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Looking Ahead: The Spanish Translations OF *El libro de Urantia*

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By Mo Siegel, president, Urantia Foundation, Colorado, United States

One of Urantia Foundation's biggest challenges in the past few decades has been satisfying readers' desires to see improvements in the 1993 translation of The Urantia Book, El libro de Urantia. In 2021 a revision of this translation was published but it was met with additional concerns. After a two-year study to help determine the best path forward. **Urantia Foundation** developed the following plan to improve both the 1993 and 2021 texts.

On March 28, 2025, a press release and FAQs regarding this plan were sent to the Spanishspeaking community. The following day Urantia Foundation hosted a townhall meeting which included presentations on the plan and time for questions and answers. More than 60 Spanishspeaking readers attended this session. A copy of the information shared by Urantia Foundation follows.

Dear readers of El libro de Urantia,

Greetings, fellow believers! We write to you today with important news regarding the future of our cherished texts in Spanish. After extensive consultation with readers and translation experts across the Spanishspeaking world, we are implementing a comprehensive plan that honors our heritage and



results in future improvements.

For decades, readers have sought improvements to the 1993 Spanish translation. In 2011, we assembled a team to undertake a profound revision intended to produce a high-quality, beautifully written text that Spanish speakers across Latin America and Spain would gladly embrace. After a decade of work, we published the revised text online in December 2021. To our surprise, the extent of the changes led a number of

readers to view it as an entirely new translation. We quickly recognized many readers' deep. passionate connection with the 1993 edition and their concerns regarding the 2021 text. In response, we are implementing a twopronged approach to refine the 1993 and 2021 texts. During this period, we will continue to publish the 2009 European translation as well.

We appreciate your thoughtful engagementwriting letters. participating in focus groups, and completing our survey. After considering diverse perspectives and concerns, we are taking steps to honor the deep spiritual and emotional bonds readers have with El libro de Urantia while embracing the need to continually improve our translations.

The Path Forward

Urantia Foundation will maintain and enhance the 1993 and 2021 editions through a patient, systematic, and ongoing improvement process. Our plan involves continuing to sell the 1993 and 2009 versions. At the same time, we will make improvements to the 1993 and the 2021 texts under the leadership of Urantia Foundation and its appointed revision teams.

The initial revision for the 1993 text will primarily address grammatical errors, spelling, and punctuation while making minimal changes. Further improvements will be implemented through incremental revisions. The 2021 translation will be refined as well.

An online feedback system at urantia.org/es will be used to receive input from readers of the Spanish texts. Revised editions of both translations are expected to be ready within five years, more or less.

Anticipated Outcome

The 1993 translation will continue to be printed during the improvement process. Upon completion of each incremental phase, the revised text will be printed. The 2021 text, once revised, assessed, and found ready for publication, will be printed. At that point, the 2009 translation will be placed in the online Library of Translations and Revisions.

The Process

To ensure the highest quality outcomes, we are implementing the following steps:

 Launching Foundationmanaged revision teams dedicated to each edition

• Revision team members will strive for consistent terms across editions

• An online feedback system where readers can share insights and suggestions



• Periodic virtual meetings and workshops to discuss proposed updates and keep readers informed

• A comprehensive documentation process to track and communicate all suggested improvements

Your Role in this Process

Your voice is essential in this journey. Over the coming months, we will provide multiple ways for you to engage:

• An online feedback system for submitting comments and suggestions

• Virtual Q&A meetings to explore key topics

• Direct consultations with readers and scholars

Our Commitment to You

We recognize that change is not always easy and deeply respect readers' strong connection with their preferred editions. Knowing that there will be many Spanish translations of *The Urantia Book* over decades, we desire to provide readers with two excellent translations to choose from, or they can read both. This is not ideal but the practical way forward. Our goal is not to replace them but to refine and preserve these texts in ways that honor their language and cultures.

