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THE SECRET OF A BETTER CIVILISATION

By Seppo Kanerva, President
Urantia Foundation

Our world is beset with wars, armed conflicts, strife, terror, destruction, and devastation. Our world is infested with all that comes with armed conflict: massacre, killing, murder, loss of life, mutilation, maiming, willfully caused injuries, individuals' and peoples' loss of all perspective in life, in short: misery, tragedy, and desperation. There seems to be no end to armed conflicts: as soon as one conflict, with much time and effort, has been settled, there is at least one more brewing or breaking loose. Wars and conflicts are man-made. Man-made are also the solutions that are sought to conflicts; man is resorting to conflict solving methods of his own devising. Sometimes they work to some extent, but in



most instances they are ineffectual. Wars and conflicts are to go on. Yet there is one way—which is concomitantly the only way—to put an end to war and armed conflict and to build a better civilisation.

The Urantia Book does reveal this way in many places. I quote one of those passages: *Urantia has passed through the ravages of great and destructive wars in its history. All participants in these terrible struggles met with defeat . . . The secret of a better civilisation is bound up in the Master's teachings of the brotherhood of man, the good will of love and mutual trust [2064:4; 194:3.12].* The way to put an end to war and armed struggle is very simple. Mankind has tried and probed many ways and methods of conflict solving, but mankind has never tried or probed the only tenable and permanent solution. The brotherhood of man, the good will of love and mutual trust, has never been given a

serious chance.

Why not? Because mankind does not trust in God. Mankind does not trust in the spirit. Mankind's God concept is distorted, grotesque and very much wrong. Mankind is indoctrinated to believe that not all humans are sons and daughters of God. Mankind refuses to be ruled by the spirit, the spirit of the brotherhood of man. Mankind prefers to be ruled by the mind, material interests, selfishness, egoism, the need to lord it over other human beings, the urge to dictate and dominate, and—in a true crusader spirit—to force certain ways of thinking and living. All of that is masquerading as something noble, something other than what it actually is.

The Revelation tells us all of the above. *The Urantia Book* reveals our God as a loving Father and our fellow man as a son of this same God, as a brother. The hope and secret of a better world and a better civilisation depend on this realisation. No other explanation, theory, or concept can lead to a better world or civilisation, nor is any of them capable of putting an end to war. One day this brotherhood of man will be construed as global sovereignty, which will prevent wars, conflicts, killings, and destruction. *Global sovereignty will prevent global wars—nothing else can [1490:7; 134:6.4].*

The Master's teachings of the



*Peace is the social yardstick
measuring civilization's advancement*

Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man are embodied in *The Urantia Book* as one of its most essential teachings, but they can be traced also in the best doctrines of man-made institutionalised and personal religions. We may envision a day when millions and billions of people will have embraced and internalised that simple gospel. Then they will no longer see an enemy, one who has to be killed, in a fellow human being. A better civilisation will then be dawning.

The Revelation will play a crucial role in this vision's

coming true. Because of the Revelation's central role in this transformation of mankind, it is important that we who profess to have embraced the revealed truths also realise that we have certain responsibilities in facilitating this vision's becoming true. If the world continues to see us as a strife-torn, ready-to-inflict-injury, hate-mongering community, one that is wallowing in conflict and imbued with a crusader mentality, the world will abhor us. If we fail to yield the fruits of the spirit, we betray the responsibility entrusted to us. If we refuse to let the spirit rule, if we just continue to profess our hav-

ing embraced the revealed teachings but fail to act in harmony with the teachings and do not yield the fruits of the spirit; if we rather prefer to be dominated by the mind, egoism, selfishness, rivalry, and fear—instead of trust—we are nothing better than a failure.

I have time and again, from various aspects, discussed this same theme: the need to considerably improve the interaction and relationships within our reader and believer community, and my hope is that this has not been any vain, mindless, or useless exercise.



