



URANTIA FOUNDATION'S NEWS ONLINE

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REMAINING RELEVANT: URANTIA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES URANTIA PRESS



By Tamara Strumfeld,
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The trustees and staff of
Urantia Foundation are

always thinking of new and inventive approaches to further the mission of seeding *The Urantia Book* and its teachings globally. A large part of this involves book distribution.

The challenges of book distribution have been waxing for several years. The book market is changing. Competition for shelf space in bookstores is always on the rise. Backlisted books (all books published prior to the current year) must make way for incoming new titles. Imagine the difficulty of keeping a backlisted book from 1955 on the shelves!

To remain relevant in today's book industry, Urantia Foundation must use new techniques to accomplish its mission while adhering to the principle objects of its trust "...to perpetually preserve and to disseminate the principles, teachings, and doctrines of *The Urantia Book*."

One such technique involves the publication of quality secondary works that aid the Foundation in sharing the teachings. However, Urantia Foundation has a policy not to interpret the teachings.

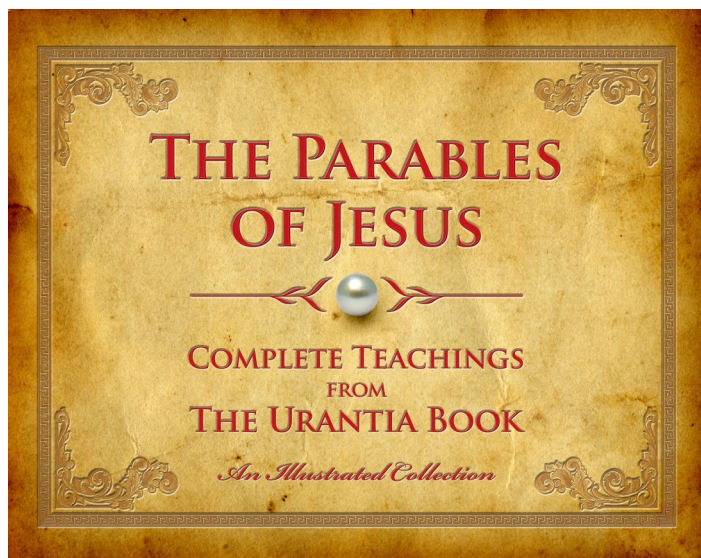
So how does the Foundation adhere to its principles, follow its policies, and yet remain relevant by producing secondary works if it does not interpret the teachings?

Urantia Foundation is pleased to announce Urantia Press—a publisher that publishes only those works that support the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. The views and opinions expressed in Urantia Press publications will be solely those of the original authors and other contributors.

It is the goal of Urantia Foundation to disseminate the teachings with wisdom while being realistic concerning the publishing industry. Urantia Press will assist us in accomplishing this.

The first publication of Urantia Press will be *The Parables of Jesus—Complete Teachings from The Urantia Book*. It is a beautifully illustrated book containing Jesus' parables as given to us in *The Urantia Book*. What a lovely avenue this book will be for bringing the teachings to the individual!

Information on where to pre-order copies will be forthcoming in late August.



NOTEWORTHY DECISIONS FROM THE MARCH 2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING



By Judy Van Cleave,
Secretary, Urantia
Foundation, Idaho, United
States

Finances

Urantia Foundation's 2015 Annual Report was published this month. The theme was spreading spiritual hope around the world. We hope the news of the Foundation's accomplishments and projects will inspire you to contribute to this work.

With the world financial markets showing higher than usual volatility, 2016 is proving to be a tough year for Urantia Foundation. Year to date, we are significantly behind the budgeted 2016 expenses and the actual donations in 2015. While we are doing our best to hold expenses below budget, your

generosity is essential. Any size donation is needed and appreciated!

[To read the annual report online, please click here.](#)

Book Printing

Book sales for the French, Polish, and Portuguese translations have been higher than expected. Therefore Portuguese paperbacks were printed in June, French hardcovers will be printed in July, and Polish hardcovers will be printed in August.

Chinese Translation

The Chinese translation has been underway for years, giving us an opportunity to practice our patience. Most translations require about ten years to complete, but considering the difficulties in translating from English to Chinese, we project it will take additional time.

