

UBIS Newsletter

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Dear students of the Urantia Book Internet School,

We hope that this time of year has been suiting you well.

It is now time for you to consider enrolling in one of the Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS) courses. You will find a list of courses at the end of the newsletter, along with some useful information. In addition, Pam Maunakea, one of the UBIS teacher-facilitators (TF), and a member of the

UBIS Board of Directors, has authored an article to share her experience as a TF. She describes her perspective of developing a UBIS course, including the use of Bloom's taxonomy, and she shares the personal benefit she has received while facilitating a ten-week course. We hope it will inspire more students to become TFs and thereby serve the community.

This September we are pleased to announce that UBIS courses will be offered to Portuguese-speaking students of *The Urantia Book*. Our webmaster, with the help of volunteer Portuguese translators, has been working diligently to make it happen. But we need more volunteers to help develop this Portuguese section of UBIS. The number of Portuguese courses per trimester will increase in time as Portuguese-speaking students volunteer to become TFs. If you want more information, please contact Urantia Foundation at joanne@urantia.org.

Registration for the September trimester will start on Monday, September 7, and will continue through Sunday, September 20.

UBIS is a free service of Urantia Foundation and is dedicated to the promotion and support of the first-hand study of *The Urantia Book* in a friendly, non-invasive, and non-interpretative manner.

The UBIS team strongly supports volunteerism as an opportunity for unselfish



Trappers Lake Fireweed. Photo by John Fielder

service. To operate efficiently and effectively, UBIS relies on dependable, reliable, and responsible volunteers.

We, the UBIS team, hope you enjoy reading the UBIS newsletter.

Georges Michelson-Dupont
UBIS Director

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Developing a Course for the Urantia Book Internet School

By Pam Maunakea, California, United States

After returning from a merry-go-round park in the Disney movie, *Mary Poppins*, the children, Jane and Michael Banks, are saddened as they watch chalk-drawn pictures on the sidewalk being washed away by the rain. Bert, the chalk-picture artist, unaffected by the loss of his chalk drawings, calmly says, “There’s more where that came from.” He was undaunted by the loss. He knew he could create more colorful drawings anytime anywhere. He possessed all he needed to create them: a functioning mind, a creative imagination, and most important, a message to share.

A Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS) course begins in much the same way. It begins within the mind of an experienced reader of *The Urantia Book*, who is also a trained UBIS teacher-facilitator (TF). The TF might select a particular topic 1) because it is a topic in which the TF is deeply interested, 2) because the TF wants to share his or her understanding

with others, or 3) because the TF wants to enhance his or her understanding by exchanging perspectives with other readers.

Each UBIS course involves the answering of six questions. The questions are derived from a combination of Papers and sections, preferably in the order that they are presented in *The Urantia Book*. The TFs use Bloom’s taxonomy to decide what questions to ask and how to ask them. The questions are designed to test skills in remembering, understanding, applying, analyzing, evaluating, and creating.

Once a course has been approved by the Course Review Committee, the course is offered by the school. Probably the most meaningful benefit of taking a UBIS course—other than meeting new people—is being able to focus and share insights on a specific topic with other students from around the world.

Consider that each TF and each student has a mind endowed with spiritual forces

from each of the Paradise Deities—the Thought Adjuster, the Spirit of Truth, and the adjutant mind spirits. It is amazing what transpires when truth givers and truth seekers corroborate. There is a team spirit that develops as readers share their thoughts, feelings, and experiences. Everyone taking a course desires that they and their classmates “grow” in the most meaningful sense of the word. Most exchanges bring everyone closer to understanding the truths of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. It is an amazing, a gratifying, and, at times, an exhilarating experience.

All readers of *The Urantia Book* have the potential of receiving and imparting meaningful and valuable information to their fellow students. The UBIS platform provides this opportunity through the development of a course. And all readers possess what is needed to develop a course: a functioning mind, a creative imagination, and most important, a message to share with others.

New Videos Promoting UBIS

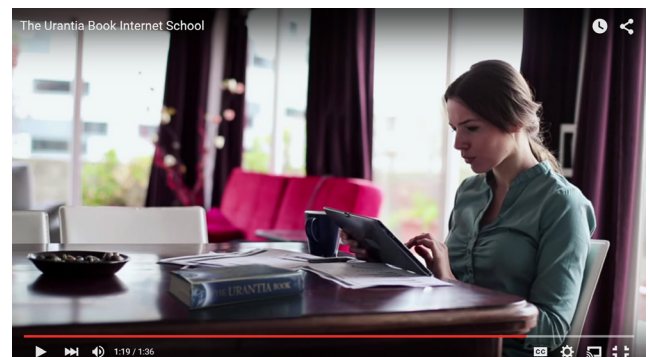
The UBIS team is pleased to announce a promotional video made by Associate Trustee Richard Jernigan. We hope this video will inspire people to study Urantia Book teachings at UBIS.

The video is in English, Spanish and French.

English (The Urantia Book Internet School) can be found at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkKa6lHXhBc>

Spanish (La Escuela de El libro de Urantia en Internet) can be found at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnlRfR_II9o

French (L'École du Livre d'Urantia par Internet) can be found at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ArShOKURtM>



You can help UBIS by sharing these videos on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and other social media.

Things to Know*

*All dates and times are subject to change. Please check our website for the latest: [Registration Information](#)

Click Here
for more information
about UBIS.

September 2015 Trimester

7-20 September trimester registration.