We believe that **unity does not require uniformity.** By maintaining and enhancing both editions, we ensure that these profound spiritual teachings will continue to inspire and transform lives throughout the Spanish-speaking world.

In the coming month, you will receive information on how to participate in this revision process. We invite you to join us in preserving and strengthening the editions of *El libro de Urantia* for current and future generations.

Thank you for your dedication to this revelation, your commitment to spreading its teachings, and your service to the family of our loving Heavenly Father. For more information, please visit <u>urantia.org/es</u> or contact us at <u>librodeurantia@urantia.org</u>.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Why are you revising both the 1993 and 2021 editions?

Many readers love the **1993 edition**, but it has some translation inconsistencies and errors. The **2021 edition** aimed to improve accuracy but was met with mixed reactions. To respect both perspectives, we are keeping both editions and improving them based on reader feedback.

2. Will the 1993 edition be replaced?

No. The 1993 edition will remain available while we gradually correct grammar, spelling, and translation inconsistencies without altering its familiar structure.

3. Will the 2021 edition be discontinued?

No. The 2021 edition will undergo refinement, and suggestions made by readers will be addressed.

4. Will the 2009 European edition still be published?

We will continue to publish the 2009 European translation while the 1993 and 2021 editions are being corrected and refined. Once this process is complete, the 2009 edition will no longer be printed and will be accessible in the Library of Translations and Revisions.

5. What does "harmonizing terminology" mean?

The teams will review and recommend consistent key terms where possible that can be used across both editions.

6. Will I still be able to choose which edition I prefer?

Yes! Both the 1993 and 2021 editions will remain available online and eventually both will be in print. You can choose the translation that best fits your study group and personal preferences.

7. How can I contribute feedback?

There is an online feedback system where you can share your thoughts on all of the Foundation's translations. <u>Click here to leave</u> feedback.

8. When will the initial repairs and revisions be completed?

We estimate this process will take about five years. This provides time for thoughtful improvements and community involvement.

9. Can I volunteer to help with the revision process?

Yes, your feedback is welcome. Please send your suggestions through the system found here.

10. How can I stay informed?

Visit Urantia Foundation's website, read email updates, and follow us on social media for the latest news and engagement opportunities. We will also occasionally host Zoom meetings so we can discuss issues together.

Thank you for your prayers, understanding, and goodwill as we make progress on this complex journey! Together, we are ensuring a future of excellence for the Spanish translations of *El libro de Urantia.* Together, we're spreading the good news of love and salvation to the Spanish-speaking world.

UPDATES FROM THE JANUARY 2025 TRUSTEE MEETING



By Judy Van Cleave, secretary, Urantia

Foundation, Idaho, United States

Five-Year Planning

Mo Siegel began the meeting by reviewing the five-year goals that were established during the planning session last October. He shared his list of primary areas of concern that will need attention. He identified board members to assign each of the eight goals to, instructing them to prepare a road map for accomplishing their goal in a half-page report. He gave special thanks to Joanne Strobel for her work in organizing the planning. Lastly, he observed how blessed we all are to be working on the beginning stages of this revelation, and quipped: "We won the lottery."

Books

Despite a slow fourth quarter, 2024 concluded with increases across most categories of book sales. The year-to-date figures show encouraging growth, with an 8% increase in sales from 2023. This growth was particularly evident in Spanish, Portuguese, and French Urantia Books. The new paperback version of *The Untold Story of Jesus* was well received and sales of this book were robust as well.

Sales of the English hardcovers were strong in

Q4. Paperback sales were down for the quarter but were up 4% YTD. The Cambridge LeatherSoft books will be ready for sale in early April. These books are very popular and will help boost English sales in the coming quarters.

Education

The Urantia Book International School began enrolling students for the new trimester on January 6. A total of 215 unique individuals were enrolled in 18 courses, which are being facilitated by 27 volunteers from six language branches. A "beta course" in Simplified Chinese characters was also launched with 14 participants. The monthly Spotlight Series continued in English and Spanish.