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O LIVRO DE URÂNIA PREMIERED IN BRAZIL



By Jay Peregrine, Executive Director for Urantia Foundation and Irmeli Sjölie, Associate Trustee, Helsinki, Finland

Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world by land area and population. It is larger than the continent of Australia, and covers over 1/2 of South America. São Paulo is

its largest city, the largest city in South America, and one of the largest in the world. By one method of estimation the population of the region of São Paulo (including its satellite cities) is 29 million, making it the 2nd largest on Earth, after Tokyo. The economy of Brazil is in the world's top ten. Brazil is a net exporter of goods, enjoying vast re-

sources and a huge workforce.

Educated Brazilians are avid readers. The bookstores of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro are among the best in the world. We recently visited Livraria Cultura on Paulista Avenue in São Paulo and found a huge, modern bookstore full of shoppers and browsers, rivaling any Borders or Barnes and Noble in

the U.S. Given the size of Brazil and its passion for books, the market for *The Urantia Book* in Brazil is potentially larger than anywhere else in Latin America.

The first printed edition of *O Livro de Urântia* was premiered to the general public at the Livraria Cultura store

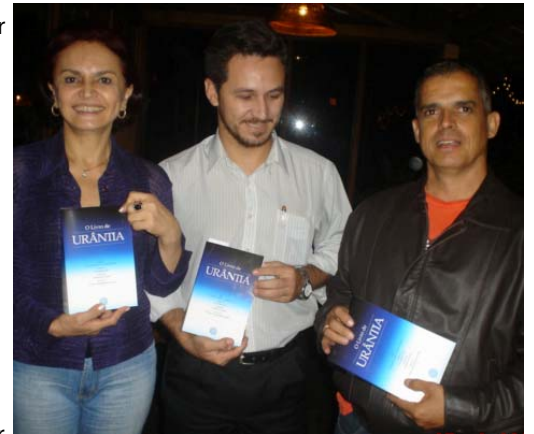
in the Villa-Lobos shopping center in São Paulo on Friday, February 22nd. About 120 people attended, some flying in from as far as the capital, Brazilia, to meet other readers and get a chance to buy a hard-copy of the Portuguese book (the translation has been available on CD and online since 2003). Unfortunately the demand for books was underestimated and Livraria Cultura quickly ran out of their on-hand stock. Urantia Foundation promised to get books to those who were disappointed. But the comradery and joy experienced by all at the event made up for the lack of enough copies to go around – and the bookstore owners got a demonstration of the popu-

larity *O Livro de Urântia* has in Brazil!

Previously, on February 16th, in a beautiful retreat setting in the hills of Minas Gerais, a gathering of members of the Associação Urântia do Brasil was treated to their first look at the printed book. The 26 attendees held their first ever study group with their new books, and had the opportunity to ask questions of Urantia Foundation Associate Trustee Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie and Jay Peregrine. The three-day retreat was inspirational for all.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to get the Portuguese edition ready to take to market: Luiz Carlos Dolabella Chagas, for his translation; Su-

sana Palaia for her support of Luiz and the work of checking and re-checking the text; Rogério Reis da Silva, for heading the final revision effort, arranging for the formatting of the text, and arranging for the premier at Livraria Cultura, and to Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie, whose encouragement and support facilitated its completion. There are many others but space doesn't allow to be mentioned here. And to all the Brazilian readers: *um abraço!*



"The 26 attendees held their first ever study group with their new books"

NEWSWORTHY DECISIONS FROM URANTIA FOUNDATION'S JANUARY 2008 TRUSTEES MEETING

By Mo Siegel, Secretary of Urantia Foundation

The Expanded Board of Urantia Foundation met in Chicago for the January Quarterly meeting of 2008. Some of the areas of discussion and decision making included the following.

Board Assessments

Two years ago the Expanded Board of Trustees adopted a method of self-assessment designed to improve the day to day functioning of the board and staff. The 2007 assessment provided the Board with a number of useful suggestions to consider for implementation over the next year.

Distribution of *Le Livre d'Urantia* in France

In recent years distributing *Le Livre d'Urantia* in France has become increasingly difficult. The situation in France is typical of the difficulties the Foundation encounters in distributing the book throughout most of Europe. For Urantia Foundation, being a single-title publisher limits the choices afforded the larger multi-title publishers. Nonetheless, our mission obliges us to solve these regional logistical challenges and to provide the revelation with a viable bookstore distribution in France. A four-member ad hoc committee, consisting of Trustee Georges Michelson-Dupont (chair), Associate Trustee Claire Mylanus, Executive Director Jay Peregrine, and Sales Manager Tamara Wood, was authorized to find an improved distribution system for France.

