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TAKING IT TO A NEW LEVEL: *THE URANTIA BOOK* IN ESPERANTO



Jean Annet

By Jean Annet, Namur, Belgium, and Martin Benoit, Québec, Canada

No evolutionary world can hope to progress beyond the first stage of settledness in light until it has achieved one language, one religion, and one philosophy. Being of one race greatly facilitates such achievement, but the many peoples of Urantia do not preclude the attainment of higher stages.
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As *The Urantia Book* has already been translated into more than 20 languages, the time is now ripe to translate it into Esperanto, the most important constructed



Martin Benoit

language in our world. It is already one year since we received the approval of the Foundation to do so, and we have begun a gigantic task that will occupy us for years to come.

What Is the Esperanto Language?

Esperanto is a constructed language, created in the nineteenth century by L. L. Zamenhof, an eye doctor in Poland, then part of the Russian Empire. When he was young, he experienced the pervasive animosity between the four peoples in Bialystok where he lived: Russians, Poles, Jews, and Germans. Perceiving that it was mainly due to the language barrier, he decided to create an international language that would be used as a neutral

language between all nations on Earth. His book was first published in 1887. The roots of Esperanto are heavily influenced by European languages, while its grammar—simple, regular, and expressive—is more akin to other language families. Esperanto grammar has been designed to be easy to learn, making the language about 10 times quicker to learn than other European languages.

One hundred thirty years later, the Esperanto movement encompasses tens of thousands of people in hundreds of Esperanto clubs in almost every nation on Earth. A culture of brotherhood between people and nations has developed, with yearly congresses, books, plays, music, and films. The World Esperanto Congress, an



L. L. Zamenhof

experience on its own, usually gathers between one and two thousand people from more than 70 countries every year. Activities range from scientific talks to cultural shows and guided tours of local attractions. They also include gatherings of diverse interest groups such as vegans, chess players, LGBTQ+, cat lovers, as well as many professional, political, and religious associations. The feeling of being able to efficiently communicate and understand everyone coming from everywhere with a comparable level of fluency is almost indescribable.

The Esperanto Translation

In the early 2000s, a Frenchman, JeanMarie Chaise, completed the translation of the entire *Urantia Book* into Esperanto. However, he died suddenly, and his translation sat on the shelves for years. But there were problems with his draft: It was modeled on the French translation and in need of much improvement. It not only needed revisions, but its terminology had to be harmonized. More work would be needed to complete it.

At the start of 2020, a new international team was set up to participate in this colossal project. Let us now introduce the team:

- Yves Nevelsteen, from Belgium, former president of the Flemish Esperanto Youth Association, initiated the Komputeko, a computer terminology within the framework of E@I (Esperanto on the Internet), and is active as an editor for the *Esperanto Wikipedia*.
- Lucas Perier, vice president of AFLLU (association for French-speaking readers), who has already revised 18 papers of the book.

- Anna Lobo de Carvalho from Brazil, who has already corrected several papers of the translation.

- Martin Benoit from Canada, who has corrected one paper of the book, has begun to create a glossary of neologisms of *The Urantia Book*, and has spoken Esperanto for almost 20 years.

- Jean Annet, from Belgium, former president of the Belgian Urantia Association, who directly received the translation of the book in Esperanto from JeanMarie Chaise.

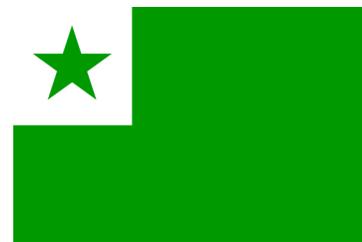
Why Translate *The Urantia Book* into Esperanto?

One might ask: Why translate the book into Esperanto? What will it be used for and especially by whom? As we have seen, Esperanto was created by a Pole who wanted to foster human brotherhood. And since as a Jew he was a believer, he was convinced that if all men on Earth were brothers, they could only come from one Father and that would mean that there is only one God. Thus, within Esperanto there

was an internal idea (*la interna ideo*) of human brotherhood under the Fatherhood of God. If all Esperantists accept the idea of human fraternity, even if it is not the same for the Fatherhood of God, the *interna ideo* is implicit in the language and all Esperantists understand this. The Esperantist world is therefore an ideal target audience for transmitting the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

