

## STUDY AIDS.

While maintaining its policy of providing no official interpretation of the book, the Foundation does publish various study guides and aids to assist individuals in their study of the book. Please contact the nearest office for a listing of items currently available.

## ELECTRONIC STUDY GROUPS.

Urantia Foundation provides e-mail discussion lists in several languages that are designed to enhance comprehension of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. These “electronic study groups” help to facilitate communication among readers around the world.

## URANTIA BOOK INTERNET SCHOOL.

*The Urantia Book* Internet School (UBIS) is an interactive educational service designed to assist readers interested in an intensive study of the book. The Internet School allows students from around the world to study *The Urantia Book* together, free from the constraints of distance and of different time zones. Courses are given in small classes under the guidance of experienced teachers/facilitators using a noninterpretive “Question and Answer” technique.

## INTERNATIONAL URANTIA ASSOCIATION (IUA).

IUA is a worldwide membership organization composed of local and national associations whose members have read *The Urantia Book* and support the mission of Urantia Foundation. Associations of IUA are service organizations dedicated to fostering the study of *The Urantia Book* and helping to spread its teachings. IUA is not associated with any particular religion; it welcomes people of all faiths, races, and nationalities.

Associations engage in a variety of activities such as fostering study groups and publishing newsletters, journals, and study aids, and sponsoring seminars, social gatherings, and conferences. Participation in IUA provides opportunities to serve, to associate with others who are interested in *The Urantia Book*, and to develop teaching and leadership skills.

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## THE WORLD IS HUNGRY FOR A MODERN PORTRAYAL OF TRUTH

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According to *The Urantia Book*, our planet “is now quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs of social readjustment, moral quickening, and spiritual enlightenment.” (2082:7) Today many are seeking a modern portrayal of “*the truths of science, philosophy, and spiritual experience,*” combining “*the beauties of the physical creation, the charm of intellectual art, and the grandeur of genuine character achievement.*” (43:2) . *The Urantia Book* contains the clearest and most concise integration of these subjects available to contemporary man.

Through the Foundation’s translations, network of representatives, gift books, and international distribution, coupled with the development of teachers, leaders, and study groups by our sister organization, the International Urantia Association, *The Urantia Book* is available today in many parts of the world, but there is so much more work ahead. To assure the future of the programs outlined above, Urantia Foundation needs your help, however you wish to participate . We invite you to join us in service, disseminating the supernal teachings of *The Urantia Book* throughout the world.

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# Introduction to Urantia Foundation



## The Urantia Book

*[To expand cosmic consciousness  
and enhance spiritual perception. . .*

*[p. 1, par. 2]*™



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## ABOUT URANTIA FOUNDATION

Urantia Foundation was established in 1950 as a nonprofit, charitable trust with responsibility for publishing *The Urantia Book*. The Trustees of Urantia Foundation, who serve without compensation, are charged with the duty to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of *The Urantia Book* and to disseminate its teachings throughout the world. Day-to-day operations are conducted by an Executive Director and small administrative staff headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with the assistance of an international network of volunteers. This work is made possible through the generous support of interested individuals worldwide who are committed to ensuring the continued availability of *The Urantia Book*.

The *Declaration of Trust Creating Urantia Foundation* sets forth the following mission:

*The object for which this Foundation is created is the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the peoples of the world of the comprehension and understanding of Cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe, of the genesis and destiny of Man and his relation to God, and of the true teachings of Jesus Christ; and for the inculcation and encourage-ment of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man—in order to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness, and well being of Man, as an individual and as a member of society, through the fostering of a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with Man’s intellectual and cultural development.*

The emblem adopted by Urantia Foundation upon its formation is “*three azure blue concentric circles on a white background,*” “*the material emblem of the Trinity government of all creation.*” (*The Urantia Book*, 606:0)

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## FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

Urantia Foundation first published *The Urantia Book* in 1955. Since then, the Foundation has steadily reached out to the world community through a variety of programs.

