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WORSHIP AND WISDOM AT 533 W DIVERSEY PARKWAY

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The trustees are more committed than ever to the work of education.

By Gard Jameson, trustee,
Urantia Foundation, Nevada, USA

“Worship and Wisdom” was the topic of the first educational seminar hosted by Urantia Foundation. The seminar started on Thursday evening, May 3, and ended on Saturday evening, May 5. The twelve participants stayed at Urantia Foundation in Chicago, and everyone enjoyed the tasty culinary dishes provided by Mike Wood and Evette Twyford.

The adjuncts of worship and wisdom were well at work as the participants stepped into an in-depth appreciation of their efforts. Worship was approached topically, while wisdom was approached sequentially with a series of quotes from the beginning of *The Urantia Book* to the end. Questions, such as why worship before wisdom, were asked and discussed. Practical applications, such as how a worshipful moment might be beneficial at the outset of study groups, were pondered. Some of the participants already do spend a few minutes in worship at the beginning of their study group, a clue perhaps as to why worship precedes wisdom.

One participant remarked: “Last year, during the UAI’s Leadership Symposium, I asked many attendees what their thoughts and experiences were related to worship. I went away disappointed in that I was as confused about the subject as I was upon my arrival. It was no one’s fault—just not the appropriate place or time to concentrate on worship. I continued to pray, asking the Father if he would teach me about worship in a way that I



Back row: Bill Beasley, David Browe, Marvin Gawryn, Gard Jameson

Middle row: Roger W. Paul, Skip Weatherford, Carol Weatherford, Share Beasley, Steve Dreier, Jay Bird

Front row: Jake Thompson, Margaret Slater-Thompson, Sherry Layton, Kathy Hughes, Bobbie Dreier

could ‘feelingly’ experience it. More than six months later, I received Tamara Strumfeld’s invitation to this workshop. I tell you this so that you will know that this seminar was an answer to my prayers. I feelingly experienced worship in a way that was more personal than I could have imagined.”

The trustees are more committed than ever to the work of education. Through in-house endeavors—including

seminars, workshops, and internet projects, such as the Urantia Book Internet School, conceived and developed by Dorothy Elder and now led by Georges Michelson-Dupont—Urantia Foundation is devoting more of its resources to education. The hope is that 533 W Diversey Parkway will become a dynamic and progressive educational center for members of the Urantia Book reading community.

NOTEWORTHY DECISIONS FROM THE APRIL 2012 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

By Marilynn Kulieke, secretary, Urantia Foundation, Lincolnshire, Illinois, USA

Books

- Sales of *The Urantia Book* in Spain and Portugal have increased over the past year. Book sales in France have declined. Urantia Foundation will continue to track the political and economic situation in Europe during the next year in relationship to book sales. Thanks go to Henk and Claire Mylanus for promoting Urantia Book distribution in Europe.

- Book sales in Russia have come to a halt. It is sad to report that a fire occurred in the warehouse of our book distributor, and our entire inventory was destroyed. Urantia Foundation is looking for a solution and will report more later.

- The cost of *The Urantia Book* is prohibitive in Latin American countries. Urantia Foundation printed a less expensive

Spanish book for distribution. It is hoped that this will reduce the price of the book to between \$20 to \$70, depending on the country.

Educational Endeavors

- The Education Committee is sponsoring a series of seminars at 533 W Diversey Parkway. The first seminar was held in May 2012 on the topic of worship and wisdom.

- [The Urantia Book Internet School](#) (UBIS) offered a variety of courses during the spring semester. The board members are looking into technologies that will support UBIS in serving even a greater number of students.

- A study version of *The Urantia Book* in an electronic format is being investigated. This textbook-like application could include cross-references, bible notations, and other related materials. The Education Committee and

Ralph Zehr will review current study versions and provide a recommendation on how to move this project forward. Special thanks to Ralph for his informative presentation on annotation and end noting.

