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URANTIA FOUNDATION LAUNCHES MATCHING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN 2009

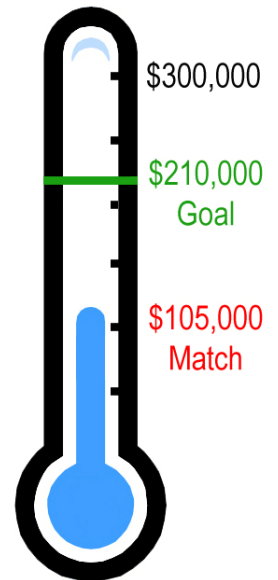
By Jay Peregrine, Executive Director, Urantia Foundation, Illinois, USA

Five readers of *The Urantia Book* have agreed to contribute up to \$105,000 to Urantia Foundation if we can raise an equal amount of money by the end of the year. Will you help us match their pledge?

In 2010, Urantia Foundation will print the Polish, Swedish, Estonian, and Hungarian translations and will re-print the Spanish and Portuguese translations; revisions and improvements to the Foundation's website will continue; the historic office building at 533 Diversey

Parkway will require maintenance and repair; special attention will be given to book distribution in Europe; and improvements to the Urantia Book Internet School will be made.

Will you help insure that the Foundation's work in 2010 continues? Your donation will be doubled (up to \$105,000) by the matching fund donors if it is received by December 31, 2009. Please consider sending a donation today. Contact us at 773-525-3319 or at <http://urantia.org/donate>



JESUS AND GANID

By Mo Siegel, President, Urantia Foundation, Colorado, USA

For the last few years my wife, Jen, and I had been planning a special journey for my 60th birthday. We decided to trace parts of the trip that Jesus took with the Indian lad Ganid and his father Gonod, from April 26, A.D. 22, until December 10, A.D. 23. Besides visiting many of their stops on the Mediterranean, we also visited Jerusalem and Galilee.

As we expected, our visit to Jerusalem and Galilee felt very significant. We dangled our

feet in the Sea of Galilee and stood on the ground at Bethsaida where the Master fed the 5,000, ordained the evangelists and women's corps, and much more. We explored the hillside where the Master delivered the Ordination Sermon and roamed the hills near his childhood home in Nazareth. At times it seemed like a dream to see where Michael of Nebadon spent his earth life as Jesus of Nazareth. As we visited the various sites in Israel, we read from my IPOD, which contained the entire Urantia Book downloaded from the iTunes Apps store. Our guide finally put away his

New Testament and listened as we read the thrilling stories and vivid details from what he called "The iPod Bible".

Before taking the trip, Jen and I knew that our time in Israel would leave a deep impact on our understanding of Jesus' life. Little did we expect that the visits to Alexandria, Egypt, and Cyprus would provide the greater lessons. While the stops in Athens, Rhodes, and Italy were interesting, it was while standing on the ground where the Alexandrian lighthouse and library once stood that we really began to understand why Jesus took 19



months for this trip. Later we visited Cyprus and wandered into the highlands where the Master spent five weeks of his life. It was in those hills that Jesus "skillfully and tenderly" attended to the grievously ill Ganid.

The Urantia Book says that "the real purpose of his trip around the Mediterranean basin was to know men. He came very close to hundreds of humankind on this journey. He met and loved all manner of men, rich and poor, high and low, black and white, educated and uneducated, cultured and uncultured, animalistic and spiritual, religious and irreligious, moral and immoral." (1424.3) 129:3.8

The fact is that Jesus spent over 550 days of his life traveling with two East Indians and their entourage. As we roamed the rugged mountains in Cyprus, we wondered where they ate and slept during the three weeks of Ganid's illness. We conjured up a

picture of how this scene must have looked from the other worlds—the Creator of Nebadon nursing this Indian lad back to health on the side of a mountain in the middle of nowhere. What kind of loving visualization was being created for all the worlds to see?

When we headed down the mountains, we smiled as we drove past the little Christian churches dotting the mountainside in Cyprus. Someday they'll marvel to learn that the very Jesus they teach about spent five weeks in their hills.