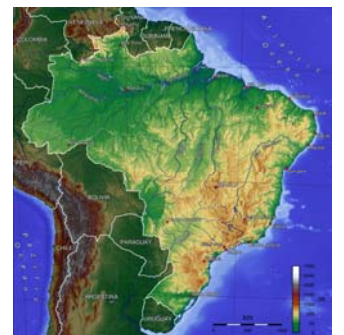
Disclaimer to be Posted on the Foundation Website

A few years ago, prompted by the urging of Trustee Emeriti Neal Waldrop, the Trustees passed a policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of organizations involved with *The Urantia Book*. After making this important policy, the Board decided to post a disclaimer on Urantia Foundation's website. This disclaimer made it clear that Urantia Foundation is not responsible for the acts of individual readers, religious groups, or social organizations involved with the book. The disclaimer reads as follows:

Urantia Foundation was established in 1950 to be the custodian of the inviolate text of The Urantia Book and to ensure that the book's teachings are spread, with the help of readers and fraternal organizations, to all people. This site is provided as a service to the



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community of *Urantia Book* readers but in no way implies responsibility for the actions of individual readers, religious groups, or social organizations.

Public Statements about The Urantia Book on the Web

The Board invited Dr. Chris Halvorson to work with the Public Relations Committee in monitoring, improving, and rectifying statements about, and descriptions of, *The Urantia Book* appearing on important internet websites. This decision furthers Urantia Foundation's ongoing commitment to improving people's understandings of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

Amendment of the "Policy Regarding Use of 'Urantia,' 'Urantian,' and the Concentric-Circles Symbol"

At its October meeting, the Board "safe harbored" commercial use of the Concentric-Circles Symbol by allowing limited rights for use of it in connection with jewelry. Providing "safe harbors" means that Urantia Foundation grants an individual or organization permission to use the Concentric-Circles Symbol in a certain way without concern for violating any of the trademarks, service marks, or collective membership marks of Urantia Foundation. In January of 2008, the Board amended the "Safe Harbor" policy passed in October. The policy now includes limited small-scale (not to exceed 100) commercial rights for clothing as well as jewelry.

Reconstitution of Committees

For the past five years, Board committees have become increasingly important in accomplishing the expanding workload at Urantia Foundation. While the committees

cannot unilaterally act without Board approval, the committees are encouraged to recommend plans, and if approved, to execute these plans. With three new Associate Trustees and two new Trustees on the Expanded Board, the Board reconstituted the committees as follows:

Audit Committee: Chair: *Gard Jameson*; members: Jan Bernard, Richard Keeler, and Judy Van Cleave.

Investment Committee: Chair: *Gard Jameson*; members: Jan Bernard, Richard Keeler, and Mo Siegel.

Governance Committee: Chair: *Seppo Kanerva*; members: Jan Bernard and Mo Siegel.

Public Relations Committee: Chair: *Mo Siegel*; members: Richard Keeler, Marilyn Kullie, Olga López, and Judy Van Cleave.

Education Committee: Chair: *Gard Jameson*; members: Marta Elders, Marilyn Kullie, Georges Michelson-Dupont, Claire Mylanus, and Jane Ploetz.

Book Committee: Chair: *Mo Siegel*; members: Jan Bernard, Marilyn Kullie, Georges Michelson-Dupont, Jay Peregrine, and Tamara Wood.

Committee on the Standard Reference Text: Chair *Seppo Kanerva*; members: Marvin Gawryn, Merritt Horn, Nancy Johnson, Marilyn Kullie, and Jay Peregrine.

Fund-raising Committee: Chair: *Jay Peregrine*; members: Gard Jameson, Richard Keeler, Marjorie Reed, Betty Zehr, and Ralph Zehr.

Committee on Translations: Chair: *Seppo Kanerva*; members: Gábor Cseh, David Kantor, Michael MacIsaac, Georges Michelson-Dupont, and Neal Waldrop.