- The "historical index" project, which began prior to the publication of *The Urantia Book*, has finally come to fruition. Work is underway to ready the index for publication.

Translations and Revisions

- Progress continues on the Chinese, Farsi, Hebrew, and Japanese translations. Trustee Georges Michelson-Dupont, the manager of translations, has done a great job at moving these translations forward.

- The Spanish revision team is making excellent progress on the in-depth revision of the two Spanish translations. The goal of this revision

project is to produce a beautiful translation of *The Urantia Book* that all Spanish-speaking people will enjoy. This is an important project and many thanks go to Víctor García-Bory for his leadership on this project.

- A superficial revision of the Portuguese translation is underway. This project is expected to be completed in two years.

Community

- A letter was received from the [Urantia Book Fellowship](#) inviting Urantia Foundation and Urantia Association International to sign a declaration of cooperation. In response, a letter of intention expressing a spirit of goodwill was sent back to the Fellowship stating the trustees desire to meet to discuss cooperation between the organizations.

THE HEBREW TRANSLATION OF *THE URANTIA BOOK*



By Georges Michelson-Dupont, trustee, manager of translations, Urantia Foundation, Recloses, France

It is with great pleasure that the trustees of Urantia Foundation announce the launching of the Hebrew translation of *The Urantia Book*. The publishing of this translation is anticipated to take place in seven or eight years. To me, it is a moving undertaking bearing in mind that Jesus, the fourth epochal revelation, was born, lived, and died among the Jewish people, the most spiritually advanced civilization of that time.

The team of translators is composed of two individuals: Gabriel Rymberg is the chief translator and is being assisted by an experienced, long-time reader who lives in New York. Gabriel, a 42-year-old native of Israel and father of two



Gabriel Rymberg

daughters, lives five miles from Nazareth. He spent several years traveling throughout the world. He speaks fluent Hebrew, English, and Spanish. Gabriel is a software professional with more than fifteen years of experience in this industry, four of which have been managerial positions in business development and project management. During the past two years, Gabriel has acquired extensive skills and expertise in the translation, publishing, and content-management areas of business.

Gabriel is also certified to teach yoga and meditation. He

was introduced to *The Urantia Book* in Northern Canada by a friend who told him simply, "You should read this." In his letter to Urantia Foundation he stated: "The revelation of truth in *The Urantia Book*, in its

simplicity and clarity, resonates deeply within my being. So, I humbly ask your blessing and guidance in the challenging task of translating the book into the Hebrew tongue. Until we all speak one language,

every human deserves to read these teachings in their native language."

In addition to the Hebrew translation, seven other translations are in progress:

Chinese, Czech, Farsi, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, and Urdu. Six other translations are being revised: French, Hungarian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 11TH MEETING OF URANTIA BOOK READERS IN SPAIN



By Olga López, associate trustee, Barcelona, Spain

Spanish readers of *The Urantia Book* gathered together in the beautiful city of Seville during the weekend of May 11. It was unusually hot in Spain for this time of the year, but this was not a hindrance to enjoy brotherhood and good humor.

Our meeting began on Friday

afternoon with three speeches given by Eduardo Altuzarra, Mariano Pérez, and me. Our purpose was to share what we had learned at the UAI Leadership Symposium, which was held last July at Techny Towers, Chicago, IL, USA, combined with our experience as members of the national board of the Spanish association of Urantia Association International (UAI).

This meeting was special for several reasons. First, it was held in Seville, the birthplace of the Urantia movement in Spain. Second, we enjoyed the presence of several international visitors, including Georges Michelson-Dupont, vice-president of Urantia Foundation, Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie, former associate trustee, Rogério Reis da Silva and his wife Cleci Lourdes Moraes

Mattos from Portugal, Jean Duveu from France, and Werner Sutter from Vancouver, Canada. And third, we witnessed the formation of a new national board of the UAI.