To assist the Chinese translation, the expanded board spent many hours during the April board meeting interacting with, listening to, and planning with the translation team. Members consist of Richard Zhu as chief translator, Vicki Young as editor, Neal Waldrop as consultant, and

Jay Peregrine as IT coordinator. It was a productive weekend indeed!

Election of Officers

The board voted to have the following slate of Urantia Foundation officers for the next three years: Mo Siegel—president, Marilyn Kulieke—vice president, Georges Michelson-Dupont—international vice president, Gard Jameson—treasurer, and Judy Van Cleave—secretary.

Associate Trustees

The board reappointed Line St-Pierre to serve her last term as associate trustee.

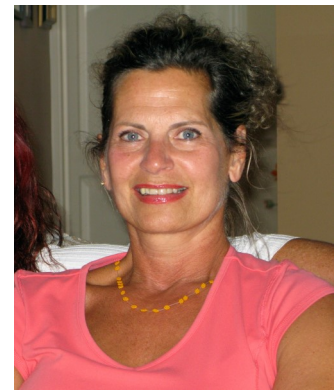
The board appointed Claire Mylanus as an associate trustee emeritus and requested that she attend board meetings for the purpose of assisting Henk Mylanus with the ongoing project of European book distribution.

Basement Renovation

The board accepted a restricted gift of \$20,000 to create a space in the basement for archived books and historical documents, a study area, and a place for educational events concerning *The Urantia Book*.



Claire Mylanus



Line St-Pierre

Trademark Renewals

The board reviewed current trademark practices and made needed modifications to its policies.

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THE REVISION OF THE PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION OF *THE URANTIA BOOK*



By Susana Hüttner Palaia,
São Paulo, Brazil

Editor's Note: Luiz Dolla Bella Chagas, a native from Brazil, with the help of Susana Hüttner Palaia, translated The Urantia Book into Portuguese from 1996 to 2006. It was printed in 2007. We wish to give them tribute for their courage and tenacity, especially to Luiz as he was the chief translator. According to many readers, the style was elegant and the translation faithful to the original.

A translation, however, is a human work and is always subject to improvement. Therefore a revision team was established by Urantia Foundation six years ago. The trustees, associate trustees, and staff are grateful for the diligence, passion, and service of this team.

The revision of the Portuguese translation of *The Urantia Book* began in 2012 and is expected to be complete by 2021, which will make it a ten-year effort. It is very interesting and enjoyable work, but it requires great care, patience, teamwork, and commitment.

In this project, we are not retranslating the book, but we are revising and correcting it in an effort to make it "truer" to the English text while maintaining the "beauty" of

the text and its comprehensibility to the average reader of Portuguese.

The procedure involves carefully analyzing the text word by word, taking care that the meaning of the English text, representing what the revelators intended, is consistently reflected in the Portuguese text, while at the same time respecting the original Portuguese translation.

We have an excellent team working on this revision, and all of its members know *The Urantia Book* extremely well and have volunteered to serve the revelation with their skills.

The following will give you an idea of our procedure:

I, Susana, function as the coordinator of the revision. This means that I begin the process by reading one of the papers and making corrections that I think are necessary and appropriate.

I then pass the paper along to my colleague Saulo, who lives in Recife, which is in the northeast part of Brazil. Saulo lived in the United States for twenty-one years, so he has a great command of the English language. He goes through the text and gives me his suggestions, which I usually accept.

After such corrections are made, the text goes to Helder, who lives in Curitiba, which is in the south of Brazil. He is an expert in the Portuguese language, and because he works for the government of Paraná, he is provided with a team of language experts called a forum universitário. He also gives me very intelligent and accurate

suggestions.

Following these additional corrections, I send the text to a support group led by Sabino from São Paulo. The members of the group read the text in Portuguese and make suggestions, comparing the revisions with the original Portuguese translation.

I then read the whole paper again and make the agreed-to changes. After all 196 papers are revised, we shall read the whole book again in order to be certain that all words are consistent throughout the book.

I feel that this project is the most important task of my life. For me, a day is not complete if I cannot dedicate some time to the revision work.

The following statements were made by members of our team:

"Despite experiencing a variety of difficulties, I have always taken great pleasure in this work and feel honored to be a member of the revision team. Our pace is slow at times, but I am confident that we shall complete the revision."