Esperanto and *The Urantia Book* have many notable similarities to each other:

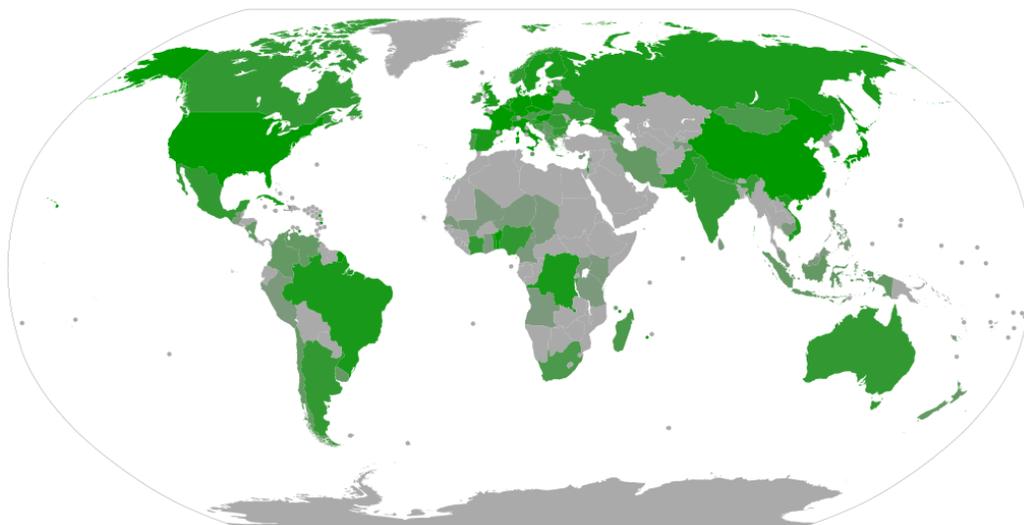
- They both started around the beginning of the twentieth century.
- They do not belong to anyone, to any people, nation, association, or religion.
- They are disseminated by their "users."
- They both have their opponents and their staunch supporters.
- They both organize national meetings and international congresses.
- They are both ahead of their time and will only take off in the future.



Esperanto flag

- It is difficult to determine numbers of followers for both. There are those who are absolutely convinced of it (who speak it, read it, study it). There are those who approach them from further away, and there are those who simply know of their existence
- And above all, they both carry the same message: the human brotherhood.

Rather than communicating the book to a nation in its own language, the Esperanto translation will be bringing it to a unique population at the global level, one which shares (within itself and with the revelation) the same ideal of human brotherhood. To have *The Urantia Book* in Esperanto will be to finally have the universal religion rendered in the universal language.



Number of Esperanto association members by country

UPDATES FROM THE APRIL 2021 TRUSTEE MEETING



By Judy Van Cleave, secretary, Urantia Foundation, Idaho, United States

Operations Overview

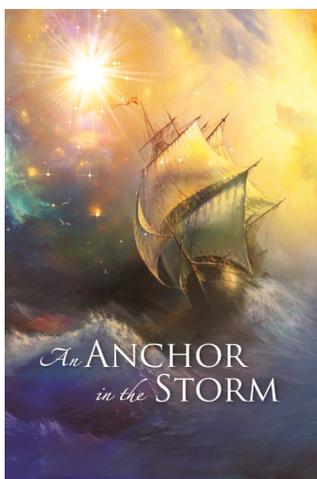
Highlights of first-quarter operations include: 1) finalizing and publishing the Enhanced English E-book; 2) working on the Spanish revision plan that launches electronically this summer; 3) expanding the Foundation's presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter; 4) coordinating the finalization of the Russian and Spanish revision texts for publication; 5) coding and testing the Android App with the new developer; 6) preparing the [2020 Annual Report](#).

Books

Q1 Urantia Book sales were robust in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French. Combining physical, electronic, and downloadable books, 29,966 Urantia Books were disseminated. Presently, we are planning subsequent printings of English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Russian books.

Here's how the executive director described her job of disseminating the revelation: "The mission of seeding *The Urantia Book* and its teachings

keeps us focused on maximizing book distribution. With wise, sustainable distribution, the book will become available to all who are seeking it. As part of my daily meditation, I picture all the people who found the book this quarter, and I pray that the teachings have the



same effect on them as they did on me."