Compensation Committee: Chair: *Mo Siegel*; members: Gard Jameson and Richard Keeler.

If the work of any of these committees strikes your interest, please contact the chair through Urantia Foundation.

Potential Co-operation in Referrals

The Board decided, in principle, to increase co-operation with reader organizations in order to find common ground for reader and study-group referrals. The Executive Director will explore these possibilities and report back to the Board.

Improvements in the Legibility and Book Size of the English Edition and the German Translation

As Urantia Foundation has published more translations and as book sales have expanded globally, the Foundation has found it increasingly desirable to provide readers, in a given part of the world with a book that has the size, appearance, and formatting they prefer.

The Board discussed increasing the size of the font and the dimensions of the English *Urantia Book*. The Book Committee will submit its recommendations.

In response to the requests of German readers, the Board decided to increase the size of the font and the dimensions of *Das Urantia Buch*. These changes will be made this spring in the second printing of *Das Urantia Buch*. The dimensions will be 16 x 24 cm or 6.3" x 9.4" and the font size will be larger for easier reading.

Displaying the Chinese Translation on the Current Website

Based on the Translation



Chris Halvorson

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Committee's recommendation, the Board decided not to display the first draft of the Chinese translation on the Foundation's website at this time. The Committee felt that the Chinese translation team needs to finish their second or third revision and correction of the translation before the translation is displayed on the Foundation's website. This decision followed a long discussion about the internal consistency of the current translated text.

JAPANESE TRANSLATION CONTINUES TO PROGRESS

By Jeff Wattles, Ohio USA

A translation of *The Urantia Book* is the product of—would you believe?—teamwork! The chief translator, Hagiko Wattles, is an excellent prose stylist in Japanese whose patient labor has completed the first draft of about 165 of the Papers. Her husband, Jeffrey Wattles, serves as an English language consultant as they work together week-day afternoons in sessions that range from brain cudgeling to laughter and satisfaction. Robert Reno has contributed technical assistance and a greatly improved computer. His wife, Mezuru Kawahara, happens to be Microsoft's person in charge of developing software for users who write in Japanese. The two of them recently contributed state-of-the-art software. Rob is a world-class expert on Shin Buddhism with many contacts that will be particularly valuable in years to come. These words echo in our ears as we look for a revival of that tradition.

The great strength of Buddhism is that its adherents are free to choose truth from all religions; such freedom of choice has seldom characterized a faith on our world. In this respect the Shin sect of Japan has become one of the most progressive religious groups in the world. It has revived the ancient missionary spirit of Gautama's followers and has begun to send teachers to other peoples. This willing-



Jeffrey Wattles & Hagiko Wattles

ness to appropriate truth from any and all sources is indeed a commendable tendency to appear among religious believers during the first half of the twentieth century after Christ. (1041)

Hagiko is grateful for support that enables spiritual help to be made available to her beloved country.

Edward Southwick is another member of the team. He shuttles between the United States and Japan, and his Japanese wife has begun studying the Papers seriously. Hagiko and Jeff also note Richard Keeler's friendly leadership and the welcome words of encouragement from Seppo Kanerva, whose trustworthy hand gives confidence that

this project is indeed being shepherded by a mature and well-led organization. Also worth mentioning is the translators' discussion list, which enables us to share questions with other translators and to experience fellowship with persons who have had the experience of bringing such a project to fruition.

Hagiko is grateful for support that enables spiritual help to be made available to her beloved country. Japanese immigrants in North America and elsewhere generally do not read English well enough for the demands of the English edition of *The Urantia Book*. There is a certain interest in the book in New Age circles. And then there will be Christians, a minority whose influence in Japanese society extends far beyond their numbers. It is a privilege to participate as we are able.



It is literally true that “melody has power a whole world to transform.” Forever, music will remain the universal language of men, angels, and spirits. The Urantia Book [500:6,44:1.8]

THE FAMOUS COMPOSER (AND URANTIA BOOK READER) KARLHEINZ STOCKHAUSEN HAS DIED



By Cristian Ruch, Dattwil, Switzerland

On the 5th of December 2007, the great German composer Karlheinz Stockhausen died at the age of 79. Famous for being a pioneer in modern music, such as electronic music, he is one of the most important representatives of post-war arts. The Beatles honoured him by putting him on the cover of the “Sgt. Pepper” record album. But what many people – even many readers of *The Urantia Book* – do not know is that he was one of the first Europeans and Germans to discover the

fifth epochal revelation. How did this happen?