This meeting gave me the opportunity to reflect on what has happened in Spain during the last eight years. When I became president, there were many readers in Spain, but the association was not operational—it was not even legalized according to Spanish laws. We had three study groups, two of which had been in existence for only a few months. Our association had a few more than thirty members. We had much work to do.

We began by developing a website for our association

so that we could reach more Spanish readers. Slowly but steadily, and thanks to the internet, our database of readers grew, we found potential leaders, and we started to make connections with other readers throughout the world. Through these connections, we learned from more experienced readers and leaders how to build a strong and lasting association.

Little by little we achieved most of our goals: We legalized our association according to Spanish laws; we completed the website with many secondary works and study aids in Spanish; we doubled our membership; we had annual meetings every year; we made presentations about *The Urantia Book* in several major cities; and we fostered the formation of more study



International visitors from left to right: Werner Sutter (Canada), Theo Herzog (Germany), Cleci Lourdes Moraes Mattos and Rogério Reis da Silva (Portugal), Margit Klingen (Germany), Jean Duveu (France), Georges Michelson-Dupont (France), and Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie (Finland).



Group photo of the 11th meeting of Urantia Book readers in Spain

groups. Right now there are ten throughout Spain.

What pleases me the most is that we are well known in the Urantia movement, thanks in no small measure to the international conference of the UAI, which was held in Spain in 2009.

There is an old Spanish song with the word “dos españoles, tres opiniones” (“two Spaniards, three opinions”), meaning it’s very difficult for two Spaniards

to reach an agreement about anything. But the Spanish readers enjoy a unity of purpose, and all the leaders in Spain are well aware of the challenges ahead and are willing to face them in the most effective and loving way.

In these times of uncertainty due to the financial crisis in Spain, I think there is a great opportunity to make the teachings of *The Urantia Book* known to our fellow disenchanted and secularized

Spaniards. More Urantia Books are sold in Spain than in any other European country. I believe this is no coincidence, and that the time is ripe to further the dissemination of the teachings here.

This generation of young adults in Spain is the most educated ever, and they are suffering the effects of the financial crisis. So I think we should focus our attention on them and give them hope for their future.

I am fully confident that the new, just elected national board will lead the Spanish association of the UAI to a new level in the work of disseminating *The Urantia Book* and its teachings.

Siempre adelante!



New and old members of the Spanish National Board

Top row: Mariano Pérez (study groups), Ismael Gracia (secretary), Andrés Pérez (former treasurer), and Olga López (former president).
First row: Jaime Marco (vice-president), Carmelo Martínez (president), and Eduardo Altuzarra (former vice-president, now treasurer).
 Santiago Rodríguez, former secretary, was absent due to job commitments.

A MEREDITH SPRUNGER STORY



By Saskia Raevouri, Holland

Dr. Meredith Sprunger was the president of Urantia Brotherhood when I got involved with the Urantia movement in 1977. His printed pamphlets describing *The Urantia Book* were mailed out to new readers by "headquarters"; so to me he was a big name. As I was never able to attend Urantia conferences, I did not become acquainted with Meredith until 2000 when he contacted me with his "How I Found *The Urantia Book*" story for the revised version of HIFTUB. We exchanged a few emails, but I didn't meet him in person until 2006, when my partner Matthew Block and I visited him and Irene in their home in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

During that visit Meredith mentioned that he had abridged the entire Urantia

Book, and I offered to turn it into a book for him if he sent it to me in Word format. I heard no more about it and assumed we had simply had a polite exchange. Then, sometime late in 2006, I received an email from Meredith with a large Word attachment and the message, "Here it is!"

Upon reading over Meredith's abridgment, Matthew and I found that we needed to collaborate with him, carefully going through the book paper by paper, before committing his work to print. For almost a year we corresponded regularly. Starting with the Foreword, we studied and discussed each paper together, section by section, helping Meredith fine-tune what he had written. On his end Meredith also consulted with a fellow reader/minister named Merlyn Cox; so we became a team of four. In most cases they agreed with our suggestions, but when Meredith insisted on keeping his original statements, we deferred to his judgment, as it was, after all, his book, not ours.