Planned Giving

Planned Giving, specifically putting Urantia Foundation in your will, provides future generations with some financial stability. This quarter, a generous reader passed on and included Urantia Foundation in his will. His gift went into Revelation Bridge, a fund specifically designed for the future. Please remember Urantia Foundation in your will.

Your tax-free gifts put a safety net under the work of Urantia Foundation. To learn more, visit urantia.plannedgiving.org. When you get to the next world, you'll smile knowing you helped secure the most important religious project since the life of Jesus.

Urantia.org

The website had a sizable increase in usage in Q1. Here are some statistics for January–March 2021 vs. 2020: Users up 83%, new users up 81%, sessions up 51%, page views up 26%. New visitor traffic was 80% of total traffic, mobile usage was up 181% and was 72% of all traffic, and female users were 53% of all traffic.

The top five countries by sessions were: United States, India, Brazil, the Philippines, and Mexico. The most read languages were English, Spanish, and Portuguese. This quarter saw a significant shift in where people are visiting the site from: India up 597%, Brazil up 85%, the Philippines up 2,453%, Nigeria up 1,569%, and Nepal up 33,320%.

For the remainder of the year, we will continue adding new content, making additive improvements, and publishing new translations and revisions. But our main focus will be on the website redesign project.

The Cultural Advisory Council

Urantia Foundation is preparing for the establishment of a Cultural Advisory Council to: 1) facilitate the mission of seeding *The Urantia Book* and its teachings globally; 2) enhance the cultural awareness, compassion, and wisdom of the Foundation's dissemination efforts; 3) provide for council members to acquaint themselves with the Foundation—its mission, vision, and values; 4) foster partnerships between council members and the Foundation

for support of readers within their cultures; and 5) facilitate relationships and mutual understanding among members of the council. Toward that end the board reviewed and discussed documents prepared for the council which define its purpose, membership, roles, responsibilities, and procedures. There will be more to come on the Cultural Advisory Council in the next few president's letters.

Education

Urantia Book Internet School continued growth with new facilitators and additional classes in the Spanish and Portuguese branches. Training and mentoring programs have been enhanced, and plans are underway for potential expansion into three additional languages.

The board is starting a study group to gain an in-depth understanding of the evolutionary-revelatory interface of new genetic science and the plan of progressive attainment as revealed in *The Urantia Book*.

Translations and the Spanish Revision

Translations continued at their normal pace, as reported in previous president's letters, and are on course for completion as expected. Most importantly, the final timeline, formatting, and production dates for the new Spanish revision was presented. The electronic text is scheduled for publication late this summer, and the physical book will be printed this fall.



Luis García-Bory

Invited Guest—Luis García-Bory

Continuing with our commitment to expand our cultural awareness, we enjoyed a Zoom conversation with Luis García-Bory who is from Mexico but now lives in Switzerland. Luis gave his opinion on how he thinks the new Spanish revision will be accepted in Europe and Latin America. He also shared his experience of joining the Foundation's Spanish revision launch team.

The revision team participated in an interactive panel during Urantia Association's International Conference on April 24–25. There was good attendance, and it appears that anticipation for the new revision is high.

Outreach

Our new Wikipedia monitor reported to the committee on his review and work on the

pages of *The Urantia Book* in English, French, and German. In addition, Urantia Foundation continues to sponsor individuals and organizational activities that directly support its mission. In the first quarter we sponsored the translation efforts of the Urantia Association's international conference broadcast from Peru.

MY EXPERIENCES WITH THE SPANISH REVISION



Jaime Rey, Bogotá, Colombia

The Urantia Book came into my life in late 2007, when I was 53 years old and after following a 35-year trajectory of spiritual searching and doctrinal studies. Born in a Catholic family, with three years of seminary, one in an esoteric sect, and 35 years of service in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I was stunned by its table of contents and the wealth of information provided. But I promised myself not to judge the book until I finished reading it.

While my personal foundation of truth was greatly challenged, the Spirit of Truth testified in my mind and in my

heart about the book's veracity. I began to feel obligated to share this wonderful revelation with my family and friends, especially with spiritual truth seekers.

I continued studying it many times in a row, read a history of its origins, and concluded that its content defended itself and that everything else was irrelevant. I began giving talks for Urantia Association in Colombia and organized serious efforts to disseminate the teachings, including two in-person study groups, multiple online study groups, several courses, and videos on YouTube.