Tamara Strumfeld reported on the activities of the online Urantia Book Study Group Directory. During the final quarter of 2024. significant improvements were made to streamline the management of the directory. Scott Brooks and his tech partner developed and implemented a system to track nonresponsive study group hosts worldwide. What previously required extensive volunteer hours is now more automated.

The support of Urantia Association International, the Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Foundation in this joint project demonstrates a unified commitment to foster study groups and exemplifies our desire to



Marjorie Ray

support the expanding worldwide Urantia community.

The Education Committee reported on their plans to sponsor Science Symposium IV, November 6-8, 2025. Marjorie Ray, biochemist and longtime symposium contributor, will once again serve as emcee. This series has been held every three years, and past presenters will be extended an advance invitation. This event will take place in a hybrid format, with presenters having a choice of travelling to Chicago to stay at the Foundation or participating remotely by Zoom. More information will be forthcoming.

Fundraising and Finances

• Q4 unrestricted donations totaled 7% above Q4 of 2023 and 3% above Q4 budget.

• Restricted donations totaled 117% above Q4 of 2023 but 10% below Q4 budget.

• Q4 estate gifts totaled \$365,446.

• Total income increased 15% compared to Q4 of 2023 and was 51% over budget.

• Administrative expenses were up 16% compared to Q4 of 2023 and were 11% over budget.

• Total expenses increased by 6% from Q4 of last year but remained 14% under budget.

Cultural Advisory Council (CAC)

The Cultural Advisory Council was established to enhance the cultural wisdom and awareness of the Foundation's dissemination efforts while acquainting council members with the work of Urantia Foundation, so that both may better serve the readership within their cultures.



Jisoo Han

In 2025, the CAC members will begin organizing meetings between the Foundation and their communities. Jisoo Han of South Korea has volunteered to go first and will organize a meeting for spring. The cohort will continue to meet quarterly



Georges Michelson-Dupont

throughout the year and attend all of the community meetings. In the second half of 2025, a new cohort will be organized for 2026.

Translations

Georges Michelson-Dupont presented his 105th translation report. The Esperanto and Filipino teams continue to make progress on their translations. The Portuguese team is celebrating the completion of its revision of *O Livro de Urântia* and plans to gather feedback from readers are underway.

The Spanish Revision

The Spanish Revision Strategic Planning Team, which includes Tamara Strumfeld, Victor García-Bory, Gaetan Charland, Marilynn Kulieke, Olga López, Georges Michelson-Dupont, and Mo Siegel, presented an extensive overview of the history and issues concerning the Foundation's Spanish translations. A long and indepth conversation followed with members of the expanded board.

The Portuguese team is celebrating the completion of its revision of O Livro de Urântia.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNED GIVING: LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY



By Gard Jameson, treasurer, Urantia Foundation, Nevada, United States

The Urantia Revelation envisions a world that embraces a culture of love, compassion, and hope, with values of truth, beauty, and goodness, and informed by spiritual attainment and cosmic consciousness. You have a unique and extraordinary opportunity to foster that culture for generations to come! One of the most meaningful ways to support the enduring mission of Urantia Foundation is through a planned gift. Unlike annual donations, which provide immediate support, planned gifts are designed to secure the long-term future of the Foundation. By including Urantia Foundation in your will or trust, or as a beneficiary of a retirement account, you help sustain its work for decades to come.

An advantage of planned giving is that it enables benefactors to make a significant impact without affecting their current financial security. Whether through a bequest, a charitable trust, or another giving vehicle, these gifts can be structured to align with personal financial and estate planning goals while also providing potential tax benefits to the donor.

Beyond financial support, planned giving is an expression of faith and commitment. It reflects a deep understanding that the dissemination of The Urantia Book and its teachings requires longterm vision. Many individuals who include Urantia Foundation in their estate plans find great fulfillment in knowing they are contributing to a higher purpose—one that extends far beyond their lifetime.

