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Growing UBIS in Spanish

Will loyal readers arise to help in the rebirth?

Georges Michelson-DuPont, Director of UBIS, shares his plan to reintroduce the Internet School in Spanish. Tried before in email and a dedicated forum, it now moves into the more functionally interactive website format...

Dear Urantia Book Readers and Friends of UBIS,

After more than 12 years of patient and thoughtful development in sharing the teachings and doctrines of *The Urantia Book*

through online services, the foundations of UBIS are now strong and stable thanks to the dedication of many individuals who recognize the value of the school and understand and really live and serve others in a team spirit so inspiring. The format and course design of the UBIS has proven to be efficient and helpful to people. It frees the students from time constraint and space conditions along with the possibility of service.

Before the UBIS website was created, online services were given in English, Spanish, French and Finish through emails and a dedicated forum. Those services were working rudimentarily and could not afford many options. As the UBIS was developing, the email system showed its limits and a decision was made to develop a specific user-friendly English website designed to fill UBIS needs. This website has been recently improved and is now fully functional with new major functions. Teachers as well as students enjoy using it online.

The need to develop a core of English speaking Teacher/Facilitators is crucial to expand the service to serve more



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and more students. The January 2011 trimester was fully booked in 2 days with 80 registrations while UBIS had to deny over 130 additional applications coming from all parts of the world. The coming April trimester will offer 5 courses instead of 4 and will accommodate 100 students.

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*Helping others
become closer to God
in loving service...*

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A Story of Personal Growth

A grateful 40-year reader shares with us her UBIS experience.

UBIS Provides a Lifeline to Other Readers

by Pam Maunakea

Thirty years passed between my introduction to *The Urantia Book* in 1970 and the day I discovered the Urantia Book Internet School online in 2000. During that time, I read the book 3 times from front to back to myself. Family and friends were not interested in what I had to share about the UB. I felt isolated and alone studying *The Urantia Book*.



The Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS) became my lifeline to other Urantia Book readers...other like-minded truth seekers. I took a course almost every trimester. I was so happy to be associated with other UB readers. After each course, we were asked to complete



There are many opportunities to serve God through UBIS.

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the Student Questionnaire Evaluation. One of the questions ask, "Would you be interested in becoming a Teacher/Facilitator. I always said, "not at this time, or I'm not ready, or I do not have a personal email account (I was using my employer's email)...some excuse to avoid a pretty major responsibility. Then one day, I was able to get a personal email account and I answered "yes".

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In 2006, I was invited to take the Teacher Training course to become a Teacher/Facilitator. I was in shock and waves of doubt overcame me when Dorothy Elder called that day. I was still a learner. I thought of what a huge responsibility this would be; it was frightening. A huge question for me was "am I ready for this"? It was a leap of faith that got me over this short period of indecision, fear and awe.

After the 5-week teacher training period, I was asked to teach/facilitate a course the following semester in April 2007. I thought taking a 10-week course as a student deepened my understanding of the teachings of the UB, but developing a course did so 10 times over! Fortunately, I was assigned a mentor, an experienced teacher/facilitator, who guided me every step of the way.

Shortly after facilitating my first course, I was invited to serve as a staff member on the UBIS Staff and Board. I was surprised, to say the least. I participated

Urantia Book Internet School was created and exists as a means to help students from all over the world study *The Urantia Book* together free from the constraints of distance, timetables, and physical presence.

in their meetings and was assigned various tasks. I was able to experience the workings of UBIS from the other side of the “classroom.”

The UBIS has provided me a lifeline to other readers. As a member of the UBIS Staff and Board, I was finally able to meet other readers in person. I was also excited about being able to visit the exact location of the beginnings of *The Urantia Book*, the Foundation headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. My entire experience with UBIS has been an interesting journey of wonderment and personal growth. I am eternally grateful for this opportunity to serve!

Pam Maunakea



Growing *(continued from page 1)*

It is now the time to go forward and start again to serve non-English speaking communities. According to the number of encouraging messages coming from the Spanish community of readers and the fact that *El libro de Urantia* has been in print for more than 18 years, the Board of Directors chose unanimously to have the website translated into Spanish. Our webmaster shall start working on it this coming Spring and we hope for the website to be operational sometime at the end of 2011 and start the courses in Spanish for the January trimester of 2012.