During this time, I met Flor Robles, who joined me in producing and presenting over one hundred online videos and courses. We developed our own methodology and tools to study *The Urantia Book*. We were soon joined by Paula Padilla from Mexico and Javier Martinez from Spain.

Our efforts have borne fruit beyond our expectations. Our videos have been seen by close to half a million people on YouTube. We are grateful that our efforts have led to

the emergence of new leaders and instructors who have, in turn, created their own and diverse groups in Bogotá, Miami, Peru, and Canada.

A couple of years ago, I was invited to join the Spanish revision consulting group, a focus group of experienced readers that provided feedback on the revised text of *El libro de Urantia*, then in the making.

It was a great blessing and privilege to see the quality of work done by the revision team, a group of experienced readers led by Carmelo Martínez. The group's feedback was provided via the translators and revisers website, which contained the original English papers, the 1993 text, the European edition, and the suggested revised text.

Using standard and translation dictionaries such as the Royal Spanish Academy of Language, Merriam-Webster, the Cambridge Dictionary, and the Oxford Dictionary, each member of the focus group read a series of sample papers and made

recommendations. Our compiled comments were returned to the team of revisers and their professional copyeditor. My personal experience providing feedback on 20 revised papers was thrilling. My primary motivation throughout this effort was being aware that many students will soon start using the new, improved revision.

When this new and unified text of *El libro de Urantia* comes out later this year, we will continue to support the efforts of Urantia Foundation. After all, the revelators were very clear that this book will be for the next thousand years and that what we are doing is planting the seeds and preparing future instructors.

Our goal is to motivate new and old students to use the new translation and understand and recognize the substantial effort made by Urantia Foundation to provide us with a translation that reflects Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.

DISTRIBUTING *HET URANTIA BOEK* IN THE NETHERLANDS



By Hanno van der Plas and Ina van der Plas-Terra, Joure, the Netherlands

The *Urantia Book* has been available in the Dutch language since 1997 thanks to the efforts of Henk and Baukje Begemann's team who worked on the translation for over 20 years. *Het Urantia Boek* was published as a hardcover book and was initially distributed by Frontier. The company went bankrupt in late 2016, and distribution stopped until August 2018.

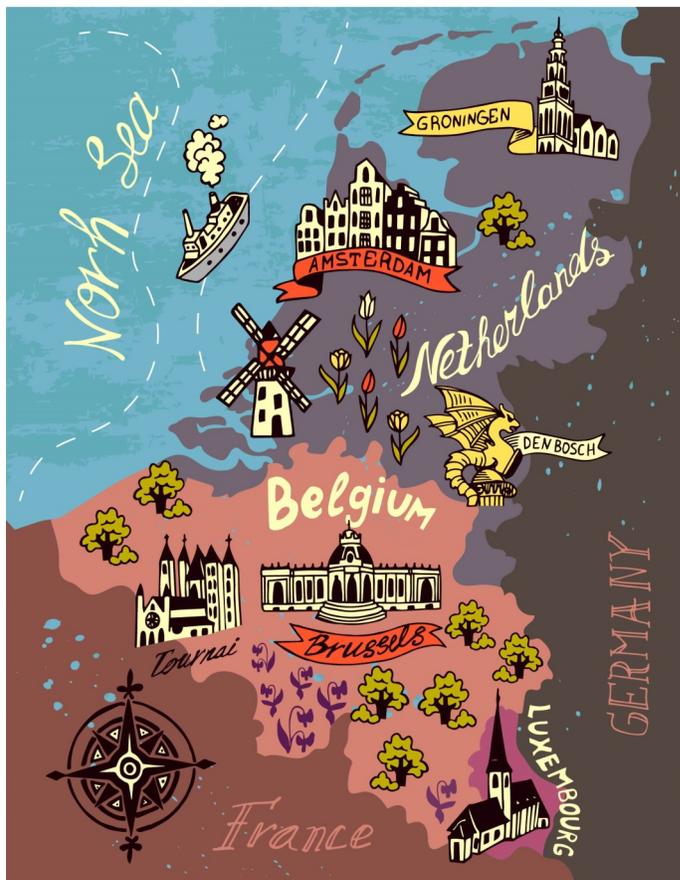
Because of Hanno's involvement as a board member with the national affiliate of Urantia Association International, Stichting Urantia Nederlandstalig (UAI/SUN), and his personal experience with online distribution and online entrepreneurship, he was approached by Henk Mylanus, the Foundation's manager of European book sales. It was during the 2018 Urantia Association International Conference in Noordwijkerhout. It was a special meeting and conversation in which Henk asked him if he would take on the distribution of *Het Urantia Boek*. The experience of the conference was amazing, and the request to handle book distribution was icing on the cake!

