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LIGHTING THE WAY IN KOREA AND TAIWAN— THE REVELATION'S NEXT FRONTIER



*By Mo Siegel, president,
Urantia Foundation,
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Editor's Note: Mo and Tamara Strumfeld traveled to Seoul for the official launch of the second printing of the Korean translation of The Urantia Book, 유란시아서. The first 5,000 copies, printed in 2000, finally sold out earlier this year. Urantia Foundation is very grateful to Mrs. Park, who distributed 4,000 copies to bookstores and individuals over the course of more than 20 years. The last 1,000 copies were distributed by our new team, and we are confident that they will

ensure the new books will reach people seeking the truth found within the pages of the fifth epochal revelation. While traveling in East Asia, Mo and Tamara made a visit to Taiwan to reconnect with friends they made last March.

A Dream Awakens in the East

In more than 60 years of travel to over 100 countries, few experiences have moved me as deeply as our recent journey to Korea and Taiwan, our second visit to the region in the last two years. What we witnessed there felt like the beginning of something historic—the awakening of the revelation in East Asia.

To carry *The Urantia Book* and the unadulterated teachings of Jesus into a region that has long turned away from institutional religion and Christianity was nothing short of miraculous. Over 1.5 billion souls live in East Asia, and now the seeds of a new revelation are taking root.

Korea: Gateway to East Asia

Our journey began in Seoul, where Tamara and I met Mrs. Roda and Hye Jin Suh—the devoted team that placed 1,000 copies of the first Korean printing into readers' hands, and will now lead distribution of the newly revised second edition. By strengthening on-the-ground logistics—warehousing, pricing, and channels—they are building the practical



Mo Siegel, Tamara Strumfeld, Jay Han, Mrs. Roda, Hye Jin Suh

framework that puts books into seekers' hands and sets the stage for the Spirit's quiet work.

We met with local readers who were delighted to see—for the first time—the newly revised second edition of the Korean translation, complete with an improved dust jacket and refined language. Kwan Choi, the translator and reviser, presented the updates on the new edition. It was a special joy to have Kwan and his wife Kathy join us from the United States.

Longtime friends of the Foundation, including David Kim and Byung Seo, were in attendance, as was Cultural Advisory Council member Jisoo Han. Our warm thanks to all the readers who welcomed us with such gracious hospitality, friendship, and delicious homemade food.

While in Seoul, we visited our Korean printing partner and came away with confidence in their quality and capacity to scale future print runs. Three members of their team guided us through the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. Viewing minefields between the two countries was a sobering reminder of why the revelation's message of

peace and brotherhood is sorely needed.

Late one evening Tamara and I hiked up to the famous radio tower in Seoul. From the summit, looking out over the vast city, we felt the thrill of the revelation taking root.

Taiwan: Building Bridges of Cooperation

From Seoul, we flew to Taipei, where Dennis Tsou welcomed us and drove us to a meeting with Eric Ju and a small group of readers. It was wonderful to spend time with individuals who we met during the first Urantia Book conference in Taiwan, held in March 2024. Vicki Yang planted many seeds, and they are now growing as interest in *The Urantia Book* deepens. We shared a wonderful dinner, and Eric took us on a long walk the next morning.

Last year we launched Richard Zhu's translation in simplified Chinese characters. Richard spent a decade doing this work, which became the launching point for the revelation into China. Thanks to Richard's work, there are now study groups forming in China. Words can hardly describe the joy of knowing the fifth epochal revelation is now reaching the Chinese people!