21 September trimester courses will begin.



Following are the courses and Teacher-Facilitators (TFs) for the September session. For the most recent information, visit ubis.urantia.org



Spanish, French, and Portuguese Courses

To see the Spanish, French, and Portuguese courses available this trimester, please visit the Spanish, French, and Portuguese websites:

<http://www.urantia.org/es/>

<http://www.urantia.org/fr/>

<http://www.urantia.org/pt/>



1. Course Title: Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden

Course Level: Intermediate Readers

Course Description: The Material Sons and Daughters are of origin in the Creator Son. They are a reproducing order of sonship and serve as the biologic uplifters of human life on an evolving planet. During this course of study we will focus on the arrival of Adam and Eve, their mission, life in the Garden of Eden, the sadness of their default, and the benefits Urantia nonetheless derived from their gift.

Papers: 51, 74, 73, 75, and selected sections from 45, 39, and 76

Teacher-Facilitator: Kathy Hatter

Kathy lives in northern Florida where she enjoys being retired and volunteers at the local Humane Society. She discovered *The Urantia Book* in the 1970s and feels it has helped her grow personally and spiritually. She is a proud mother of one son and grandmother of two boys.

2. Course Title: Development of Modern Civilization

Course Level: Intermediate to Advanced Readers

Papers: 77, 78, 79, 80, and 81

Course Description: “Thirty-five thousand years ago the world at large possessed little culture. Certain centers of civilization existed here and there, but most of Urantia languished in savagery.” (78:1.2) *The Urantia Book* reveals a series of fascinating events intended to improve the natural evolution of the human race. We will study these roots of our civilization by examining our biological, intellectual, moral, and spiritual history.

Teacher-Facilitator: Bruce Johnson

Bruce was introduced to *The Urantia Book* in Colorado at age 21. He is now retired from psychiatric nursing and lives in Ithaca, New York, where he enjoys a wonderful study group, and of course, learning from UBIS classes.

3. Course Title: The God and Man Connection: True Religion and the Faith of Jesus

Course Level: New to Intermediate Readers

Papers: 101, 110, 160, 161, and 196

Course Description: Religion is seen as a human experience ranging from a primitive fear of God to a conscious, evolutionary process of sonship with our Universal Father. We will explore the simultaneous distance from and the closeness to God as we ascend towards him with the assistance of the Thought Adjuster, the Spirit of Truth, and the increasing comprehension of the faith of Jesus.

Teacher-Facilitator: Jesus Rivera

Jesus lives in Miami, Florida. He is a college professor and has studied *The Urantia Book* for several years. He has been teaching spirituality for over two decades, both personally and online, to encourage seekers' passion for God.

4. Course Title: Jesus the Child: Insights on the Human Adventure

Course Level: New Readers

Papers: 123, 124, 125, and 126

Course Description: Knowing Jesus the child provides a richer appreciation for Jesus the man. The childhood papers in *The Urantia Book* reveal to us how Jesus attained the full experience of human life. By studying the details of his development through this course, we will gain a more intimate kinship with Jesus and a heightened appreciation for our own human experience.

Teacher-Facilitator: Deborah Goldman

Deborah is a retired school teacher of science and math and has a zest for learning. She has been a student of *The Urantia Book* since 1969 and has taken many courses through UBIS before becoming a facilitator.

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5. Course Title: Our Quest for Consciousness

Course Level: Advanced Readers

Papers: Sections from 3, 6, 9, 16, 34, 39, 48, 54, 91, 101, 102, 108, 110, 111, 117, 118, 143, 160, 195, and 196. A detailed reading list will be provided when the course begins.

Course Description: This course is a topical study of our greatest adventure in the flesh: the expansion of our cosmic consciousness from self-consciousness to God-consciousness through soul-consciousness. This in-depth study will lead us to a better understanding of what is involved in this great challenge to modern man: to achieve better communication with the divine presence within.

Teacher-Facilitator: Guy Perron

Originally from Montréal, Canada, Guy lives in Canada and travels extensively giving workshops on personal growth. He is the father of two young women. He has been a devoted student of *The Urantia Book* since 2000 and since then has worked vigilantly and diligently to put into practice its incomparable teachings in his daily living by doing good as he goes by.



6. Course Title: Personality: A Unique Gift from God

Course Level: Advanced Readers

Papers: 1, 56, 112 and selected sections from the Foreword and from Papers 5, 12, and 16. A detailed reading list will be provided when the course begins.

Course Description: An in-depth study of what personality is by defining its attributes, how it functions, where it originates, and its destiny; a fascinating probe into the realities of eternal individuality. Participation requires a devotion to and perseverance with newly-revealed concepts. A good knowledge of *The Urantia Book* is helpful.

Teacher-Facilitator: Ray Gardini

Formerly a small business entrepreneur, Ray is retired and lives in Akron, Ohio. He attended Borromeo Seminary, graduated from John Carroll University, studied at the l'Université de Montpellier, is a Vietnam veteran, and has been a reader of *The Urantia Book* since 1986.

UBIS Needs TEACHERS!

UBIS needs experienced readers to serve as Teacher-Facilitators (TFs).

Enrich your life and the lives of fellow truth seekers worldwide by facilitating a broader and deeper understanding of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. What you learn as a teacher will be well worth the effort. Treat yourself!

Those interested must first complete two or more courses as a student, read *The Urantia Book* in its entirety, and be recommended by their TFs. The final and most advanced requirement is to successfully complete the Teacher Training Program, a four to five week intensive training course, offered annually, covering the Jesusonian teaching approach, course development, skillful questioning techniques, and classroom management.

For more information, please call 773.525.3319 or write to joanne@urantia.org.

If you cannot teach at this time but would like to help in some other way...

UBIS needs loyal readers to serve in many other capacities. Please let us know how you might be willing to help.



Using the UBIS Website

ubis.urantia.org

To register for a course on the UBIS homepage for the first time, click "Create new account." Save your username and password for current and future trimesters. When registration opens, you may log in to request enrollment in the course of your choice. Please contact us about any questions at the following email address: joanne@urantia.org.

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