"I will remain a member of the revision team until the project is completed, and I pray to our heavenly Father for encouragement and protection."

"It helps to remember that our ultimate purpose in this task is to glorify our Father and our brother and friend, Christ Michael of Nebadon."
~Saulo Fraga



Sabino Souza Hüttner



Saulo Fraga



Helder Cherubin

"My challenge in contributing to this revision work is to do it carefully, remembering that 'Jesus was never in a hurry.'"

"The work involves reading and rereading,

comparing the revision with the existing Portuguese text as well as with the English text. The main problem is with the semantic meanings in both the English and Portuguese languages, which raise constant questions as to the correct terms to maintain the intent of the original English text. The contexts of the two languages are not always the same; so translation cannot

always be literal. This requires constant consultation with other professionals for their opinions. I find the work to be painstaking but gratifying.”
~Helder Cherubin

“Working with the Portuguese revision team makes me feel almost as if I have acquired additional senses. There seems to be a fine resonance between our minds when actively engaged

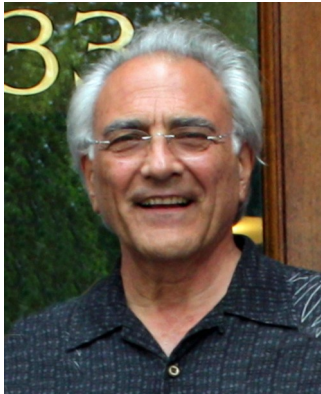
in the process of dipping into the various meanings, projecting ourselves into the minds of potential readers, and sensing how such concepts could be more clearly understood.”

“We feel a great personal satisfaction of service to humanity and to Michael-Jesus, who must be aware of our loyal and unconditional commitment. Knowing these things gives us an extraordinary sense of

enduring gratitude.”
~Sabino Souza Hüttner



REFLECTIONS ON THE 2016 SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM



By Philip Calabrese,
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Editor's Note: [To read the papers presented at the Science Symposium, click here.](#)

Why a Science Symposium?

I am a scientist— a mathematician— who takes *The Urantia Book* literally when it says:

While statements with reference to cosmology are never inspired, such revelations are of *immense value* in that they transiently clarify knowledge by:

1. The reduction of confusion

by the authoritative elimination of error.

2. The co-ordination of known or about-to-be-known facts and observations.

3. The restoration of important bits of lost knowledge concerning epochal transactions in the distant past.

4. The supplying of information which will fill in vital missing gaps in otherwise earned knowledge.

5. Presenting cosmic data in such a manner as to illuminate the spiritual teachings contained in the accompanying revelation. 101:4.5 (1109.6)

The authors use vague terminology when they wish to avoid revealing information that is non-mandated, unearned, or forbidden, or that they otherwise choose not to disclose. But when they make a definitive assertion, they are not handing back early twentieth-century errors—the reader can expect

to read authoritative corrections of errors that lessen confusion.

The “immense value” of the cosmology that the revelators delivered is still mostly unknown to contemporary scientists. The authoritative elimination of error has hardly been recognized or integrated into contemporary science. This points to just how very important it is to have regular scientific symposia of contemporary scientists who also believe *The Urantia Book* to be a divine revelation to Urantia.

My Topic: Free Will in the Cosmos

In 2013, when Gard Jameson invited me to participate in a scientific symposium, I happily accepted the invitation. It reminded me of earlier scientific symposia, including the first Scientific Symposium held in Nashville in 1988 and Scientific Symposium II hosted by Berkeley Elliott and the Oklahoma Society in 1991.

My first choice of a topic and a paper in response to

Gard's invitation was “A Statistical Test of the Hypothesis that *The Urantia Book* Was Authored by Humans.” When the date of the symposium was postponed to 2016, I published the paper in the 2013 issue of the *Fellowship Herald*. That paper makes the case that *The Urantia Book* itself is evidence of intelligent design in the universe.

So, when the June 2016 dates for the symposium were set, I needed another paper. Circumstances had long been pointing me to a paper on the existence of freewill in the cosmos.

It may come as a shock to average folks with common sense that some supposedly brilliant scientific minds seriously entertain the notion that all the actions of every living person may be completely determined by the antecedent causation of the past energy states existing in the brains of those beings.