We (husband-and-wife team Hanno and Ina) felt a great honor and responsibility in taking on this project together. After the conference we made preparations, built the website heturantiaboek.nl, found suitable packaging material, and designed a bookmark to include with each book.

Finally, we were ready, and the first book shipped in August 2018—a milestone! Since then, sales in the Netherlands and Belgium have been growing every quarter. We are trying new ways to bring *Het Urantia Boek* to the attention of potential readers via the website, UAI-SUN, and social media platforms such as [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com). We also post a daily quote from the book on [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com).

Every book distributed is handled with love and packaged with care. We are so thankful for the privilege of sending the revelation to new readers. The bookmark we include has links to information about *The Urantia Book*, affiliated sites and organizations, and how to contact study groups.

Many readers have expressed that the teachings of *The Urantia Book* have touched them deeply, have often changed their lives, have inspired them to achieve spiritual growth, and have given them increased understanding of the value of human life. We sincerely hope that many more new readers will discover the ennobling message of *The Urantia Book*.



EXPERIENCING INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD THROUGH URANTIA BOOK INTERNET SCHOOL



By Ulises Pedrique, Florida, United States

Editor's Note: Ulises is a teacher-facilitator in the Spanish branch of Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS) and joined the global board of UBIS in July 2020.

I am originally from Caracas, Venezuela. My home is now a beautiful paradise in North America called Venice, Florida, in the United States. This is where my first contacts and encounters with Urantia Foundation, specifically with UBIS, began. Currently I am residing in South Korea, from where I am addressing you

now. (This is temporary, although it has lasted longer than expected. But that is not the subject of this story.)

The Urantia Book came into my hands in 2008 in a subtle and inevitable way. It was love at first sight. From the beginning its incomparable revelations coincided with my way of seeing and conceiving the world, the universe, and my relationship and communion with God. These teachings fueled in me an intense desire to know and learn more about these eternal and spiritual realities. And since then, I have been hooked on them, scrutinizing, discovering, unveiling, and sipping every day the new and wonderful mysteries that are contained in this mighty spring of wisdom's living waters.

The book led me to know Jesus better. It showed me new and wonderful truths. It taught me a new and better way of feeling and living, more in line with the spiritual and divine cosmology, and directly aligned with these recently revealed plans,

purposes, and designs of the will of God for us in this life. Through this study, first alone and then with the international courses of UBIS, my cosmic vision of reality has been strengthened and expanded day by day, allowing me to meet, understand, and befriend a large and incredible group of personalities from all over the world, who share and enjoy—like me, in brotherhood, harmony, and love—our common and professionally ordered search for this divine truth, a new and expanded

truth that incites and promotes the study of this new revelation. And so, I continue learning, sharing, and enjoying this incredible and exciting adventure, not only as a student but also as a teacher-facilitator. This last role has allowed me to offer and transmit to others—gently, responsibly, and generously—the teachings acquired in this wonderful process of intellectual, religious, and spiritual improvement in which, since then, I have been immersed.



“... this mighty spring of wisdom's living waters.”

TEAMWORK: A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE



By Lourdes Burga-Cisneros, President, Urantia Association of Peru

Editor's Note: Urantia Foundation was pleased to sponsor and participate in Urantia Association's 11th International Conference, hosted by the Urantia Association of Peru. A panel of Spanish revision team members hosted a workshop on Sunday to announce the new revision of El libro de Urantia. Lourdes describes below the valiant efforts of

the team to orchestrate this wonderful event.

The 11th Urantia Association International Conference took place April 24–25, 2021. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, attendees weren't able to come to Cusco, Peru, but Cusco came to them for an unforgettable virtual experience.