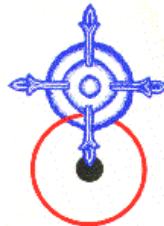
After an outstanding Stockhausen concert in New York City on the 25th of February 1971, a weird guy approached Stock-

hausen and shouted at him: “Stockhausen, I have to talk to you!” Everybody stepped aside. Stockhausen agreed to speak with the man, who had a long beard, was bare-footed, and had a long shepherd-like stick in his hand. The man began to play a flute, which he removed from his tattered coat. Stockhausen was amused, as he listened to the man first play his flute and then tell him about *The Urantia Book*, which Stockhausen bought for twenty dollars. He started reading the book when he

returned to Germany.

In the mid-seventies the book was becoming more and more important for him. Once in 1974, he opened one of his lectures at the university in a very strange way: He came in, threw the blue book with a loud bang onto the desk and said: “If you want to remain my students, you must read this!” Some years later, *The Urantia Book* became one of

Stockhouse’s main inspirations for the opera-cycles LICHT (Light), a 29 hours long mega work, being composed between 1977 and 2003. The papers about



the Lucifer rebellion play an especially important part in LICHT. Therefore, many people were introduced to *The Urantia Book* by Stockhausen’s music.

After the German translation of *The Urantia Book* was published, Stockhausen often gave it away as a present. A few months before he died he told me: “You know, I often tell people now what I want to do when I have left. Then they look at me totally shocked, and I tell them: ‘Well, I’d like to give you something to read.’ “

The Urantia Book remains important for Stockhausen’s work. For example, none of the following compositions

have been performed yet: “HAVONA for bass and electronic music”, “ORVONTON for baritone and electronic music”, “UVERSA for basset-horn and electronic music”, “NEBADON for horn and electronic music”, “JERUSEM for tenor and electronic music”, “URANTIA for soprano and electronic music”, “EDENTIA for soprano saxophone and electronic music”, and “PARADISE for flute and electronic music”.

On the day he died he said to



his partner Kathinka Pasveer: “Now there’s the beginning of a totally new time, and I have found a new manner of breathing. Listen!” Then he wanted to go to his work, but he collapsed, and a heart-attack finished his life.

Have a good flight to Havona, Maestro! And thank you for all that you gave us. You gave us so much!



“Now there’s the beginning of a totally new time, and I have found a new manner of breathing. Listen!”



“It is each time a blessing and a privilege being together”



“A study group is about exchanges between personalities”



“Because each person is unique and diverse, each study group is different”

STUDY GROUPS: THE PRINCIPLE OF SHARING



By Claire Mylanus, Brittany, France

Study groups are the most practical and effective way to disseminate the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. Many readers in the United States have been studying the book in study groups for decades and have a lot of experience in teaching in many different ways. We European readers are working slowly and steadily towards the same goals.

Good teachers are very important. For 10 years in the 1970s I participated in a study group in the Netherlands, where I lived for 30 years. The teacher of this study group was Henry Bege-
mann, who was at that time the European representative for study groups. He was one of the best teachers I have known. He was a philosopher and a deep thinker. He taught me to have great respect for the Universe Teachers and to use my mind to gain insight. Later on, by being of service, I have learned to use my heart.

After years of attending a study group, many individuals feel the need to serve, the need to do more, and they start their own study group in their area. That is a logical process!

A study group is the “fulcrum” where teachers and leaders are slowly trained and surface. Readers who have been reading the book for years profit from the questions of newer readers because the older readers have to review their knowledge and accommodate the newer readers, and the newer readers benefit from the wisdom and the experience of the long-time readers.

A study group is also the place where people meet to understand difficult concepts and share their personal spiritual experiences for the benefit and growth of all. A study group is about exchanges between personalities, about sharing, and about service and brotherhood. It is amazing to see that people of different backgrounds, who normally in daily life wouldn't have much in common, suddenly become friends and your brothers and sisters in spirit. Because each person is unique and diverse, each study group is different and a tool to learn more. It teaches you teamwork, which is one of the lessons we have to learn on the planet.