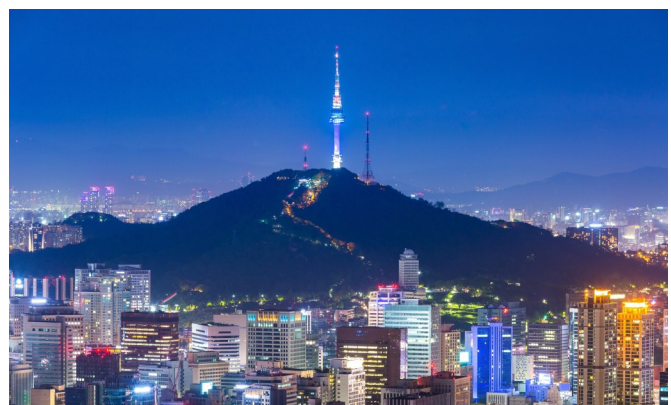
Kathy Choi, Kwan Choi



Tamara Strumfeld, David Kim, Mo Siegel, Byung Seo



Karin Lee, Claire Von Joe, Janice Huang, Eric (Shiande Ju),
Tamara Strumfeld, Mo Siegel, Dennis Tsou



N Seoul Tower

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Back Row: Kyung Hwa, Jisoo Han, Hasya Lee, Mahan, Mo Siegel, Park Panseo, Lee Moon Ju
 Front Row: Devica, Kwan Choi, Kathy Choi, Tamara Strumfeld, Moolya, Song YoungJin



Jay Han, Kwan Choi



Helen, Tamara Strumfeld, Mo Siegel, Kate Kim

UPDATES FROM THE JULY 2025 TRUSTEE MEETING



*By Judy Van Cleave,
secretary, Urantia
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Five-Year Planning

Committees provided updated strategic goals to the board members for review. Mo Siegel encouraged those assigned to the management of each strategic plan to continue to check their goals and strategies in order to achieve them within the planned time frames. He emphasized steady progress and cautioned against trying to take on too much.

Books

Book distribution was strong in the second quarter. Sales totaled 8,057 copies, up 17% from Q2, 2024. Year-to-date (YTD) sales totaled 12,731, up 6% from last year. Downloads totaled 14,573 for the quarter, up 36%. YTD totaled 25,260, down 14%. Free outreach books totaled 379 in Q2, up 98%. YTD totaled 901, up 17%.

Top priorities for the third quarter of 2025 are overseeing book printings,

developing a new app for Android and Apple, and implementing sales and distribution strategies for the five-year goals.

Cultural Advisory Council

The Cultural Advisory Council (CAC) was established in order to accomplish two important goals for Urantia Foundation: (1) to bring a global perspective to the expanded board of trustees by bringing in viewpoints from the increasing array of cultures and demographics; (2) to increase awareness of Urantia Foundation programs, goals, and role in the global Urantia community.



Jisoo Han

In Q2, representatives from the expanded board met with Korean readers on a Zoom call hosted by CAC member Jisoo Han. This was the first of three meetings scheduled in 2025. The discussion was informative and will help inform future community meetings. The second community meeting was

held in September by Felipe Arrigorriaga of Chile.



Felipe Arrigorriaga

Education

Chris Wood reported that Science Symposium IV, "The Evolution of Human Knowledge—100 Years Later," will be held on November 6 and 7, with Marjorie Ray serving as emcee. Presentations will be given by Tom Allen, Phil Calabrese, Brad Garner, Gard Jameson, David Neuffer, Nigel Nunn, George Park, Gabriel Rymberg, Geoff Taylor, and Ralph Zehr.

He also reported on a spiritual retreat scheduled for March 5 to 8, 2026. The Education Committee is looking forward to a greater use of Urantia Foundation for meetings and educational events.

Joanne Strobel reported on the April 2025 trimester of UBIS. Richard Zhu facilitated a "beta course" called The Universal Father in Chinese. It was well received by the participants and generated many questions. The students

resonated with the teachings and shared their personal spiritual experiences. There was good feedback, and several students expressed interest in facilitating future courses. A wrap-up meeting in June generated global camaraderie and excellent feedback from faculty and staff.

The 2025–2026 academic year began on September 15. The English, Portuguese, Spanish, German, and Polish branches are thriving. Nugruho Widi is offering his first course in the Indonesian language. Richard Zhu, assisted by Esther Song, is offering An Introduction to *The Urantia Book* to Chinese readers.