At first we were very disappointed about not having the event on site. The plan of making it happen in Cusco

began in 2015, we started working on it in 2017, and after three years of hard work we had to cancel everything! But, at a certain point we thought: It needs to be done anyway!

After generating momentum and consecrating our wills to doing something for the glory of the Father, we were not going to give up. No way! So we decided to adapt and be resilient. We realized that we could not only reach many Urantia Book readers from around the world,



Machu Picchu, Peru

but also new readers and truth seekers who might appreciate the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

Planning the virtual conference certainly presented a great challenge. We had to work on quality content for every type of audience, so that concepts, ideas, and truths would be understood by everyone. We also had to come up with a program that wouldn't be boring due to its virtuality; had a degree of interaction; included images of Cusco and the opportunity to virtually explore parts of it; considered speakers of all ages representing almost every continent; had inspiring presentations and practical workshops; could be translated into four languages (English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish); and would reduce our original program of three days to two. And all of it with the intent that such an event would truly be a unique opportunity to convene and unite. That's why we chose the theme, "Towards Cosmic Citizenship."

There was a great deal of organizing and technical work. Thankfully we were assisted by more than a hundred volunteers. By the end, we surpassed our original expectations. There were 1,967 people who registered.

About 500 of them were new readers. Close to 1,000 were Latin Americans and Spanish speakers, but there were also people from nearly every corner of the world.

This virtual conference set a precedent for future online events. Of course, it wasn't free from mistakes, but in the end, we could say it was a well-done job of teamwork!



The Down-to-Earth Art of Cosmic Citizenship

Editor's Note: Here is an excerpt from one of the presentations given on the first day by Jeffrey Wattles, Ohio, USA.

God is spirit, but the Creator works on material and

intellectual levels as well. *The Urantia Book* teaches us many ways to coordinate, integrate, and unify these levels. My conference presentation touched on the concepts of cosmic mind, cosmic truth, and the importance of understanding how to effectively apply these concepts to the down-to-earth facts of daily life.

Cosmic citizens establish spiritual goals as their top priority. I laid out these goals as the following:

1. Become and be like God
2. Truth, beauty, and goodness
3. The gospel movement
4. Unity in loving service with other followers of Jesus

A good citizen is a responsible member of a community structured by laws. A good cosmic citizen is a member of the universal family, whose loving and merciful Father is also the sovereign lawgiver. His love and mercy bring joy; his laws teach discipline. This joy puts every competing emotion into the shadows!

You can read more from Jeffrey on his latest blog,

"Survival Value in the Peru Conference" on urantiabookprojects.org.



A Long-Distance View of Peru

Editor's Note: Following is a reflection from a charter member of Urantia Association International and conference attendee, Marian Hughes, Hawaii, USA.

My husband and I registered for the event as soon as we could. We were excited to cross off Cusco and Machu Picchu from our bucket list. The timing would be perfect for us to stop in Peru on our way back from our second home in southern Chile. We thought it would be fun to learn and experience more about the path of the Andite migration to Peru, and the establishment of their religious headquarters on Rapa Nui



Contemplating the Andes in Perú

(Easter Island). Since the pandemic had not yet taken hold, we began our extended journey.

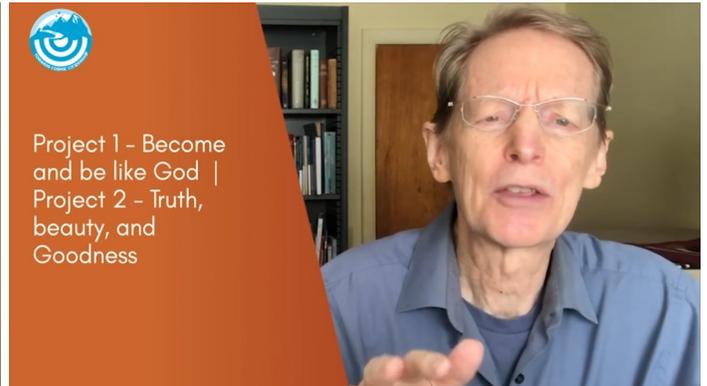
We were stuck in Chile when all the flights stopped, and we experienced the same disappointment that so many others did when the Peru team was forced to cancel the in-person conference and move to a virtual format. We were

promptly refunded our hotel and conference fees, while Lourdes and her team regrouped in a valiant attempt to do what has never been done before at an international Urantia conference. Her informative opening talk and stunning video footage of Cusco and Machu Picchu immediately took the sting out of not being there in person.