The future of Urantia Foundation depends on forward-thinking individuals who recognize the value of sustained support. If your life has been impacted by the revelation, please consider making planned giving part of your legacy. It will ensure that *The Urantia Book* and its teachings continue to enlighten and inspire future generations.

To learn more about how you can make a lasting impact, visit <u>urantia.plannedgiving.org</u> or contact <u>Tamara@urantia.org</u> for a confidential discussion.





VOLUNTEERS—A PRICELESS GIFT!

By Urantia Foundation staff

Urantia Foundation launched a fresh new website in July 2024. Four years in the making, it was our biggest undertaking in 15 years. With *The Urantia Book* now available in 27 languages, we needed the same number of translations for all of the pages on the website.

The number of work hours involved in translating a 27language website was staggering. Without our volunteers we would never have been able to complete this remarkable project.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication that brought our website to life. Their efforts will continue to be a priceless gift to readers worldwide for years to come!

We asked our volunteer website translators if they would agree to be acknowledged. While many preferred to remain anonymous, those that agreed are included below.

Arabic: Amal Farhat of Lebanon and Canada

Amal writes, "With passion for the metaphysical, I have been researching the nature and evolution of the universe since 1994. I wrote *Trumpet Universe and Ascension to the Light*. I have participated in the international conferences of the European Society for Astronomy in Culture (SEAC) with Professor Mosalam Shaltout, vice



president of the Arab Union for Space Sciences and Astronomy (AUASS) at the Alexandria Library in 2009 and in Athens in 2013. After two decades of researching, I came across *The Urantia Book* in 2016, and a new universal vision compelled me to help with the Arabic translation. I am also an interior designer and an artist of oil paintings. A Lebanese/Canadian, I have lived in four countries and have three wonderful, successful children."



Shanghai, China

Chinese: Richard Zhu of England

Richard writes, "I have been immersed in the teachings of *The Urantia Book* as the Simplified Chinese translator for more than 12 years, and I am dedicated to sharing the truths from this revelation via the Chinese language."





Czech: Valter Tóth of the Czech Republic

Valter told us, "This is the second time I have read *The Urantia Book,* and I am very grateful to have access to this amazing source of truth thanks to Urantia Foundation."



Danish: Jean Ascher of Denmark

Says Jean, "In 1976 an American musician named James Moody introduced me to the book. Ever since, hardly a day has gone by without my being involved in some kind of work related to the book."



Farsi: Hamid Mazdeh of the United States

Hamid tells us, "I was introduced to *The Urantia Book* by a friend. I was so fascinated by the beauty and depth of the concepts presented in the book that I could not stop reading it and talking about it with whoever came across my path. The Farsi translation project started in early 2000 and lasted close to 25 years. I hope that it



provides enriching answers to Farsi-speaking truth seekers, as it did for me."

Finnish: Tapio Talvitie of Finland

Tapio has been a reader of *The Urantia Book* since 1993. He writes, *"The Urantia Book* did attract and convince me of its divine truth by its distinct spiritual flavor that could not be mistaken. One of our lessons is that we all are brothers and sisters in spirit and our Father loves each of us equally."



French: Claire Mylanus of France

Claire writes, "I was brought up with values, art, literature, history, philosophy and without institutional religion. After searching in my youth for the meaning of life, through reading books about philosophy and religion, I came across The Urantia Book in the '70s, and it was what I had been searching for all those years. It answered all my questions with



intelligence, logic, and great insight. An all-new and beautiful picture of the meaning of life with a cosmic vision unfolded in front of me—magnificent and loving!"

German and Romanian: Mirela Gradinariu of Germany

Mirela was born in Romania and came to Germany in her twenties. She lives in Saarland, Germany, where she works as a pharmacist. Mirela told us, "I found *The Urantia Book* by chance on the internet in 2016, and it piqued my curiosity to learn about so many different topics in one book. My expectations were more than rewarded. This is



the most important book that humanity can possess; it lifts and liberates. I wish more and more people would read the book. This would mean a huge leap forward in spiritual progress, brotherhood between people, and peace on Earth."