My husband and I sponsored and participated in study groups in Malta and in the Netherlands. Now we live in France, and we try to use different methods adapted to the needs of the study group attendees. We have a couple of different formats. We have one study group for beginners or advanced readers. This group studies the French translation. We have another study group in which my husband and I study the book (in either English or French) with one individual only. Our study groups are held in a “homey”

context. We try to make it cozy and serve tea or coffee with homemade pies and cakes.

Since 2005 we have hosted five to seven persons who come over from the Netherlands for three days to a week. At these study groups we study the book using the topical approach as a means of deepening our understanding of the basic concepts of the book. It gives these Netherlanders (and us) an opportunity to study the book in depth and to experience beautiful Brittany, France, where we live. They stay in nearby B & Bs, and during the full-day study group, we provide a home-made lunch. We are a spiritual family sharing in all kinds of ways.

There is such a joy! It is each time a blessing and a privilege being together, learning and receiving so much in return! A study group follows the pattern of the universe which is sharing knowledge and experience. *“Knowledge is possessed only by sharing; it is safeguarded by wisdom and socialized by love.”* [557:12]

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REFLECTIONS ON INTRODUCING THE URANTIA BOOK



By Jay Peregrine, Executive Director, Urantia Foundation Illinois, USA

I've been trying to introduce people to the book for nearly 35 years. These days I'm amazed and delighted when someone DOES find it and starts to read it. They usually "discover" it on their own; a kind of conversion process happens where they begin to think, at some point, "This is real!" Most don't get that far. I'm convinced that the old wisdom, passed on behind the scenes, that the book was presented ahead of its time to prepare teachers and leaders, is correct. You'll find, I

think, over time, that you've joined a world-wide "club" with a small membership, and that it's going to stay that way for our life times. I've stopped worrying about introducing *The Urantia Book* to people (other than point out that it exists), and now I concentrate on how I can pass on what I've learned from reading the book to others—in their own terms, in their own language if you will.

When I do talk about the book (as the Executive Director of Urantia Foundation I'm often in that position, of course), there are some key points I try to make:

- 1) I don't know who wrote it. Nobody really does.
- 2) The book has no "authority" for what it says, other than the authority of its own words. One has to decide for oneself about its authority.
- 3) Urantia Foundation does not interpret the teachings of the book, nor do we add to it, or take away from it. Our job

is to make it available as we got it. We try to make it as widely available as possible.

4) I certainly recommend reading it. I can recite a long list of the benefits to my life. But you have to make up your own mind.

5) We are not an organized religion; we have no priesthood, ceremonies, rituals, and creeds.

6) We will be happy to put you in touch with other readers and with a study group in your area, if you wish.

The "problem" with *The Urantia Book* in terms of main-stream intellectual thought is that it doesn't have a clear authorship and cannot therefore be categorized easily. There are several ways to think of its origins, and—in the absence of clear evidence—the new reader will posit his own ideas of its origin based, I think, on his personal attitude of being; that is, whether he is skeptical or credulous, faith-based or agnostic, etc. If he's a skeptic, the

book must be a hoax. If he's credulous, it's channeled. If he's orthodox, it's heretical. If he's agnostic, it's fiction. Those are the four main categories I've discerned. So, if you want someone to read *The Urantia Book* I suggest first investigating their thought system. You can then address their concerns up-front: Why we don't think it's a hoax. Why we assert it's not channeled. Why it's not heretical. Why it's not fiction.

The wider problem is that most people are actually not interested at all. They are indifferent. Getting them to care at all becomes the issue. With that, we are back to the "given ahead of its time" idea. Most of the world isn't all that interested in the ideas presented in the book. The number one response I've gotten over the years is: "It looks like a good book; I wish I had time to read it." If they put it on their shelf, maybe someday they, or someone they know, will read it or parts of it.

TESTIMONIALS ABOUT THE URANTIA BOOK

Note: During the fall a number of readers of the book wrote testimonials about how *The Urantia Book* has impacted their lives. We would like to share a few more of these personal experiences.