During this time Meredith's wife, Irene, became ill and passed away. So we suspended the work until he was ready to continue. I am certain that having [The Abridged Urantia Papers](#) project to work on helped Meredith immensely in coping with the loss of Irene



Irene and Dr. Meredith Sprunger

after so many years of partnership. Since our emails also included personal issues from time to time, we got to know Meredith on several levels, but mainly as a man with truly spiritual qualities and a devoted servant of the Urantia Revelation. We felt honored to have the opportunity for such a private, in-depth "study group" with such a long-time student of *The Urantia Book*.

Because Meredith was already in his early nineties at the time, we felt somewhat rushed to print his book. We printed a quick version for the Fellowship's international conference in 2008. Since

then we have reformatted the book, and it is now available both in the Amazon Kindle store and via Amazon's print-on-demand service.

By now Meredith will have settled in on the mansion worlds, reunited with his loved ones, and familiarized himself with his surroundings. We look forward to seeing him again when our time comes.

The following is Meredith's story of how he found *The Urantia Book*.

HOW I FOUND *THE URANTIA BOOK*

By Meredith Sprunger (1955)

My spiritual pilgrimage began at the age of four when I recall saying to myself, "There is something about life that I do not understand, but I'm going to find out." During the years that followed, my life was shaped by a series of peak experiences that led me through academic majors in philosophy and theology

preparatory to ordination as a minister in the United Church of Christ.

After years of developing sermons and papers formulating my own spiritual experience that was centered in the religion of Jesus rather than the religion about Jesus, I realized that a new spiritual approach was needed in mainline Christian theology. I

tentatively outlined a couple of books which needed to be written, and after some procrastination, I finally committed myself to the discipline of writing these books. Shortly after making this decision, *The Urantia Book* was placed in my hands.

In December of 1955 my wife, Irene, and I had stopped in to visit our friends Dr. and Mrs. Edward Brueseke in South Bend,

Indiana. In addition to his pastoral activities Ed served as chairman of a theological commission in the Evangelical and Reformed Church (later united with the Congregational Christian denomination to become the United Church of Christ). During the course of the visit Ed picked up a big blue book and handed it to me saying, "Judge Louis Hammerschmidt

(a member of his congregation) gave me this book. Some businessmen think this is a new Bible." I looked at the table of contents and read chapter headings like "The Messenger Hosts of Space," written by One High in Authority and "The Corps of the Finality," authored by a Divine Counselor and One Without Name and Number! As I handed the book back to Ed, we had a hearty laugh about businessmen thinking they had a new Bible. I assumed that that would be the last I would see of the book.

At the time I was vice-president of the Indiana-Michigan Conference, and Judge Hammerschmidt was the lay-person on our conference board. In January I picked up the judge to attend a board meeting in Jackson, Michigan. During the trip Hammerschmidt brought up the topic of spiritualism, which he did not accept, and was a bit surprised that I had made a study of it. After a pause he turned to me and said, "Say, I've got a book that I would like to have you read and tell me what you think of it." I knew he was referring to *The Urantia Book*, but to avoid hurting his feelings I replied, "Okay, Judge. Send it to me." When the book arrived, I set it aside, not wanting to waste

my time reading what appeared to be either esoteric nonsense or some elaborate system of theosophy. Periodically, I would read a bit in it here and there, but I was not impressed. That summer I took it along on vacation, but things didn't get boring enough for me to look at the book. In September I realized that I would be in a meeting with Hammerschmidt in October, and I had to read something and tell him what I thought about it.