Indonesian: A. M. Yusuf of Indonesia

A.M. Yusuf, born in 1940, came from a Muslim family. He began reading *The Urantia Book* in 1999. He is the head of the Indonesian study group, and commented, "Urantia revelations for me are really the truths that have updated my faith, so that my journey to eternity can clearly be seen."





Pura Ulun Danu Beratan temple at Bedugul, Bali, Indonesia

Indonesian: Nugroho Widi of Indonesia

Nugroho Widi, born in 1964, came from a Christian family and is still active in Sunday school in his church. He found The Urantia Book online in 1998. Widi writes, "The Urantia Book is certainly the most important book I have read-a cosmic book about almost all existing realities. It is real, true, comprehensive, consistent, and solid."



Korean: Byung Seo of South Korea

Byung told us, "In 2002, I came across a recommendation to read The Urantia Book in an English spiritual communication record book. I promptly purchased it through Amazon.com and read it through for one full year. Since then, I have attended eight international conferences, starting with the Philadelphia event in 2005, to



deepen my understanding of the book. My life is now dedicated to the enlightenment of truth, goodness, and beauty."

Ten men are of little more

value than one in lifting a

great load unless they lift

together—all at the same

moment. 81:6:37 (911.2)

Polish: Tomasz Kołomyjski of Poland

Tomasz learned about The Urantia Book in 2008 and has been reading it ever since. He enjoys spreading the good news on the internet and YouTube and serves as a teacherfacilitator with Urantia **Book International** School. He is also a translator, a Facebook administrator for a Polish readers group, and an active member of other study groups.



Russian: Michael Hanian of France

Says Michael, "A friend introduced me to *The Urantia Book* back in 1989. A few months later, I began translating it into Russian. The book has changed my life and has given me a lot of ideas and inspiration for my two professions: music composition and writing."



Spanish: Olga López of Spain

Olga learned about The Urantia Book from the novels of J. J. Benitez and began reading it in 1995. Since then, she has been increasingly involved in the Urantia community, which she enjoys serving. Olga is a trustee of Urantia Foundation. She serves as co-chair of the **Education Committee** and is the trustee liaison for Urantia Book International School.



Adventures in Construction at 533 West Diversey Parkway

By Urantia Foundation staff

Urantia Foundation is blessed to be headquartered in a beautiful, historic building constructed in 1908. It includes several points of architectural interest. including its coveted cornerlot location, structural design, turn-of-the-century style, and largely intact vintage interior. It is reputed to have been the first residential building in the city of Chicago to use a full Ibeam framework, which was a key element in the skyscraper office-building boom that transformed the citv's downtown.

The building also holds sentimental appeal for readers of *The Urantia Book* because of its connections to the earliest history of the revelation. Today it houses Urantia Foundation's central offices, hosts its Board of Trustees, serves as a gathering place for Urantia activities and events, and welcomes individuals and groups from around the world.

The privilege of calling such a remarkable building home brings with it the tasks of upkeep and maintenance. Over the decades, numerous and costly renovations and updates have been required. In 2024, a structural review of the front facade of the building revealed some deterioration in the beams supporting the front balconies. Because the tilting could not be readily observed from the outside, when construction crews opened the ceilings for repairs, they were greatly "surprised that it was not leaning even more!"

Over time, the first- and second-floor balconies have suffered damage. The extent and severity of the damage to the internal framework required a second review by structural engineers and even a few modifications to planned repairs. In early November 2024, a restoration company, Bulley & Andrews, was hired, and scaffolding went up. We immediately noticed how dark the front office and the living room on the north side of the building became. Nothing looked familiar, and we felt like we'd shown up to work at a completely different building!