But it occurred to me that, instead of trying to imagine



Back Row: Dick Reim, David Neuffer, Phil Calabrese, Gard Jameson
Front Row: Nigel Nunn, Bruce Johnson, Marta Elders, Ralph Zehr, Marjorie Ray, Neal Kendall

some way to scientifically prove that free will exists, one could argue that—just as plane geometry begins with unproven postulates (axioms)—free will is self-evident and needs no proof. Free will is such a common human experience that it can be taken as a postulate without proof. I did some research online and found a book from 2015 that combined the writings of thirty-five scientists and philosophers on topics surrounding free will. This provided me with an up to date account of all sides of the free-will debate and allowed me to put my mathematical postulate idea of free will into context.

We were asked to produce our publishable paper a month before the symposium date so that we could all read the other papers. Thus we were all somewhat familiar with what other participants would be saying.

Three Memorable Days at Urantia Foundation

The organization of the three-day event was superb and proceeded like clockwork due to Joanne Strobel's logistical and artful efforts. The pace of each day's activities was well managed. Following the presentations with forty-five-minute question periods and thirty-minute breaks was just right—not too tight a schedule.

A wonderful meal was prepared by accomplished chef Jennifer Siegel to start us off on Thursday evening. As we finished dinner, Ralph Zehr astonished us with a description of the numerous nano-sized machines for chemical processing employed by even one-celled living creatures, and how implausible these are as accidental, random, unintelligent “emergences.”

At nine o'clock on Friday morning, it was Marjorie Ray's turn to amaze us by explaining how it is that two snowflakes can hardly be the same. Since a snowflake crystal is made of very many atoms of water, with a few heavy hydrogen or heavy oxygen atoms interspersed within the variously shaped crystals, the odds are virtually zero of two snowflakes being exactly alike. Perhaps more dramatically than the counting numbers 1, 2, 3 . . . that fact demonstrates the existence of infinity in the cosmos.

Next, it was Nigel Nunn's turn to take us to the transcendental level of the primary and secondary force organizers of Paradise, who evolve primordial force emerging from the space-pervading Unqualified Absolute into force energy orbiting Paradise and secondly into spherically shaped ultimatons with

Paradise as their nucleus. Nigel connected Einstein's curvature ideas of general relativity to the curvature of segregata into ultimata.

After a gourmet lunch, Marta Elders launched us into the final frontier—the mind-brain—that most sophisticated of entities in our observed universe. It is the one physical uniformity of life in the whole local universe, and she reminded us that the nervous system throughout the body is part of the brain. One hundred million neurons can each fire independently. The number of possibilities is a number much greater than ten with twenty-five million zeroes in front of it. And that is for just one firing time period! We learned that the heart has brain cells around it, that the prefrontal cortex is essential for morality, and that the pineal gland is related to spirituality.

It was then Bruce Johnson's turn to elevate our thinking about the ministry of the adjutant mind-spirits. These spirits guide plant and animal life, beginning with the intuitions that drive the most primitive of life on up to the counsel for more advanced animal life and finally to the sixth and seventh adjutant mind-spirits of worship and wisdom, with which only human beings are endowed. The question of when the spiritual pattern of personality is bestowed on a human being by our Paradise Father was left open.

Another question-comment period preceded some drinks and appetizers, and another special dinner. By this time we were getting used to the timely snacks and tasty meals that were being served to energize our thinking and feeling. Conversation continued into the evening.

A breakfast casserole was on the kitchen table by eight o'clock, with a full coffee pot ready. Then it was time for Dick Reim to amaze us with his discovery of new patterns in the complicated electronic energy shells of the heavier atoms. He delved into subnuclear protons and neutrons, suggesting energy levels and orbits there too. The notion of a "central

proton" was brought up. Dick pointed out that the elements recognized by contemporary science with more than one hundred protons never have more than one hundred electrons and therefore are not really complete atoms; the half-lives of these "atoms" are measured in seconds or minutes.