Q2 Fundraising and Finances

- Unrestricted donations fell 24% below Q2 of 2024 but were up 94% YTD.
- Restricted donations fell 96% below Q2 of 2024 and were up 2% YTD.
- Total income decreased 46% compared to Q2 of 2024 but increased 28% YTD.
- Total expenses rose 17% above Q2 of last year but came in 14% under YTD budget.

Translations

Georges Michelson-Dupont provided his 107th translation report to the board. He reported that the two ongoing translation teams, Esperanto and

Filipino, are working well. The Portuguese revision is still under review, but progress is being made.

Mustard Seed Grants Project

Sherry Cathcart Chavis reported that Round 1 projects are moving forward. The Round 2 call for proposals closed on

September 8, and grant awards will be announced at the end of October.

Associate trustees Joyce Anderson and Tom Sadler have joined the MSGP Committee, and Chris Wood

has rejoined. The committee will focus on improving the value of grantee work for effective dissemination of the revelation.

2025 GOTHENBURG BOOK FAIR



By Anton Miroshnichenko, Gothenburg, Sweden

Editor's Note: A longtime reader and friend of Urantia Foundation, Anton relocated his family to Sweden at the beginning of the Ukrainian war. He continues to disseminate the book and its teachings and recently requested financial assistance to acquire a booth at this book fair. The Foundation was pleased to support him and his team in this endeavor.

Bokmässan is the largest book fair and cultural event in the Nordic region. It is the fourth-largest book fair in Europe and one of the major cultural meeting places in western Sweden. It is held annually in late September.

Bokmässan has an interesting history. Friends Conny Jacobsson and Bertil Falck met in the autumn of 1984 with a shared vision of offering interesting seminars as continuing education for librarians. Their goal was to create an inspiring program, so the venue was important. The Swedish Exhibition and Congress Center in Gothenburg was the perfect choice; they were trying to attract exhibitors, and seminar rooms were available to rent.

With the help of some influential people, several companies signed up as exhibitors. The first fair,



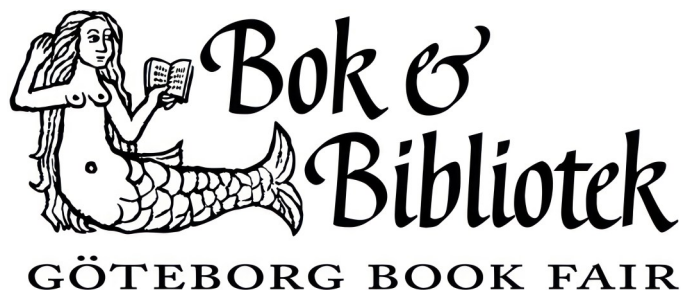
essentially a trade show, was called Bibliotek'85. It lasted three days and attracted 5,000 visitors. There was great media interest.

Encouraged by the success of the first fair, they targeted the publishing industry as well as the education and cultural sector. The next fair was expanded to four days and open to the public for two of them. In 1986 the attendance swelled to 26,000, and media interest was unprecedented. Conny and Bertil formed a company, with the logo an image of a mermaid—an illustration from the very first book printed in

Sweden, *The Moral Dialogue of Creatures (Dialogus Creaturarum)*, 1483.

This year, four readers of *The Urantia Book* from Sweden became exhibitors at this renowned event. Steve Sycamore and Johan Ahlén joined me from Gothenburg, and David Fabe came from Stockholm. Michael MacIsaac helped form the exhibition dream team and inspired us remotely. Urantia Foundation paid for the booth, and we covered all other expenses privately.

Bokmässan continues to draw thousands of visitors, so we enjoyed a constant



flow of people past our booth. There were many parallel events like seminars and presentations by exhibitors, authors, artists, and public figures, both in booths and in special presentation halls. We added our program to the Bokmässan website, so visitors were able to find our booth and enjoy a few Urantia presentations. Several visitors even managed to arrive at the designated time!

