Grand Canyon Society for Readers of The Urantia Book. Nola died on February 26, 2009, at the age of 94.*

Nola Smith was born in Oklahoma on February 3, 1915. After moving to Chicago in the 1940s, she became acquainted with Dr. Sadler. He introduced her to *The Urantia Book* and invited her to join the Forum. Later she became a member of the Seventy, a group that met at 533 Diversey Parkway on Wednesday evenings. Nola also worked with Bill Sadler, Jr. Toward the end of her years in Chicago, she and Leone Sadler worked together at 533.

Nola moved to Arizona to take care of her elderly



Carolyn Renn Sherwood and Nola Smith in Arizona, 1982.

mother. She continued to study *The Urantia Book*, first in Scottsdale at the home of Mary Crink and later at the study group sponsored by Dick and Peggy Johnson. After Nola's mother died, she began attending social functions sponsored by the Grand Canyon Society. On the 40th anniversary of the publication of *The Urantia Book*, Nola made a

presentation on the history of the Urantia movement.

Nola developed Alzheimer's and spent her final years in a nursing home in Lexington, Kentucky. Even with her burdens, I always admired her attempts to look on the bright side of life.

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"He who enters the kingdom has eternal life already - he shall never perish."

Jesus, *The Urantia Book*, (1642.3) 146:3.7

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