Flash forwarding to Urantia today, we live in a world where a rapidly growing Indian population numbers more than 1.1 billion people. I think that it's no coincidence that Jesus spent more than a year and a half with the Indian lad and his father. I believe that one day the people of India will learn about Jesus' tour of the Roman world with the two Indians, and that this knowledge will bring hope to millions of hungry souls who believe to-



Mo and Jen Siegel outside Jerusalem

day that the teachings of Jesus were meant only for the Occident. What a mercy ministry Jesus exhibited by choosing Gonod and Ganid as his traveling companions!

I'm writing this article as I'm flying home from this wonderful journey. The truth is that Jen and I took this trip because we wanted to know Jesus of Nazareth better, and because I wanted to escape the reality of hitting the big 6-0. Turning 60

came out fine; no wheels fell off the bus. What unexpectedly happened was the discovery of another treasure in *The Urantia Book*. When the Master said his gospel was for rich and poor, for Jew and Gentile, for men and women, and for all peoples of all races, nations, and religions, he proved his love, when, in the hills of Cyprus, he nursed back to health the grievously ill lad from India.

NOTEWORTHY DECISIONS FROM THE OCTOBER 2009 BOARD

By Marilyn Kulieke, Secretary, Urantia Foundation, Illinois, USA

Trustees and Associate Trustees

Henk Mylanus from Brittany, France, was elected as the 7th Trustee to Urantia Foundation's Board. For the last year, Henk has served as an Associate Trustee while also serving as the European sales manager. Thanks to the remarkable efforts of Henk and Claire Mylanus, along with Jay Peregrine, *The Urantia Book* distribution system in Europe has taken a giant leap forward.

Dr. Ralph Zehr, a long-time



Henk Mylanus

friend of Urantia Foundation, has been elected as an Associate Trustee. Ralph currently serves on the Board of the Urantia Book Internet School and has helped the Foundation

with numerous projects over the years.

At the October 2009 meeting, Claire Mylanus and Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie retired as Associate Trustees after 3 year terms. Both women had a significant impact on Urantia Foundation, and we'll miss them at Board meetings. Thankfully we know they'll continue their work for the Urantia Revelation and for Urantia Foundation. We thank Claire and Irmeli for their years of loving service.

Book Committee

The Executive Director and the Book Committee recommended the following book printing schedule for 2010 and early 2011:



Dr. Ralph Zehr

- ◆ Q1 2010: Reprinting of the English edition and the Portuguese translation.
- ◆ Q2 2010: First printing of

the Swedish and Estonian translations and reprinting of the Latin American edition of the Spanish translation.

- ◆ Q3 2010: First printing of the Polish translation.
- ◆ Q4 2010: Reprinting of the European edition of the Spanish translation.
- ◆ Q1 2011: First printing of the Hungarian translation.

This production schedule increases the number of translations from 9 to 13, a 40% increase in printed translations. Congratulations to the manager of translations, the translators, the production team, the Foundation's office team, and the donors who make translation funds available.

Progress is being made with book distribution in Europe. Henk Mylanus and Jay Peregrine have found a warehousing and distribution system that could easily double or triple the availability of books in European bookstores over the next few years

Translation Website Development



Rogerio Silva and Georges Michelson-Dupont

Trustee and Manager of Translations, Georges Michelson-Dupont, and Rogerio Silva have been working to provide translators with web available systems that systematically improve the quality of transla-

tions. The Board approved continued development and support for these efforts.

Standard Reference Text

Because the *Declaration of Trust Creating Urantia Foundation* states that "it shall be the primary duty of the Trustees to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of *The Urantia Book*", the Trustees appointed a committee, the Standard Reference Text Committee, to study all the changes made to the book since 1955. The desired out-

come was for both current publishers to agree on the "correct" text, to notate it as the "Standard Reference Text", and to encourage all Urantia Book publishers, now and in the future, to print only the Standard Reference Text. With the English edition of *The Urantia Book* no longer protected by copyright, this strategy provides maximum protection "to perpetually preserve inviolate the text of *The Urantia Book*."

The Standard Reference Text Committee examined all changes, including typing errors, formatting issues, misspellings, table of contents errors, and the digital referencing system. After two years of diligent work, the Committee unanimously recommended a standard text for future editions of the Eng-

lish text.