Looking over the table of contents, I saw it had a section on the life and teachings of Jesus. I thought that, with my theological training, I could make short work of this section. As I started reading, I did not find what I'd expected to find, which was something like *The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ*, by Levi. The story of the early life of Jesus was more believable than the accounts one finds in the apocryphal stories of the boyhood of Jesus. It was something that might reasonably have happened. As I proceeded to that aspect of the life of Jesus covered by the New Testament, I was even more impressed. Some of the traditional theological problems were handled by the events of the story in a way that made more sense than anything I had ever read. I found *The Urantia Book's* narrative to be solidly rooted in the New Testament

realities. There were times when I read with tears streaming down my face. When I finished reading "The Life and Teachings of Jesus," I was theologically and spiritually inspired. Whoever had produced a life of Jesus of this quality, I thought, must have something significant to say in the rest of the book.

Thus motivated, I started with the Foreword and read the entire book. I discovered that the first three quarters of the book was even more amazing and profound than "The Life and Teachings of Jesus"! The teachings of *The Urantia Book* resonated and harmonized with my experience and highest thinking. The substance of the two books I had planned to write was expressed far better here than I could have possibly done. If this is not an authentic picture of spiritual reality, I said to myself, it is the way it ought to be! Science, philosophy, and religion were integrated more effectively in *The Urantia Book* than in any other philosophical or theological system known to me. There was no doubt in my mind that this was the most inspiring and authentic



Edith E. Cook, Irene and Meredith Sprunger at the 1960 Urantia picnic

picture of spiritual reality available to humankind.

I gave copies of *The Urantia Book* to around a dozen of my colleagues, and all of them except one—who admitted that he hadn't read it—confirmed my evaluation of its high quality.

Our clergy group spent several years interviewing the people connected with the publication of the book and researching events associated with its origin. Since then, I have devoted myself to sharing *The Urantia Book* with college students and the clergy of mainline Christianity.

HELP WANTED

Dear friends and readers of *The Urantia Book*, the manager of translations is looking for volunteers, long-time readers with some translating experience, to assist with the following translations:

- **Chinese:** must be a native speaker of Chinese with writing skills.
- **Hebrew:** must be a native speaker of Hebrew with writing skills.
- **Indonesian:** must be an Indonesian native speaker with writing skills.

Please, contact Georges Michelson-Dupont at: georges.michelson-dupont@wanadoo.fr

MY TRIP TO COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA



By Jay Peregrine, executive director, Urantia Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Editor's note: Jay and Mo Siegel, the president of Urantia Foundation, attended the April 28-May 2, 2012, Urantia Association

International Conference in Medellin, Colombia.

Colombia and Brazil are two of the most religious countries in South America. And Colombia is one of the largest, per capita, Urantia Book reading countries in the world. After all of the problems with drug cartels in the 1980s, Medellin has emerged as a vibrant city with a wonderful climate. It has a beautiful new transportation system, including gondolas which serve hill-side neighborhoods, and it has art museums and thriving industry.

Tamila Ragimova, president of the Colombia association of the Urantia Association International, did an excellent job organizing the conference. There were 15 presentations by Spanish and English speakers. The presentations were

simultaneously translated into English and Spanish. In addition, a live-streaming internet video link was provided. Conference attendees spent their afternoons in workshops, where topics were studied in-depth in smaller groups.

In the evenings we were treated to traditional music and dance at the hotel. One night we took a tour of the city in chivas (a chiva is a small, colorfully painted, open-air bus). On the last day of the conference we took a trip into the countryside, visiting a traditional village and having lunch at an old hacienda.



For me, the conference was a time for renewing old friendships and for making new friends in the context of in-depth study and discussion of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. It was also an opportunity to experience a beautiful and exciting country—Colombia.



Tamila Ragimova



Wilson Leon Naranjo



Jaime Rey Albornoz



Yolanda Silva

URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUP DIRECTORY

By Scott Brooks, Lewis Center, Ohio, USA

Nearly 600 visitors from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Finland, France, Hungary, Mexico, Ukraine, and the United States converged in May at a new location in cyberspace: the Study Group Directory. They went there to find a study group or to register a study group.