With the protective scaffolding secure, workers began removing decorative masonry stones in order to protect them. The next step was jackhammering out the old concrete porch floors. Once the steel structure was exposed, everyone marveled that the porch was still standing. The steel had rusted so much that our contractor was able to carry the old I-beam away with one hand!

A new stainless-steel I-beam was put into place, and reinforcements were added in preparation for new concrete. In December, the concrete was poured onto both porches, and the scaffolding was finally removed. Once the concrete cures, a traffic-bearing membrane will be applied to protect the concrete from water.

Although this part of the building was assuredly "to code" when first constructed, the new underpinnings of the balcony floors meet code requirements that are almost double the connectivity strength of the original. Once completed, this project will render the front of the building structurally secure and architecturally preserved for the long-term stewardship of the fifth epochal revelation's original home!









WHAT THE URANTIA BOOK MEANS TO ME



By Pre McGee, New South Wales, Australia

I have been a student of the *Urantia Book* teachings for over 35 years. This book and its teachings have been my guide to strive for new informed levels of living and service.

During my early years I went down many "rabbit holes" searching for who I am. Along the way, I joined a Christian study group where I learned a new philosophy of living. They introduced me to a different cosmology than the one I'd known before, teaching me about my relationship with our Father and the concept of a Thought Adjuster. Years later, when I was gifted a copy of The Urantia Book, I found out where these teachings had come from.

I'm grateful for how my original introduction provided a strong foundation on which to read *The Urantia Book*. I learned that I start in this life and progress all the way to standing in the presence of our Father by the decisions I make. I learned that sharing my inner life with God is important, and that loving my brothers and sisters is God's will. Finding opportunities to help others in small ways each day is important to me, as is being a volunteer with Red Cross Emergency Services and other volunteer organizations.

Jesus' answer to Ganid about his personal ministry explains the importance of knowing others as brothers and sisters.

> Ganid, no man is a stranger to one who knows God. In the experience of finding the Father in heaven you discover that all men are your brothers, and does it seem strange that one should enjoy the exhilaration of meeting a newly discovered brother? To become acquainted with one's brothers and sisters, to know their problems and to learn to love them, is the supreme experience of living.

130:2.6 (1431.1)

Trusting God, living by faith with God as my partner, underpins my daily life. At the end of each day, I consider how motivated I was by unconditional love in all my activities. I try to learn by my mistakes and trust God that one day I can attain the perfection of character which Jesus demonstrated—not on Urantia, for I have a lot to learn—but on the way to Paradise.

The book tells us we do not progress without spiritual insights and experiential growth which comes from the choices we make, our sincerity, and our choosing to do God's will. I try to see everything in daily life as an opportunity for growth.

From time to time challenges come to each of us and it is important to know that "in liaison with God, nothing—absolutely nothing—is impossible" 26:5.3 (291.3) Challenges have definitely helped cement my faith in God, and I have found the best resource is to know the life of Jesus.

These challenges have helped me grow my faith. As Jesus taught his apostles in the Lesson on Self-Mastery, faith is transformative.

> Forget not—it is your personal faith in the exceedingly great and precious promises of

God that ensures your becoming partakers of the divine nature. Thus by your faith and the spirit's transformation, you become in reality the temples of God, and his spirit actually dwells within you. 143:2.4 (1609.5)

And as Paper 101 on the real nature of religion explains, real faith is also active.

Belief has attained the level of faith when it motivates life and shapes the mode of living. The acceptance of a teaching as true is not faith; that is mere belief. Neither is certainty nor conviction faith. A state of mind attains to faith levels only when it actually dominates the mode of living. 101:8.1 (1114.5)

Based on my study of *The Urantia Book,* I often ask myself two questions:



Sydney Opera House, New South Wales, Australia

Do I feel an inner nudge from my Thought Adjuster to move out of my comfort zone, overcome my fears, learn new skills, and develop my faith? Then I remind myself that our Thought Adjusters are, as a Solitary Messenger puts it, "deeply interested in your temporal welfare and in your real achievements on earth. They are delighted to contribute to your health, happiness, and true prosperity." 110:1.3 (1204.1)