Then came Neal Kendall, whose 178-page paper "Is There Design in Nature?" is more like a book, filled with examples and links related to facts of life that are implausible unless there is design. Even single-cell plants and animals with no neurons have intelligence. Like humans, they know how to feed themselves, defend themselves, and reproduce themselves. While computers are able to do many things better than humans, our ability to answer security questions that ask us to repeat some digits that have been distorted or somewhat masked still makes them seem stupid! That's reassuring.

After another wonderful lunch, it was my turn to present: not so much a defense of the existence of free will in the cosmos as a discussion of the **implications** of the assumed



Jennifer Siegel



Bob Solone

existence of free will in the cosmos. Proofs always start with assumptions: Suppose this and this and this. Then it follows that such and such and such must also be true. That is the pattern of deduction. The existence of some degree of free will is obvious, self-evident, and axiomatic in the experience of every person. I pointed out that only materialists were trying to convince themselves and everyone else of complete determinism in the cosmos because any freedom of choice is inconsistent with their philosophy. One implication of free will is the existence of "will power," the ability of mind to tap into some associated energy realm and change the course of physical matter from what it would have been if no action had been taken by that mind.

After questions and our midafternoon break, Gard Jameson focused our attention on "The Cosmogentic Principle," proposed by authors Thomas

Berry and Brian Swimme in their book *The Universe Story*. This principle refers to structures self-organizing as systems of interrelated things, not just as material particles reacting to elementary forces. Bee and ant colonies and flocks of birds have an overarching mind. There is something more in the cosmos besides the spontaneous assembly of matter from below.

After wine, appetizers, and dinner it was time for some special evening entertainment performed by master pianist and singer Bob Solone. Bob has done this for fifty years all around the world, and it showed. He sang and played an electronic keyboard seemingly with a backup orchestra when needed. As song after song was expertly sung and played, Dick Reim kept marveling, "I had no idea you were this good!" We all went to bed humming a Beatles tune.



Gaétan Charland

On Sunday morning, after another tasty breakfast, master technician Gaétan Charland, who engineered live streaming of the symposium (and managed to quickly solve every technical problem), was able to

connect with George Park and have him appear on the Foundation's giant screen, allowing him to present his paper "Proving Divine Providence Is Responsible for Universe Evolution." George focused on the revealed fact that the master universe is flat, something inconsistent with the Big Bang theory that implies a uniform universe of expansion. He explained that the evidence of this transcendently initiated flatness is now available to contemporary science but is being ignored. Overthrowing a false but accepted theory always takes time as the old, respected proponents die off and younger scientists eventually get funding and acceptance. Then will we read once again, "Scientists once thought. . . ."

Finally, Dave Neufer presented a candidate for one of the mysterious types of energy that *The Urantia Book* says our scientists still haven't discovered. Dave discussed a phenomenon demonstrated by Dr. Randell L. Mills that utilizes molten silver as a catalyst, and water vapor as fuel. A current is applied and forms a plasma that emits ultraviolet, extreme ultraviolet, and X-rays, which are converted to current. The question remains whether the undiscovered forces and forms of energy in the nuclei of atoms referenced in Paper 42 of *The Urantia Book* are related to the controversial phenomenon demonstrated by Dr. Mills.

Lunch was served after this last presentation, and symposium participants still remaining afterward were not quite ready to say goodbye. Five of us including Dick, David, Nigel, and Gaétan, decided to take an afternoon walk. The magnificent, open lakefront landscape, with many people enjoying the Sunday afternoon among the green grass, trees, and monuments, was a perfect way to stretch out the day. But now it really was time to depart. We all felt greatly enriched by the weekend of mind, body, spirit, and personal contact that we shall all no doubt remember forever.

THE SUMMER CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO



By Joanne Strobel, Urantia Foundation, Illinois, United States

Over three hundred years ago, in 1691, a small expedition of Spanish explorers traveling north from Mexico advanced some 150 miles into present-day Texas.

On June 13, they stopped to set up camp near a Coahuiltecan Indian village along the river. The Franciscan chaplain of the small expedition suggested that they call the place San Antonio because they had arrived on the feast of Saint Anthony, the patron saint of finding things or lost people.