The Urantia Book Study Group Directory (www.urantiastudygroup.org) is a project sponsored by Urantia Association International, the Urantia Book Fellowship and Urantia Foundation. It is managed by a team of volunteers from each

organization. In May, the site dropped the name "portal" and began using the name "Study Group Directory" to better reflect the primary focus of the site.

The directory automatically switches from English to French, Russian, or Spanish as it senses the native language of the visitor. The directory plans to add more languages so that readers from around the world can find study groups near them. The directory team is looking for volunteers to help translate the site's pages into other languages. Volunteers should contact info@urantiastudygroup.org.

As of May 2012, there are about 260 study groups from 29 countries registered in the directory. The United States has 190 study groups listed in the directory. Canada has 22 study groups. Australia and Brazil each have six. Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand and Venezuela each have three. Belgium, Mexico, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine each have two. And Chili, Denmark, Finland, Guatemala, Hungary, Israel, Kenya, Lebanon, Norway, Peru, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, and Switzerland each have one.

The team has worked to improve the directory's Google ranking so that readers around the world can find the Urantia Book Study Group Directory

using online search engines. A search for "study group directory" now finds the directory listed above longer-standing groups studying subjects as diverse as *A Course in Miracles*, HaYesod, Ayn Rand, and the McKenzie Method.

To readers who have suggested improvements to the directory, we, the directory support team, say, "Thank you." We shall be implementing some of those suggested improvements in the near future.

THE URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUP DIRECTORY TEAM



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TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS

Editor's Note: Congratulations to Share Beasley and Line St-Pierre who accepted the invitation to join the Expanded Board of Urantia Foundation. Welcome ladies!



Share Beasley lives in Brandon, Florida, with her husband, Bill. She is a mother and grandmother, as well as an active partner in a business.

Share started reading *The Urantia Book* more than 40 years ago and, since then, has worked in many local and national leadership capacities. Share served on the Matthew Project Committee of Urantia Foundation as a founding member. For a decade Share served on the Executive Committee of the Florida Students of *The Urantia Book*. Share is a member of the UAI and the Fellowship and has been a facilitator and workshop leader at their respective conferences. Share has hosted and facilitated study groups, workshops, and retreats for 25 years.



Line St-Pierre was born a French Canadian in Laval-Ouest, Québec, Canada. She is married, a mother of two sons, and a grandmother of two girls. Line has been a

reader of *The Urantia Book* since 1996. She described her experience of trusting the truths of the Urantia Revelation as "the day I felt God in my soul, transforming me and giving a deep meaning and purpose in my life. Service was the key word, and there began my conscious journey." Line has been involved in the Urantia movement since 2001 and has served many roles in the Canadian Urantia Book reading community. Today Line is vice president of the Urantia Canadian Association and is actively involved in coordinating and facilitating Urantia Book workshops, conferences, and study groups.

COMMENTS FROM READERS

What *The Urantia Book* Means to Me

By Graciela Cristina Benedetti, Bahía Blanca, Argentina

From the very first moment that I found *The Urantia Book*, I felt a wave of love guiding my life, inundating cold corners of myself with its warm, tender touch, and illuminating every little dark place inside me with its awesome teachings. This revelation mobilized me and gave new values to every single part of me that had been still and drowsy until that time.

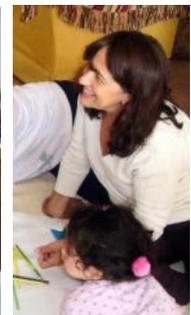
My name is Graciela Cristina Benedetti. My husband and I have three boys and live in Bahía Blanca, a port city south of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In October 1999, I attended a conference and was amazed

by what I heard from one of the speakers, whom I asked to send me his speech, which he did. He made it clear that his speech was inspired by *The Urantia Book*, which could be found at www.urantia.org. One day my curiosity led me to click on that link, and from that day forward, I initiated my own personal cosmic adventure by reading *The Urantia Book*.