After receiving the recommendations from the Standard Reference Text Committee, the Trustees studied them for eleven months and agreed, at the October 2009 meeting, to approve them. In the future, the Standard Reference Text will appear in all printed and digital English editions of *The Urantia Book* printed by Urantia Foundation. This text will also be the "official text" from which all translations, done under the auspices of Urantia Foundation, will be made.

Urantia Book because of its many translations, the use of electronic files, and the book's availability on the Internet.

A new Text Identification Number has been developed that will solve a myriad of identification problems in both the digital and physical formats. All future productions of *The Urantia Book* originating from Urantia Foundation, whether in physical or electronic form, will contain the Text Identification Number (TIN). This code will be imbedded in all

Urantia Foundation's Text Identification Number (TIN)

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means

Urantia Foundation - Portuguese - For the whole world - 2007 - 1st Edition

The detailed work of the Standard Reference Text Committee will appear on Urantia Foundation's new website. The Committee's report will be a transparent historical record of all past changes and will contain the Committee's final recommendations. The website will also contain historical records, such as suggestions made, but not accepted, by the committee.

Urantia Foundation's Text Identification Number (TIN)

In the past Urantia Foundation identified each printing of *The Urantia Book* by numbering the printing on the publisher's page: First Printing 1955, Second Printing 1967, and so on. This identification system no longer adequately tracks the production of *The*

electronic versions of the book and will be displayed on the publisher's page in all printed books. Our hope is that all versions of the book on the web, in whatever language, can be easily identified, and that only the latest corrected and revised versions will appear in all digital technologies.

Website Update

The team developing Urantia Foundation's new website presented the improvements being made to the current site. The new site provides significant upgrades to almost every aspect of the current site. One of the most important upgrades will be the capability of providing fully developed sub-websites in 14 languages.

While it will take a few years to make this website fully functional, you will see marked improvements in the next few months. We shall keep you posted as to when the new website goes up. Special thanks go to more than 20 people helping to create the new website.



Todd S

Presentation from Dandelion Applications

Todd S, the creator of *The Urantia Book* application (app) for the iPhone/iPod, presented his remarkable story to the Board. The app - called Big Blue Book - allows people who own an iPhone or iPod to download the book for free onto their devices. The book comes in multiple languages and has been downloaded in 71 countries since first becoming available eleven months ago. Amazingly, the

download volume exceeded bookstore sales in the last eleven months. We have clearly entered a new era of book dissemination. If you wish to see the app, go to the following URL:

<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewSoftware?id=298474490&mt=8>



LIBRARY PLACEMENT



By Deborah Bowser, Indiana, USA

Editors Note: Over the years many individuals and groups have participated in programs dedicated to placing The Urantia Book in libraries. Ms. Bowser describes her efforts as a part of the Reader Support Team (RST) of the Greater Lake Michigan

Urantia Association. For more information on library book placement, contact Tamara Strumfeld at tamara@urantia.org

I am fairly new to the community of Urantia Book readers. I discovered *The Urantia Book* in May of 2008. After the death of my son in September of 1994, I hit an all-time spiritual low that lasted for about ten years. I gave up trying to understand why. It was not that I blamed God for the loss of my child. I just couldn't find the answers. I drifted through life spiritually asleep.

Finally I woke up to the fact that I needed to find God to understand anything about life and death. I began to read anything of a spiritual nature, anything I could get my hands on. My mother had had *The Urantia*

Book for 16 years, but she had never read it because she couldn't understand it. Forgotten on a bookshelf all these years, she remembered it and gave it to me. (Mom is now reading *The Urantia Book* and is presently enrolled in a course with the Urantia Book Internet School. I am so happy about this!)

The Urantia Book has changed my life in so many positive ways, and through its pages, I have found the answers which have healed me spiritually and have given me peace. As believers in the teachings of *The Urantia Book*, we all look for ways to spread the joy that we have found. The book needs to be disseminated so that all the people of the world can find it and read it.

One of the main goals of the Reader Support Team is to seed the world with *The Urantia Book* by placing it in as many public and private libraries as possible. We are focusing on libraries in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. To start I obtained a list of all Indiana public libraries from the internet, taking the letters D through G. Another team member took the letters A through C. I ended up with a list of over 30 different librar-



ies to contact. Before contacting these libraries, I checked the online catalog to see if the library had a copy of *The Urantia Book*. If not, I contacted the person in charge of the adult circulation department and offered them a free copy with

the understanding that, if they decided not to accept it after it arrived, they would return it. I then directed them to the Urantia Foundation's website, which contains a detailed description of the book. Then, I waited

for their reply, either by phone or email.