### **PUBLICATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE URANTIA BOOK.**

Urantia Foundation’s “primary duty” as stated in its Declaration of Trust, is “to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of *The Urantia Book*.” It is also charged with preservation and control of the reproduction of *The Urantia Book* and all translations thereof. To fulfill this trust, Urantia Foundation holds copyrights in the English text and all of its translations as well as trademarks around the world of the words “Urantia,” “Urantian,” “*The Urantia Book*,” and the Concentric-Circles Symbol. These trademarks are used to identify the authentic products and services of Urantia Foundation and affiliated organizations. Individuals may freely use the trademarked symbols for their personal, noncommercial purposes and may quote or copy material from *The Urantia Book* in accordance with Urantia Foundation’s copyright and trademark policies that are available on its website or from any Urantia Foundation office.

### **TRANSLATIONS.**

Urantia Foundation is committed to producing high quality translations of *The Urantia Book* that faithfully represent the original English text in the world’s major languages. Thanks to the efforts of many dedicated translators, *The Urantia Book* is available in Spanish, Dutch, Russian, Korean, Finnish, and French. These translations have the ability to reach 22% of the world’s population. Translations into sixteen additional languages are in various stages of development. When these are completed, *The Urantia Book* will be available in languages spoken by over one-half of the world’s population. Additional languages are in the planning stages. We hope that eventually people of all nations

and cultures will have the opportunity to enjoy their own unique experience with *The Urantia Book* in their native tongue.

### **FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICES.**

Urantia Foundation is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, in the same building where early students gathered to study the papers for many years prior to publication of *The Urantia Book*. Today, its work is carried out with the assistance of a network of international offices and representatives who help to introduce *The Urantia Book* in a manner consistent with the cultural and religious backgrounds of their region. They help the Foundation establish new book distribution channels, place books in libraries and schools, and respond to local inquiries.

### **DISTRIBUTION.**

Urantia Foundation has longstanding relationships with book distributors in various areas of the world so that truth seekers can find *The Urantia Book* on their local bookstore shelves. Since its inception as publisher of the book, Urantia Foundation has printed nearly 600,000 copies of *The Urantia Book* in six languages.

### **BOOK FAIRS.**

To increase awareness of *The Urantia Book* in the book trade and ensure its availability in bookstores, Urantia Foundation regularly participates in book fairs, trade shows, and other expositions. Representatives of Urantia Foundation have displayed *The Urantia Book* in locales as diverse as Barcelona, Bogotá, Brussels, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Frankfurt, Guadalajara, London, Montréal, Moscow, New Delhi, Québec, São Paulo, St. Petersburg, Santiago, Seoul, Toronto, Sydney, and Warsaw.

### **LIBRARY PLACEMENT AND GIFT BOOK PROGRAMS.**

Urantia Foundation sponsors various programs to provide books for placement in libraries, institutions, and for those in need, especially in the

developing world. These programs rely on individual contributions of money and time to subsidize the cost of book donations and placement. Individuals working in partnership with Urantia Foundation also can purchase cartons of books at a discounted rate to place in libraries.

### **READER SERVICES AND PUBLIC INFORMATION.**

Urantia Foundation staff members are available to respond to inquiries about Urantia Foundation and *The Urantia Book* and can often help to put individuals in touch with other readers in their area. Urantia Foundation also publishes newsletters in several languages that provide current information about programs, activities, and new products to those on its mailing list.

### **MULTI-LINGUAL WEBSITE.**

As part of Urantia Foundation’s commitment to making *The Urantia Book* available to the peoples of the world, its websites provide information about Urantia Foundation and *The Urantia Book* in several languages. In addition, the full text of every published translation is available online for new readers to explore. Additional websites dedicated to serving particular languages, cultures, or geographic regions have been created by many of our associates. The Internet is increasingly used as a primary source of information, and we now receive most of our Reader Service inquiries through the website.

### **STUDY GROUPS.**

Urantia Foundation encourages readers of *The Urantia Book* to attend or organize study groups in their communities and offers an international referral service to assist in these efforts. Studying and discussing *The Urantia Book* with others can enhance understanding by presenting a variety of perspectives. Each study group is independent and develops its own style of studying the book one that best suits the needs of its members. Urantia Foundation assists by providing referrals to nearby study groups or individual readers.