I have taken courses through the Urantia Book Internet School and have joined a study group.

The more I read, the more I realize that this book teaches about the love of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit and about how that love, progressively and surely, embraces and carries us to Paradise.





The Book's Perfection

By John Strobel, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Although my wife, Joanne, read *The Urantia Book* for many years, I did not start reading it until after the visit of a good friend who had a barrage of questions to ask Joanne about the book. It was Joanne's thoughtful answers to those questions that intrigued me and finally sparked my interest to read it. First, I read Part IV, the Life and Teachings of Jesus. Then I read the papers about Adam and Eve. I still have not

read all the papers.

What struck me immediately was the book's perfection; I had no doubt as to its authenticity. While I had found that much of the Bible was interpreted (many scholars have spent their entire life studying and interpreting just a few books of the Bible), *The Urantia Book* was in plain English.

The more I read it, the greater is my appreciation and desire to continue reading it. I have found that the study group I attend has

been a wonderful help in unlocking the treasures of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

What means most to me is reading *The Urantia Book* with Joanne and sharing this experience with her. I'm sure she must have prayed many times that I would become interested in the book and that I would finally come around.

IRMELI IVALO-SJÖLIE: BOOK AMBASSADOR AT LARGE

Editor's note: Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie and Werner Sutter have worked tirelessly to spread The Urantia Book and its teachings throughout Germany and Switzerland. They feel they have found enthusiastic and competent young readers to carry on in their stead.

This is the Karlsruhe group organized by Erwin van Ghent. It is a very lively group that meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Another study group will begin this July in Mannheim.



Thomas, Eve, Barbara, André, Erwin, Irmeli, Hartmuth and Werner.

This is the German-speaking group in Switzerland. The group is coordinated by Christian Ruch, and they meet in Zurich once a month.



Christian Günther, Christian Ruch, Klaus Hauschild, Irmeli Ivalo-Sjölie, Werner Sutter, Silvia Schneider, Suzanne Funk, Sandra Burga-Cisneros, Sybille Günther, Reini Schneider.

Irmeli in Helsinki with the owner of Era Nova Book Shop. One can find the Finnish and the Swedish translation of *The Urantia Book* here.



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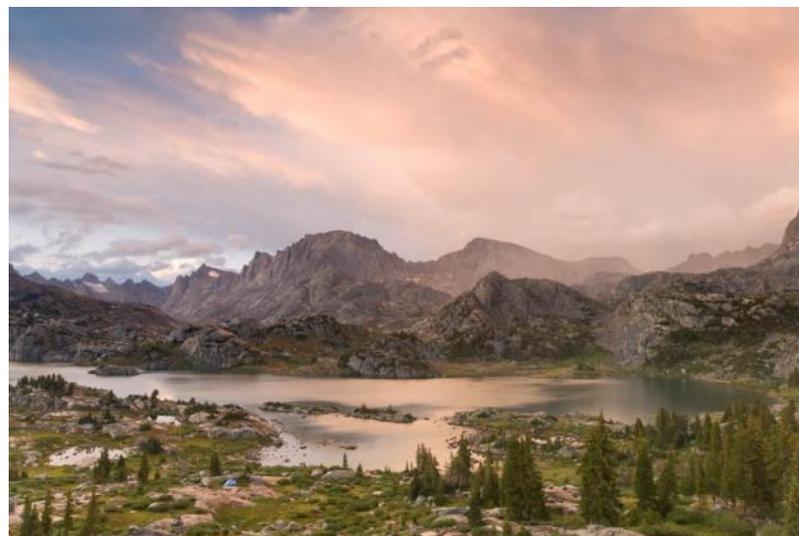
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Jesus,
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