Am I motivated to be more and more useful to others in loving and unselfish service? Then I recall the advice of a Melchizedek about the implications of loyalty: "It is the fruit of an intelligent appreciation of universe brotherhood; one could not take so much and give nothing." 39:4.11 (435.4)

I also keep in mind that cooperation with our Adjusters is not about negation of oneself, rather, their guidance is positive: "The ideal life is one of loving service rather than an existence of fearful apprehension." 110:3.4 (1206.2)

My compass for living my life on Urantia is acquired from one book—*The Urantia Book.* It guides and supports me with a philosophy of living; a language to share my journey with others, a direction to follow, and a goal to aspire to.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urantia Foundation's Education Committee

Presents

Science Symposium IV: The Evolution of Human Knowledge—100 Years Later

Thursday, November 6-Saturday, November 8, 2025

The first 25 years of the twentieth century were full of exciting evolutionary advancements which transformed the scientific landscape and altered the course of human life. These included Max Planck's discovery of the quantum nature of energy, Albert Einstein's groundbreaking special theory of relativity, the first powered airplane flight by the Wright brothers, the invention of radio communication by Marconi, the pioneering of intelligence testing by Alfred Binet, and the accidental discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming

We also began receiving the Urantia Papers.

Have scientific discoveries conflicted with revealed concepts? Or do they confirm and reinforce them? We invite science enthusiasts who are longtime students of *The Urantia Book* to provide an overview of the past 100 years within their discipline, and to share their knowledge of how we have progressed during that span of time.

If you have an interest in archaeology, astronomy, biology, chemistry, cosmology, genetics, geology, psychology, physics, or physiology, and would like to participate in the symposium, please respond with a topic you can research and present in a formal setting.

Participants will be asked to submit a written proposal by **April 15** and, if accepted, author a paper which will be published on the Foundation's website. You may choose to present the results of your research in person at the Foundation or remotely via Zoom. Sessions will be live-streamed, recorded, edited, and published online.

Send inquiries and proposals to joanne@urantia.org. We look forward to receiving yours!

Urantia Association Presents

The Fourth European Conference, Paris, France Theme: The Distributivity of God: Man as God's Heir

June 6-9, 2025

Don't miss this opportunity to study the fifth epochal revelation in the City of Lights! The Hotel CIS Paris Ravel is located in the heart of Paris amidst a verdant setting. The planning team is doing everything

possible to make this conference well organized and affordable.

The number of participants is limited to 80 people, so reserve your spot soon!

For details, visit <u>https://europe2025.urantia.fr/</u> or contact the planning team directly at <u>evenement_2025@urantia.fr</u>



Summer Study Session 2025

The Urantia Book Fellowship Returns to Unity Village

Wednesday, July 30–Saturday, August 2, 2025



The Fellowship's Education Committee is pleased to announce that in 2025 the Summer Study Session will return to Unity Village, Kansas City, Missouri.

The theme is "Partnership with God: Day by Day." The four-day gathering will allow for more unstructured time with a focus on humor. It's where you'll also find spiritual stimulation, group worship, and true fellowship.

Register Now

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Dancing with God: a Retreat for Women

Expanding God's Presence in our Life

533 W. Diversey Parkway Chicago, IL 60614

Thursday evening, September 11 through Sunday, September 14, 2025

A Sacred Gathering for Women Seeking to Deepen Their Connection with God

Join the Daughters of God facilitator team: Katharina Becker, Doreen Heyne, Sandra Rymberg, and Line St-Pierre. We will explore **how to bring God's presence into our daily lives** and expand His love to those around us in a sacred circle of trust. Together, we will share, reflect, and discover how we can **co-create with the Divine** and walk in faith with joy.

The retreat begins with dinner on Thursday evening and ends after lunch on Sunday. For more information visit: <u>Daughters of God</u>