Of the 30 libraries I contacted in Indiana, 11 accepted the book. The effort was time-consuming but very rewarding. I will continue to

work on the library placement mission, and I recommend this work to anyone who has the time and means to pursue it. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

WHEN GREAT BRITAIN MEETS LITTLE BRITTANY



Noel Briens, Ade Awoyinka, Henk Mylanus, Tina Mosley, Christopher Mosley, Kristina Stoianova, Gary Rawlings

By Claire Mylanus, Brittany, France

About two months ago, during a weekend in October, several English readers of *The Urantia Book* crossed the English Channel (we French call it "La Manche") and came to our home in Brittany, France, to join us for a weekend of Urantia Book study. We regularly receive groups of Dutch readers at our Breton style farmhouse for a weekend of topical study, but this time, it was the turn of the English readers.

We first met these English readers seven years ago at the 2002 international confer-

ence in Dourdan, France. Then, last April, at the international conference in Malaga, Spain, I met Ade Awoyinka again, and we agreed that it would be a good idea to organize something together. A few months later, we fixed a date and planned the whole event.

The English team decided to hold their annual summer meeting at our home, and their theme was: "The Family". They crossed the English Channel by ferry or by plane and arrived at Saint Malo, Brittany, on a Friday. After dinner at our place, they retired to a little cottage guesthouse and rested.

The next morning the study

began. The program, prepared by the English team, was rich and very interesting. The categories were: 1) Adam and Eve, 2) Jesus as a Brother-Father on Urantia, and 3) Marriage and Family life. I had invited two French readers from our weekly study group who were able to understand enough English to follow the studies. The discourses were well prepared and time was allowed for much comment and discussion. We were all

enriched by the sharing of knowledge, by the variety of subjects, and by the diversity of personalities around the table.

The next day, on Sunday, we went to "Le Mont Saint Michel" in Normandy, which is an hour drive from our home. It is one of the most mystical places in the world and is visited by thousands of tourists and pilgrims every year. After enjoying our day together, our visitors returned to England. It was a beautiful experience, where old friendships were renewed and new ones were made. We have agreed to work together again in the near future.

Sharing the Urantia Revelation across the globe is an uplifting and powerful experience. Cultural and linguistic differences seem to melt away when in the service of the Father. The dynamics of these meetings are incredible, and when people use their goodwill to act together, great things may and do happen.



Le Mont Saint Michel

THE PIPELINE OF LIGHT

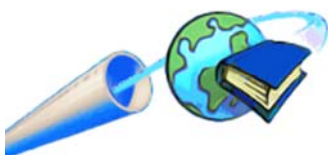


By Michelle Klimesh, California, USA

Editors Note: The Pipeline of Light began sending books to Latin America in the summer of 2002. The project has grown over the years sending out over 2000 copies of the book to 66 countries. If you would like to read more about this project or support this project, please go to http://urantiabook.org/admin_public/pipeline_what_is_it.htm

Upon returning from a trip to South America in 2002, the chair of the Urantia Book Fellowship's International Committee reported that he had visited a study group where seventy readers were sharing eleven copies of *El libro de Urantia*. In some countries, books were completely unavailable, and in others, a single copy might cost 5% of an average person's annual income.

Within a year it became apparent that the need for affordable books was not limited to Latin America. Since those early days, the Pipeline of Light has sent 2,415 copies of *The Urantia Book* in eight languages to readers in sixty-six countries. As much as the project has expanded, the Urantia Founda-



tion's Spanish translation still accounts for 78% of all Pipeline books shipped.

The Pipeline of Light started as a joint project between Jesusonian Foundation and the Urantia Book Fellowship. It is successful today due to the hard work of many people including Paula Thompson in the Fellowship office and Tamara Strumfeld in the Foundation office. These devoted women have learned the hard way about



Paula Thompson

worldwide postal systems and difficult customs officials.