The Andite open-boat travelers took many years to reach Easter Island and then the Andes. The fact that Urantia Book readers from all over planet 606 could be connected electronically at the same time, speaks volumes about how far we have progressed as a civilization!



Easter Island



WHAT *THE URANTIA BOOK* MEANS TO ME



Zwelakhe Patrick Kubheka, Fonta Vevona Kubheka,
Ncumisa Kubheka

By *Zwelakhe Patrick Kubheka*,
Eastern Cape, South Africa

It is with great pleasure that I share my devotion to *The Urantia Book* with you, my fellow Urantians.

A bit of background first: I was born in 1974 to a traditional Zulu family that believed in—and thoroughly practiced—an African indigenous religion which *The Urantia Book* calls “ancestor worship.” We don’t perceive it as worship of the dead, but that is a topic for another day.

In 1986 my mother converted to Christianity and our lives

took a turn. Around 1990 I made a personal choice to “follow Jesus.” Christianity and African spirituality were the only faiths I knew until 1993 when I left my hometown (Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa) to advance my education in Durban. In this coastal city I started expanding my spiritual boundaries by exposing myself to other religions through reading and making friends with people from various walks of life.

I received even more religious exposure when I was granted a scholarship to

study in Tronoh, Malaysia, from May 2001 to August 2007. My student years in Southeast Asia were spent in a mostly Muslim community, where I witnessed firsthand their impeccable dedication to Islam. I was particularly moved by the practice of daily prayer, five times a day, and every single day. Their adherence to fasting during the month of Ramadan was another source of inspiration. It was during this period that I received a special gift of the Qur’an from a Muslim friend with whom I had enjoyed many discussions on various topics of our beliefs.

What made my Malaysia experience uniquely significant was the fact that I lived in a Malay-Muslim reality full time, completely surrounded by their culture, and detached from my South African familiarity. In addition to exposure to Islam, I met and fellowshipped with many Christian brothers and sisters in Ipoh, a short distance from Tronoh. This extraordinary opportunity was a platform to supplement my understanding of—and tolerance of—our multiple Urantia religions.

In 2012, I came across *The Urantia Book* on the internet. I know beyond doubt that my crossing paths with this revelation was a divine response to my pleas during moments of depression. In 2008 I had been diagnosed with a chronic illness, leading to one of the darker chapters in my life. For years I searched for lasting relief, including exploring online. More than bodily healing, I needed healing of mind. What I longed for was assurance that my life was still worth its existence. That assurance came in 2012 in the form of the Urantia Papers.

I bought my first hard copy in 2014. The fifth epochal revelation has brought me a vastly renewed strength of character for fighting life challenges. I have discovered a much broader sense of identity as a faith son on a very long path to Paradise; the awareness that I am a cherished cosmic citizen in this unimaginably huge universe is empowering!

Coincidentally, the discovery of *The Urantia Book* quenched a long-lasting thirst for truth that had not been satisfied through my Christian experiences and with studying the Bible. My search for truth included such things as universe origins; the origin of the Nephilim and our colorful human races; where Cain’s wife came from; what were Jesus’ teen years like; and how could a loving God torture erring children with eternal hellfire.

Back in 2003 I raised these queries with one pastor in Malaysia, where I was an active member of a Christian church. The pastor didn’t give me the kind of response I expected. With a compassionate smile, he simply advised me to remain hopefully patient as I continued my search, then he assured me that in time all my queries would be addressed. Somehow it sounded like he knew the



Zwelakhe and Fonta

answers—or at least some—but he felt I wasn't ready.

After reading *The Urantia Book* and reflecting on my prevailing thought patterns in 2003, it dawned on me why I wasn't led to the book then: I would have promptly rejected some of its teachings on race origins without a second thought, and this rejection could have compromised my attitude towards the entire text. Certainly, though I was neither ready nor desperate enough in 2003, my 2012 circumstances were just perfect for a wholehearted reception of truth since "many truths are not really felt except in adversity." 48:7.18 (557.2)

I now live and work in the Eastern Cape Province. *The Urantia Book* continues to play a vital role in my everyday life as a Christian, a parent, a professional, and a community member. It has literally become scripture to me, the second Bible so to speak. Whenever I find myself in intense internal decision-making conflict, I seek God's will in prayer and perusal of

scriptures (the Bible and the fifth epochal revelation). I am never disappointed!