On June 9, 2016, a large group of Urantia Book readers converged on this same town, almost to the date of its founding. The topic was "Jesus, the Master Teacher"; the location, remarkably, was Trinity University. Jointly sponsored by the Urantia Association of the United States, Lone Star Urantia Association, and the Urantia Book Fellowship, with additional funding from

Urantia Foundation and Truthbook, it was a Texas-style conference in every sense of the word. The enormous efforts of our local hosts, President Katrina Glavan-Heise and a herd of volunteers, culminated in superb hospitality, well-orchestrated plenaries and workshops, and a welcoming *Fiesta* that showcased legendary Tex-Mex cuisine, a talented ensemble of budding mariachi musicians, and a kickoff plenary from Mo Siegel.

David Linthicum rode shotgun with Katrina at the podium every day. Inspirational plenaries were delivered by Carrie Preston, Jeffrey Wattles, and David Kulieke. Each morning and afternoon we had our choice

of concurrent workshop sessions, and if I could be in two places at once, I would have been!

Friday morning workshops were led by Marvin Gawryn, Stuart Kerr, Mark Kurtz, James Woodward, and Jeff Wattles. After lunch we enjoyed sessions with Gaétan Charland, Elaine McLellan, Lucy Norwood, Paula Thompson, and Angie Thurston. Friday afternoon featured groups led by Miranda Clendening, David Fabe, Sharon Lanier, Derek Samaras, and Tom Vasile. And that list doesn't include the full-day in-depth study workshop led by Katharina Becker, Marilyn Kulieke, and Barbara Newsom.

Conference photos courtesy of Line St-Pierre







Saturday was another full day, with morning sessions featuring William Rux, Angie Thurston, Chuck Thurston, co-presenters Katharina Becker, Doreen Heyne, Carolyn Prentice, and Line St-Pierre, and co-presenters Barbara Newsom, Nick Stefero, and Clint Stucky. After lunch we had a choice of encore workshops or a shuttle van that ran continuously all afternoon between Trinity and the famed San Antonio River Walk. Many of us enjoyed boat tours and walking tours of the Alamo.

The Saturday night entertainment was beyond description. Cristina Seaborn and Bob Solone simply outdid themselves as they performed together on violin and piano. Looking out over the evening skyline, we were enchanted and transported by the magic of their soaring collaboration.

It would not have been a proper conference and summer study session without Urantia merchandise, and CosmicCreations did not disappoint. Rick Lyon and his partner Susan Grzeskowiak

set out an impressive array of just about anything you could think of in the foyer of Chapman Center, where it served as an impromptu gathering place for fellowship.

I returned to Chicago with a renewed appreciation of how Jesus lived, worked, and taught on this earth. I feel humbled and blessed by the sheer number of volunteers and the amount of planning that took place over the past year by dedicated individuals from several thriving organizations. We are indeed a loving family, united by the



Spirit of Truth, each of us children, brothers, and sisters of Jesus, our master teacher.

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THE 2016 BOGOTÁ INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

By Esperanza Tovar (secretary), Miguel Pinzón (administrative coordinator), Wilson León (treasurer), Marlene Tovar (vice president), Andrés Ramírez (president)

The Bogotá International Book Fair (FILBO) brings together exhibitors from the book industry worldwide but primarily from Latin America. It is held annually at the Corferias-Centro de Convenciones in Bogotá, Colombia. The first Bogotá book fair was held on October 10, 1936. The current series of book fairs was reestablished in 1988, and it is a wonderful exhibition of literary and cultural events.

Diversity characterized the 2016 fair, which took place from April 19 to May 2. More than 150,000 titles were available in twenty-three exhibition halls, and three hundred of the best known domestic and foreign authors were present. A total of 1,240 events, representing twenty-one countries, attracted more than five hundred thousand people.

The Bogotá Urantia Association has been present at the fair for the last several years, but it was only in 2014 that the Association began participating with its own booth. This endeavor has meant both a financial investment and a human one of time and service.

More volunteers are participating in the booth as awareness of *El libro de*



Urantia is growing. This project would not have been possible without the service and support of more than forty people, including direct volunteers at the booth and indirect partners providing support in various other ways. The Bogotá Urantia Association gives the volunteers a big thank-you for their work and service.

We are also thankful to Urantia Foundation for donating 150 hardcover books for the fair. 102 were sold at our booth, and proceeds were used to help offset costs of the booth.