There are so many stories worth sharing with you about the recipients of books provided by the Pipeline of Light! There is the Frenchman who had been looking for *Le Livre d'Urantia* for months when he sat down next to Agustin Arellano in a Paris subway station. Agustin just happened to have two copies of the French translation in his backpack. There is the Nigerian man who facilitates a study group under a large tree in a Nigerian refugee camp. And we shall never forget the enthusiasm of "Arno the Pagan" who shocked his family and



Agustin Arellano

friends by embracing religion while reading a borrowed copy of *The Urantia Book*.

After the first few years, we began to see cross-fertilization. The Pipeline sent a copy of the German translation to a woman living in Costa Rica. Books to Croatia were hand-delivered by the manager of a bicycle shop in Denver. He was introduced to the *Urantia Revelation* by a man visiting the United States from Lithuania. We received a request from the Maldive Islands last year.

How on earth did someone in that tiny nation learn about the Pipeline of Light?

It has been a joy and an education to work alongside the Pipeline of Light volunteers for these many years. I feel profoundly grateful for the generous donors who make this ministry possible.



Tamara Strumfeld

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THE FRENCH AUDIO VERSION OF *LE LIVRE D'URANTIA*



By Richard Doré and Colette Pelletier, Québec, Canada

For many years a small group of dedicated readers of *Le Livre d'Urantia* has relentlessly worked to render the French translation of *The Urantia Book* into audio format. This project was sponsored by the Quebec Office of Urantia Foundation. The persons who read the text were chosen for the quality of their

diction of the French language.

This high-quality French audio version is now available and is packaged in a case containing 2 DVDs in MP3 format with a booklet presenting the Table of Contents and running time. People can purchase the French audio version in any book shop in Quebec and also from the website of one of Quebec's largest bookstore chains, Renaud-Bray, www.renaud-bray.com (search for Urantia).

Le Livre d'Urantia in audio format offers many advantages for the French-speaking readership. Persons with sight handicaps may now discover the supernal teachings revealed in *The Urantia Book*. In addition, interested persons who lack the time or reading skills will be able to listen to the teachings while engaging



in low-concentrating activities, such as walking, jogging, exercising, and traveling.

The Quebecois responsible for the audio version of the French translation deserve kudos for their perseverance,

loving service, and unselfish devotion concerning this remarkable contribution to the French-speaking readership.

DAS URANTIA BUCH IN MUNICH



By Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie, Helsinki, Finland, and Werner Sutter, British Columbia, Canada

Because we had not yet visited southeast Germany with the German translation, *Das Urantia Buch*, Werner and I decided to attend the book fair in Munich from November

13 through November 15. As in the past with other book fairs that we have attended, it was a very rewarding experience. People stopped by our booth and asked many questions. Some visitors even bought a copy of the book.

The great novelty was the German audio version of *The Urantia Book*, which is the first translation to have one. It was produced by Reinhard Schneider, a Urantia Book reader from Switzerland. He produced it all on his own, and we are all thankful to him

for making this great effort.

Switzerland, in March, 2010.

The next fair we are planning to attend will be in Zurich,



Reinhard Schneider, Ivalo-Sjölie and Werner Sutter

MEETING OF THE IT MINDS

“The simple object of the meeting was to efficiently and effectively maximize service to the Urantia Revelation in the digital age.”



By Mo Siegel

Upon conclusion of the October 2009 meeting of Urantia Foundation's Board of Trustees, another group of dedicated readers convened at 533 Diversey Parkway to attend an Information Technology (IT) Leadership Round Table. The meeting, lasting 24 hours, was attended by sixteen readers who actively shape the face of *The Urantia Book* on the

internet and within digital technology.

The IT specialists participating in the Round Table came together to share best practices, experiences, strategies, and new ideas for internet technologies to serve the community of potential and current readers of *The Urantia Book*. The group, including four trustees, spent their time discussing various strategic IT/internet alternatives that maximize reader

benefits while minimizing redundancies, over expenditures, and conflicts. The simple object of the meeting was to efficiently and effectively maximize service to the Urantia Revelation in the digital age. Without exception, the diverse group worked in harmony, friendship, and dedication to a higher cause.

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What did Jesus Teach?

His superb originality did not cause him to overlook the gems of truth in the teachings of his predecessors and contemporaries. And the most original of his teachings was the emphasis of love and mercy in the place of fear and sacrifice.

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