I have known no better source of inspiration and guidance for my daily life than *The Urantia Book*. I feel privileged that my wife has gracefully embraced it as well, allowing us to align our family values with its teachings. Knowing that our parenting experience will be considered for accreditation by the Urantia Parental Commission on the first mansion world feels like a bonus as we morally guide our offspring through the intriguing maze of this life. After discovering the eternal value of parenting, we prayed for another child, and in August 2016, we were blessed with an adorable baby girl. In gratitude we named her Fonta Vevona Kubheka, after our original ancestor, Fonta, and the seraphim chief of the souls of peace during the reign of Adam and Eve, Vevona.

One of my favorite pastimes is observational astronomy, and *The Urantia Book* has



brought deeper meaning to this hobby. I can't find words to express the overwhelming emotion evoked by looking up at the southern skies between the constellations of Sagittarius and Scorpio, with the comforting awareness that I am looking toward Paradise, the far distant residence of the Trinity, then add the mystery that although I am looking into space, this distant Paradise is outside time and space.

With joyful anticipation, I look

forward to the next life on the first mansion world. In the meantime, I aspire to continue serving further here on Urantia. My South African people would benefit from translations of the fifth epochal revelation into indigenous languages. The field is wide, and the workers are few. Drawing motivation from my divine Monitor and the victorious lives of human heroes like Amadon, I shall strive to emulate them as I serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Turkish Translation Now Available Online

Urantia Foundation has published New York Society's Turkish translation online at www.urantia.org/tr. The Turkish translator would enjoy hearing feedback on this work. Please help spread the word to any readers you know, encourage them to visit the site, and send feedback to Tamara Strumfeld at tamara@urantia.org. Thank you!

Summer Study Session

The Urantia Book Fellowship will host their summer study session virtually during the weekend of July 22–25. The theme will be “How Urantia Is Unique and Why It Matters.” For more information, email David Kulieke at david.kulieke@gmail.com.



JESUS' BIRTHDAY—A GLOBAL CELEBRATION

Save the Date—Saturday, August 21!



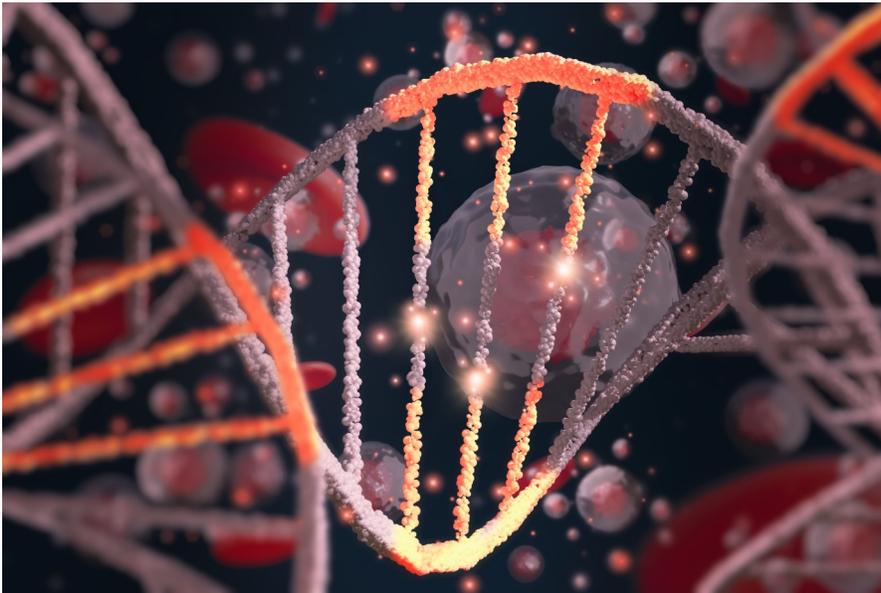
Broadcast Live from Israel at Noon IDT (GMT+3)

No matter where you are in the world, you are invited to join Urantia Foundation, Urantia Association, and the Urantia Book Fellowship for a virtual celebration of worship, music, and fellowship.

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