Over sixteen thousand flyers were distributed to persons who visited our booth. These flyers contained Urantia Association contact information, websites, and lists of books and other publications about *The Urantia Book*.

Volunteers spoke directly with more than two thousand people about *El libro de*

Urantia, giving them an explanation about the book and addressing the different interests of each person. Many of these people already had heard of the book. Some of them already have the book or have study groups and are interested in receiving more information.

Names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses were collected from 305 people interested in purchasing a book, receiving the Association's News Bulletin, or participating in events, lectures, or future conferences.

During the course of the fair there were three introductory lectures about *The Urantia Book* and a workshop entitled "Epigenetics of Urantia," which was attended by more than thirty people.

The location of the booth was excellent as measured by the great flow of people who visited us, especially young people. The booth was

attractive and included a counter, a display of books, two tables with chairs for visitors, a computer to take information, and a dataphone for credit card payments. The walls were decorated with large-scale posters of the book, Jesus, and the Master Universe.

We gained great personal satisfaction from our efforts in several ways: through meeting new readers, making contact with long-time readers—especially independent Urantia Book readers—and, above all, helping many people discover the Urantia Revelation. We are also gratified that this project blazes a trail and sets an example for readers elsewhere in the world who may be encouraged to undertake similar service projects.



Photos courtesy of the Bogotá Association

COSMICCREATIONS— AN OUTREACH EFFORT

By Rick Lyon, Indiana, United States

In the spring of 2015, I launched a new outreach effort/business venture to serve the Urantia Book reader community. CosmicCreations is an online store specializing in Urantia-related items displaying, with permission, the concentric circles symbol. CosmicCreations is not affiliated with any reader organization, but it is committed to serving and supporting all readers of the fifth epochal revelation around the world.

The purpose of this online store is threefold. First, by displaying the concentric circles symbol, you may invite curious people to ask: "What is "Urantia?" or "What do the circles represent?"



Perhaps this will open doors for you to share the teachings of *The Urantia Book* with someone new.

Second, you may find like-minded individuals around you that you might not have met before. Perhaps you would have passed by each other, never realizing the presence of a kindred spirit.

When they see your T-shirt, polo shirt, hat, or necklace with the concentric circles, they will immediately recognize you as a "reader." Perhaps this will lead to friendships and eventually to the forming of a study group in your area.

And, third, each time you use your Urantia coffee mug, your luggage tag at the airport, or your keychain when you drive to work, you will be reminded that you are part of the most important project on the planet today. You will be reminded daily that (in the words of the Publication Mandate) "you are participating in the birth of a new age of religion on this world."

CosmicCreations has been well received, and many positive comments have been posted on the website, eBay, and Facebook. Susan Grzeskowiak, the artist and designer of products, and I are pleased to report that we are making contact with

many readers unknown to us before; some of them have never contacted other readers or attended an event.

A representative of CosmicCreations has been present at several gatherings of Urantia Book readers: an event for readers of the book in Alabama; a Urantia Association International conference in Canada; a regional conference sponsored by the Orvonton Society of the Fellowship in Indianapolis; and in San Antonio at a conference sponsored jointly by Urantia Association United States, the Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Foundation in June 2016. We shall be present at future conferences and hope that you will stop by our booth.

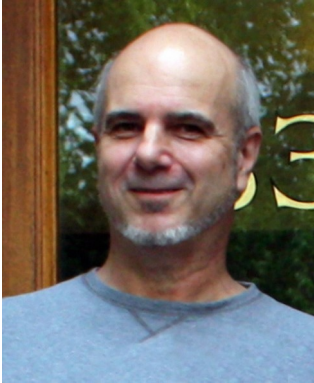
In the meantime, visit our store at www.CosmicCreations.biz. Our products are also available through eBay.



Rick Lyon and Susan Grzeskowiak

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WHAT DID, DOES, AND WILL THE URANTIA BOOK MEAN TO ME?



By David Neuffer,
Pennsylvania, United States

Before I found *The Urantia Book*, it meant nothing at all to me, just as it means nothing to most people on the planet today. Pre-*Urantia Book*, I did a lot of reading to find the best explanation of reality. My first God concept came from the Catholic Church. They taught me the reality of God. I don't know how I would be if I hadn't started out in a God-believing family.