We anticipate the Spanish community to participate actively and take responsibilities in the UBIS services. Therefore, we make an appeal to the Spanish long time readers to devote a little bit of their time and effort to help us continue the Spanish UBIS online services. Please, contact us anytime if you think you would like to contribute. We need teachers, scholars, helpers, English-Spanish translators, all volunteers, to serve on a part time basis.

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Without your help, we cannot reach out toward those individuals who need to share their understanding and comfort their faith by interacting with others. Should you need more information please feel free to communicate with us at the following:

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“With God the Father, sonship is the great relationship. With God the Supreme, achievement is the prerequisite to status—one must do something as well as be something.”

(Paper 115 - Intro or P.1260 §1)

In devoted friendship,
Georges Michelson-DuPont



Free Will Entry: An Open Door

Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS) is part of the Urantia Foundation, a non-profit, educational association. We are not a church or an organized religion, nor is that our intent. UBIS does not express opinions or take positions on political, social or economic issues. We welcome people of all faiths, races, and nationalities seeking spiritual fellowship. We view true religion as the personal spiritual experience of each individual. This internet-based school is a group endeavour of people inspired by the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. We wish to cooperate with all religionists to pursue the spiritual, social, and moral advancement of our world. While people’s beliefs may differ, our faith and destiny are the same, for we are all children of God. Spiritual uniformity is not our goal, spiritual unity is. Please join us!



Urantia Foundation headquarters front entry at 533 Diversy Parkway in Chicago.



Things to Know*

*All dates and times are subject to change.
Please check our website for the latest information.
CLICK HERE: [Registration Information](#)

Click Here

for more information
about Urantia Book
Internet School.

April, 2011

4-17 April Trimester. registration.

18 April 10-week trimester begins
(continues until June 26.)

Course Title:

Discourses and Sermons of Jesus - v1

Papers: 140, 144, 148, 155

The purpose of this course is to stimulate contemplation and promote insight through discussion of the treasures of wisdom that the Master imparted in these sermons and discourses, and to inspire us to incorporate these teachings into our daily lives.

Course Title: A Study of Urantia's Human Government

Papers: 69, 70, 71, 72

This course is a study of Urantia's human government -- its origin, evolution and destiny. Beginning with primitive human institutions, we will further study their development and then consider how they may be improved upon now and in the future, in light of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

Course Title: The Thought Adjusters

Papers: 107, 108, 109, 110, 111

This course is a study of the greatest gift to mortal creatures: an actual fragment

of our Universal Father who comes to indwell our minds as the Thought Adjuster. Through study and discussion, we will explore their origin, nature, mission, and ministry, as well as their relationship to us and how we can better attune to them.

Course Title: The Morontia Experience

Papers: 111, 112, 47, 48

In this course we will begin with the inception and development of the potential morontia soul, and the continued survival of the personality. Then we will discover what our next life will be like after this world, exploring the education and amazing adventures we will have during our morontia life.

Course Title:

"Be you perfect as I am perfect"

Papers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

This is the divine command from God to his universe creatures of time and space. In order to make it possible for his children to become perfect, God has prepared a three level of reality approach to his Paradise Personality, which we will explore throughout this course.

September, 2011

5-18 September Trimester registration.

19 September trimester begins, continues 10 weeks until November 27.

Teacher/Facilitator Training

Dates to be determined. If you are interested, please contact UBIS.

June "Summermester"?

Summer courses are under consideration. If you are interested as a student and/or T/F, please let us know. If there is enough interest, we will have them.

UBIS Needs TEACHERS!

UBIS needs experienced *readers* to serve as Teacher/Facilitators (T/Fs).

Enrich your life and the lives of fellow truth seekers worldwide by facilitating a broader and deeper understanding of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. What you learn as a teacher will be well worth the effort. Treat yourself!

Those interested must first complete two or more courses as a student, read the entire Urantia Book, and be recommended by their T/Fs.

You can do it! For more information, please call or write: 773.525.3319
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What Students Write...

From South Africa:

"What a tool for anybody that's isolated from groups of UB readers! Thank you so much for this opportunity!"

From Australia:

"I particularly enjoyed the informal 'feel' and was impressed by the fact that students from all corners of the planet connected with each other. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man in action!"