Those four days were inspiring and productive. Our team felt comfortable talking to any visitor who was willing to interact, and the book was a good fit for an event hosting a solid representation of religious and spiritual literature. We offered *The Urantia Book* in Swedish, English, and a few other languages. We also displayed *The Untold Story of Jesus*, *The Urantia Diaries*, and several other

secondary works. We substituted 3-D epoxy stickers for business cards and scattered them like candy. A projector showed Gary Tonge's animated clips in the background.

Steve observed more activity and interest than when he previously attended. While alone in the booth, he enjoyed some notable encounters, as one might anticipate. His last conversation was with a Swedish specialist on the topic of religion who affirmed that Sweden is opening up considerably in being able to talk about religion and spirituality. Much of that openness is due to the influence of non-natives bringing in energy and stimulation from outside the country.

Johan, the only one whose mother tongue is Swedish, shared some afterthoughts. "The booth got rather

cramped, so I chose to stand in front to face the public, asking passersby, 'Could a revelation possibly be of interest?' One in 20 would hesitate and give me a chance to say a little more. About a third of those who stopped gave me a chance to go further. And every 20 minutes we managed to have people stay for dialogue." He also added that he knows about "slow growth" because he has lived it since the 1970s. "But you don't attend a book fair to remain silent. We are ambassadors!"

David felt that although our booth was small, its location behind the pancake station was a plus. We also visited other booths to mingle and plant seeds.

The team is already thinking ahead to next year. A larger booth and better

location would allow for more foot traffic and space for people to stay, browse books, and talk with us. We could offer a seminar using the private rooms, or we could simply hold scheduled talks in our own booth. It would be smart to have a small leaflet to hand to interested people. It would contain important information and also serve as a way of getting in touch in the future, but for now, we are happy with our many one-on-one interactions.

I end with loving thanks to our team. Steve managed the posters, David explained deep philosophical topics, Johan did a brilliant job talking with attendees, and together we spread Urantia seeds as much as we could.

MUSTARD SEED GRANT PROJECT— LIBRARY PLACEMENT IN IRELAND



By Marian and Matt Hughes, Hawaii, United States

Editor's Note: Marian and Matt Hughes received a

Mustard Seed Grant award to place 30 copies of The Urantia Book in libraries across Ireland. They share their completed project below.

We are not new to library placement programs. Marian brought books to Switzerland and Germany in 1988, and to Russia in 1995. She distributed books in 2000 while on a Jeep excursion through the Patagonia region of Chile and Argentina. The two of us undertook another

library placement project in 2023, this time using funds from a Mustard Seed Grant. The recipients were in the Los Lagos region of Chile, near our vacation home. We also used this grant to distribute Urantia Books to every island in our home state of Hawaii. We received help from fellow readers on our island, and we mailed books to libraries on the others.

Last year we set our sights on Ireland and were awarded another Mustard

Seed Grant. We enlisted the help of Grevet Moyo, a Urantia Book reader from Malawi who has been attending Maynooth University in Dublin. He is due to receive his doctorate in October 2025. The first task was how to get the books to Grevet.

We initially planned to contact local bookstores and help them procure a book—thirty in total. We had hoped to purchase the inventory online with our credit card and then



Grevet Moyo

reimburse ourselves with the grant funds. Unfortunately, when we contacted the bookstores, they either showed *The Urantia Book* as out of stock with no plans to reorder, or the title wasn't even listed in their

inventory management system.

We switched gears and decided to order books directly from Amazon using our Prime account to ship them to Grevet's address in Ireland. Since Amazon applies limits, we were only able to purchase 4 books, which averaged \$23.26 per copy. Next, we had to locate six other readers who had Amazon Prime accounts and were willing to do the same, with the promise of reimbursement with grant funds. Happily, fellow readers responded, and a total of 34 books arrived at Grevet's home by January 2025.