I never doubted that there was a Jesus, but his nature

real deal about who I am, why I'm here, and where I'm going. I found a void. I had some seeking to do.

Some philosophies repelled me. Others attracted me. Books by P. D. Ouspensky, Hermann Hesse, Ram Dass, and Buckminster Fuller had some pull. Bucky remains a personal hero—a beautifully minded, God-knowing mortal.

I tried astrology and biorhythms—fun but not truly gripping. I learned I Ching with its beautiful observations. The Rosicrucians and Eckankar had some appealing ads in science magazines, but as a kid, I really didn't have the cash to get very far with these.

Once, I even announced my plan to join the Hare Krishnas. However, before signing up, I had a change of mind. I did, however, get a glimpse of how I would have looked in their hairstyle when I joined the navy and

and Eve. The Bible version raised a lot of questions, but here was an extended version presented in a rational narrative. I didn't understand some of the terminology, but I was getting the picture and wanted to read more.

I was really ripe for revelation. At first I was questioning, using my built-in truth detector, looking for inconsistencies like the ones I found in similar works. After some further seeking, I came to realize that there **are** no similar works. None!

The Urantia Book is substantially more than just a book. It is a cosmic education. This revelation revealed everything I wanted to know about reality—more than I'd think to ask about the nature of things and beings in the universe of universes. It's a revelation where the ones who know whereof they speak readily say when they don't know. What they say and how they say it entices me to keep returning.

When I was a new reader, my mind was a mix of prior beliefs and the new *Urantia* ones. I hung on to the concept of reincarnation for a while because of a book I'd read, and because I sometimes had dreams in historical settings. But this concept and some others

slowly faded. It seems that the revelation garden can crowd out invasive, erroneous beliefs.

Forty years later, the *Urantia Revelation* remains illuminating and compelling. There is always something to learn or to add to what was learned before. When I open up the book, or show it on a screen, or press play and listen, it's like I'm entering a friendly and familiar school. I feel safe in the midst of the truth inside. A friend asked me if I believed *The Urantia Book*. I said, "Yes." I've found no better way of thinking. It gives my mind structure. It feels right.

I can't foresee a time here when I won't be studying *The Urantia Book*. Some day we'll be moving on to the schools of the next worlds. We *Urantia Book* students may be grouped together as revelation-minded agondonters. I think learning will proceed but not so much with books. We'll find out what morontia mota is and practice new study techniques. We'll pass along our knowledge to others who come after us.

Thanks to the ones who made this source of truth we revel in! The *Urantia Papers* will forever be a revelation of personal significance.

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was hard to discern from the bits and pieces of ancient writings that had been shattered by time. Stories about his life did give me a good feeling about him. The church's rituals didn't sit well with me, nor did its emphasis on death. Though I couldn't fully embrace the Catholic ways, it was not a bad beginning. It could have been worse. Yet, I was fervently up for knowing the

they shaved my head.

At radioman school in San Diego, I stopped being unaware of *The Urantia Book*. I borrowed the book from the base library, and it has been with me ever since. (Not that particular book. I grudgingly returned that one.)

Initially, I jumped around in the pages. The first papers to grab me were about Adam

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In the meantime, while we’re still here, here’s a tip on how to study. The revelators frequently distribute **related data** throughout various papers and sections, sometimes in sections where you wouldn’t think to look. Using a quality search tool may be **the only way** to adequately learn certain topics.

Try this [Urantia Book Search](#) adapted for the revelation by Troy Bishop. The design of

this study site is ideal for learning concepts through word and phrase searches. You see results sequentially in paper order. You see them in full paragraphs for good context. And when you click the reference, you see the entire paper starting at your search phrase for even better context. And all this happens without losing your search results—they stay listed to the side. Do yourself a favor. Learn the search modes, and see if studying this way works for you.

Lastly, I’ve been compiling charts and lists from information presented in *The Urantia Book*. You can find these online in the [Master Universe Almanac](#).

Enjoy your studies of the revelation, and cherish your labors of love.

For information on future events, please visit our calendar at

<http://www.urantia.org/get-involved>



The universe is not wound up like a clock to run just so long and then cease to function; all things are constantly being renewed.
The Father unceasingly pours forth energy, light, and life.

The Urantia Book, 4:1.6 (55.4)