Traditional religions left me wanting. God was either inconsistent or impersonal. Here, all the pieces fall into place. A God for everyone, a glorious plan for mankind. You will fall in love with the universe.

Quin Werthauer
Merrick, New York, USA

I became a hospice volunteer as a result of *The Urantia Book's* emphasis on unselfish service. I cannot imagine doing this kind of work if I did not have the knowledge in this book as a guide. It is so reassuring to my patients when I tell them that there is life after death and what a beautiful experience it will be.

Kitty Traylor
Austin, Texas, USA

The Urantia Book is intellectually satisfying, spiritually ex-

pansive and uplifting, and brilliantly written. All of my life experience validates the teachings. It has led me to find meaning, value and everlasting peace in my life.

K. Brendi Poppel
Santa Barbara, California, USA

When I found *The Urantia Book*, my life was at a crossroad, religion, science, philosophy and all the new age literature could not fill the emptiness that was growing inside of me, my prayers were answered.

Gaétan G. Charland
Québec, Canada

The Urantia Book makes it possible for me to live each day free from debilitating fear and uncertainty. I now know there is a divine order and plan for the universe and for my life, and I know I am constantly in the care of my guardian angels.

Katie Cousins
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TWO NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED

The Trustees of Urantia Foundation are pleased to announce that Urantia Foundation has two new Trustees: Marilynn Kulieke and Judy Van Cleave. The Board now consists of seven Trustees and five Associate Trustees.

Urantia Foundation's President Seppo Kanerva said, "We welcome both of these exquisitely merited ladies to our Board. Marilynn and Judy bring with them a wealth of experience, dedication, wisdom, and a willingness to serve the Revelation. We feel blessed that they now join us in the opportunity of bringing a new revelation to our world."

Marilynn Kulieke

Marilynn Kulieke is a long-time reader of *The Urantia Book*. She was introduced to the book by her husband, David, whose family had been involved since the early 1930s. She is a member of First Society for Readers of *The Urantia Book* in Chicago and served on the General Council and Executive Committee of the Urantia Book Fellowship for eighteen years. She has been an Associate Trustee for the past year and has also served as editor of Urantia Foundation's News Online, the Foundation's electronic newsletter.

After receiving her doctorate from Northwestern University in Educational Psychology, she

worked as a researcher and evaluator in a public school district for 15 years. For the past six years she has served as the Senior Vice-President of Research and Development at the National Study of School Evaluation in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Marilynn and her husband live in Lincolnshire, Illinois. She has three grown children and one granddaughter.

"I feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the exciting work of Urantia Foundation in bringing our beloved revelation to the peoples of the world. It is indeed an honor to serve with those who have already dedicated their lives to this important undertaking."

~ Marilynn Kulieke, January 25, 2008

Judy Van Cleave

Judy started reading *The Urantia Book* in 1973 after being introduced to it by her sister, Connie. Since then, Judy has attended and hosted study groups and local conferences and, since 1997, has attended national and international conferences. She is a charter member of the Idaho Urantia Association. During the last ten years she has served on the Governing Board of the Idaho Urantia Association and the Governing Board of the Urantia Association of the United States. She has also served on

the International Service Board of Urantia Association International. Since January of 2007 she has served as an Associate Trustee of Urantia Foundation.

Judy and her husband, Wayne, live in Boise, Idaho, where they have a heating and air conditioning business, which they founded in 1976. While raising her two children, a son and a daughter, Judy volunteered regularly for years at their schools and served as a board member of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). She coached her son's soccer teams for three seasons, and both she and her husband participated in activities related to her son's Boy Scout troop and his Little League and high school baseball teams. She has three grandchildren, in whom she delights, and on whom she lavishes time and affection.

"It is truly a privilege, and also rather humbling, to accept this opportunity to serve with such skilled and devoted Urantia Book readers entrusted with Urantia Foundation and with the responsibility of ensuring the availability of The Urantia Book and its life-transforming truths around the world. I am looking forward with enthusiasm to serving with them in the years ahead."

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"The very heart of the prayer which he taught his disciples was, "Your kingdom come; your will be done.""

The Urantia Book, (196:0.8)