It was decided that Grevet would use public transportation to deliver the books to libraries in the Dublin area. We located 30 libraries, and calculated that this would require six separate trips, distributing five books per trip. The grant funds would help pay for the costs of transportation and meals.

The closest library was walking distance from his house. Grevet eagerly visited the manager, only to learn that local libraries need county administrative approval to accept a donation. This necessitated another change in plans. We searched online, located the email addresses of county

administrators for all 30 counties in Ireland, and entered them into a group email. Five counties responded, and instead of underwriting the expense of personally delivering the books, the Mustard Seed Grant funds covered the cost of mailing them to approved libraries.

As of June 2025, all of the books were successfully delivered to 34 libraries. If you chance to travel to Ireland, we hope you will visit the libraries in Westmeath, Wexford, Monaghan, Kildare, Keith McKeag, Helen Evans, Michele Howlin, and Offaly and ask for a copy of *The Urantia Book*!

MUSTARD SEED GRANT PROJECT—TRANSLATING THE *SIMPLIFICATION OF THE FOREWORD*



By Jean Ascher,
Blommenslyst, Denmark

Editor's Note: Jean, AKA Yourantiaman, is the Foundation's Danish translator. He received a Mustard Seed Grant to cover the costs of translating and printing a

pamphlet written by William S. Sadler, Jr., to add to his extensive library of secondary works and other printed materials related to The Urantia Book.

As a grateful recipient of a Urantia Foundation's Mustard Seed Grant, I'm very glad that my goal of translating and printing the *Simplification of the Foreword*, a pamphlet written by William S. Sadler, Jr., has become a reality. I greatly appreciated their decision!

Because I had already translated *The Urantia Book* into Danish, the translation of this booklet only took about a month, with two proofreads and

corrections. The printing took less than four days—and then we had a beautiful 40-page booklet!

The content of this document is a transcription of a talk given by Bill Sadler Jr. to a group of young people in an attempt to clarify and simplify the teachings of the Foreword of *The Urantia Book*. In an article written in June of

1960, Sadler accepts responsibility for "the sacrifice of meaning, for the dilution of fact, and for the distortion of truth." He admits that "much fact has been diluted to simplify the understanding of some fact. Much truth has been distorted so that some truth could be more easily comprehended." Many readers have found his material helpful.



Translating Urantia-related books and materials is a passion of mine. The work is both enjoyable and educational. To date I have translated 15 different secondary works, all with the permission of the authors.

Throughout all my years with *The Urantia Book*, from 1976 to today, I have not yet succeeded in finding a suitable location for my collection of more than 265 Urantia-related books and other historical material. Several attempts have

been made without success, but I continue undeterred to maintain them for future generations.

Admittedly, the Danes are one of the most atheistic peoples in the world, so

sales of my printed translations are by no means breaking any records. But the mere fact of being able to present the revelation is a great joy and pleasure.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF *THE URANTIA BOOK* IN PRINT

Urantia Foundation recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of the delivery of the first edition of *The Urantia Book*. During the past seven decades, 882,714 books have been printed in 15 languages, and 924,725 have been downloaded in 27 languages. Slowly but surely, the revelation is spreading around the world.



Dr. William S. Sadler



Leone Sadler



William (Bill) S. Sadler Jr.



100 Spanish books heading to Chile

This street-level window has been the delivery entrance to Urantia Foundation since 1955.

WHAT *THE URANTIA BOOK* MEANS TO ME



By Hara Davis,
Scarborough, England

The Urantia Book means everything to me! I found it when I really needed it, at an incredibly stressful time of my life. It has provided me with a framework that satisfies my heart, soul, and intellect, and it answers existential questions that other texts leave vague or unanswered. I feel a more personal and living connection with Jesus, and his portrayal in the book aligns with my inner sense of truth and justice. The book outlines a vast and

meaningful cosmic journey—from this life to Paradise, which is deeply comforting and inspiring.

Christianity was an important part of my life growing up, but after asking God all sorts of questions and not seeming to get any replies, I decided, while in my late teens, to give it all up. My career took me to many parts of the world, and I always investigated the new religions I was exposed to. I related well to Buddhism as it was concerned with how to live daily life in the best way, and my husband and I nearly joined a Buddhist community. However, nothing really seemed to make sense until my husband had an incredible life-changing breakdown experience (another story!). After this we decided to retreat to the English countryside and study everything we could about spirituality. We read and made notes on hundreds of

books and started seriously practicing meditation.

Our big dream was to live ecologically and grow our own food. We eventually bought a farm on Tenerife in the Canary Islands, which is where I found *The Urantia Book* just over 25 years ago. My husband came home one day from the English Library and said he had seen a weird book in the religious section that he thought I might like. He

thought it weird as he had opened it at the paper about life on a neighboring planet. So, the next time I was there, I found the book and took it home. I couldn't believe what I was reading and made lots of notes and drew maps as I didn't know how to get a copy of my own. I had no internet or computer then.

At that time, the local council was threatening to pull down the wooden



house on our farm. The house was totally legal, but we hadn't bribed the mayor, who was later indicted for corruption. We fought it for years but eventually had to pull it down and leave. *The Urantia Book* helped me cope with all the pain, stress, and uncertainty of that time, for the book teaches us that sometimes the fulfillment of a dream may be denied us in order

that an even better one may take its place.

The perishing of those ambitions, in fact, is how my first study aid came about. I attended a Urantia Book conference in the United Kingdom and showed people my maps and notes. They asked me if I could put it all on a computer. I had just finished a computer design

course and bought my first laptop, so that was the start of my study-aid booklets.

The knowledge of having a fragment of God within, and all the amazing circuits available to us, is such a comfort. I can't imagine living life without this spiritual certainty. I am now retired and work hard to help make *The Urantia Book* and its teachings

available to more people. I am grateful for my study groups and Urantia Book International School for keeping me connected with readers all over the world. *The Urantia Book* has given me the assurance that life is part of a greater design, and it has helped me feel less alone and more purposeful.

“Spirit-born individuals are so remotivated in life that they can calmly stand by while their fondest ambitions perish and their keenest hopes crash; they positively know that such catastrophes are but the redirecting cataclysms which wreck one's temporal creations preliminary to the rearing of the more noble and enduring realities of a new and more sublime level of universe attainment. “

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urantia Foundation's Education Committee Presents

“The Evolution of Human Knowledge—100 Years Later”



Thursday and Friday, November 6–7, 2025

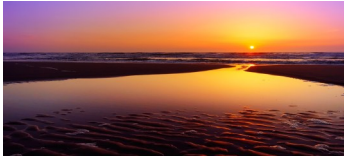
The first 25 years of the twentieth century were full of exciting evolutionary advancements which transformed the scientific landscape and altered the course of human life. These included Max Planck's discovery of the quantum nature of energy, Albert Einstein's groundbreaking special theory of relativity, 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?

Join emcee Marjorie Ray to find out! Ten science-minded readers of *The Urantia Book* will present current research on a fascinating array of topics. Each presentation will be followed by an interactive panel discussion. All 90-minute sessions will be recorded for future viewing.

[Click here for the schedule and presentations](#)



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Personality Approach—a Retreat at Urantia Foundation

March 5–8, 2026

Facilitated by Gard Jameson

Only by personality approach can any person begin to comprehend the unity of God.
~ *The Urantia Book* 1:5.11 (29.1)

This retreat will underscore three core competencies in our approach to knowing God: spiritual attainment, moral engagement, and discernment. Within a circle of trust we will share stories, practice deep listening, laugh, meditate, and take walks. We will draw deeply from the revelation's appreciation of the "personality approach" to God. Please join us! Space is limited.

Call Jessica at 773-525-3319 ext. 219 for details.

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Sir Isaac Newton: There Is No Science Without God

December 13: Halbert Katzen presents:
Why Urantia? Because Earth Is Etymologically Wrong

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