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First Spanish UBIS Course

An important step in spreading the teachings

“I admonish you ever to remember that your mission among men is to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom — the reality of the fatherhood of God and the truth of the sonship of man.” [\(2052.4\) 193:0.4](#)

After a long time without courses in Spanish, we finally had the official launching of the Spanish UBIS in January 2012, with one course offered: “Revealed Religion vs. Evolutionary Religion – A Comparative Study”. The previous test course in September 2011 helped us to test

the multi-language feature of the UBIS website and, after minor corrections, we were ready for a “real” course.

I knew there was great expectation about the Spanish UBIS, but I couldn’t imagine the course would be completely full in just two days after the beginning of the registration period! We had 20 students from 8 different countries: Mexico, Brazil, Portugal, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Colombia, and Spain. So registration was a great success but, on the other hand, I had many people who contacted me begging for an opportunity to participate in this course because they were left out.

Concerning the unfolding of my course... I am really happy about my students and their participation. I’m impressed about the quality of their responses, which help all of us in gaining great insights about the discussed topics. There is also a curious situation, and that is our Portuguese-speaking students participated using the Portuguese language. I’m happy to say that this was not a barrier at all for us, the Spanish-speaking readers. I’m also happy to help laying, not only the foundations for the Spanish UBIS, but also for the future



Portuguese UBIS. The first step to build the UBIS in another language is to have qualified T/Fs in that language. And these T/Fs must meet the UBIS requirements,

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Have trouble with the website?

Here are some ways that might help make things easier

UBIS Website Tips and Guidelines

by The UBIS Team

As time moves us along a sequence of life's moments, we live and learn on a daily basis. These days turn into weeks, then months and years, while all along those segments of time new changes and developments occur that improve our standards of living...or not. At least, it sometimes frustrates us and throws new curves in our daily routines. One of these

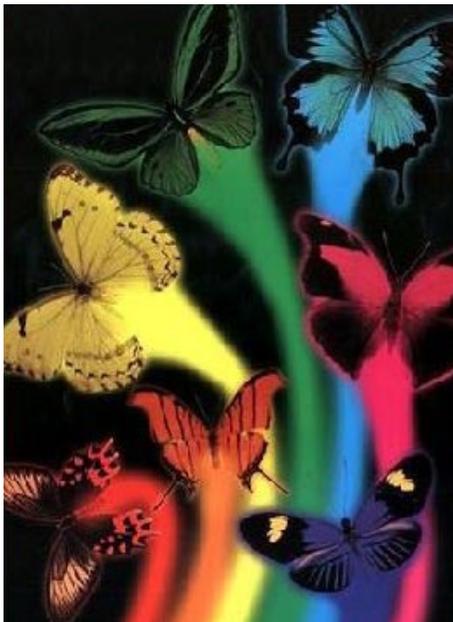


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“curves” is technological advancements; one of life’s realities that we must confront. We either love it or leave it and throw our hands down in despair. We, on the UBIS team, hope you choose the former approach...love technological advances and learn to work with it.

Recently we have received an increased number of comments from students regarding the difficulties they encounter while using the UBIS website. The classroom answer boxes will not accept answers; the system shutdown after spending quality time inputting my answer; why didn't my discussion post get sent; etc. We realize it is frustrating and many students give up and/or dropout, forgetting that there are solutions to all technical difficulties. We hope to make those solutions available and we begin right here. These tips and guidelines

will sometime be posted on the UBIS website as a “troubleshooting” tab for all to access.

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“They are not interested in making the mortal career easy; rather are they concerned in making your life reasonably difficult...”

[\(1191.6\) 108:5.5](#)

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.

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the first and foremost being to have taken two UBIS courses as a student.

These are some comments from my students in the “test” course:

“My understanding of the course topic has been enlarged and expanded. This course has helped me to appreciate these Papers much more than before.” (Argentina).

“It’s easy and comfortable to response; we have enough time to read the Papers to study and to answer the questions. I didn’t feel there were too many questions, and they were very thought-provoking. The course topics were studied in depth and the students’ responses had a very high level. I hope you keep doing this service and offering places for the in-depth study of this book. Thanks for letting me participate” (Chile).

“There is thirst and hunger for learning. I think there should be at least seven courses per trimester. The Spanish community is willing to learn more and this is the time to make the Revelation known. There should be also courses for new readers, who are just beginning its reading of the book.” (Bolivia).

“I’ve shared the course questions with my sons and we’ve discussed the responses. I would recommend a UBIS course to anyone searching for truth. I would like to meet in person my schoolmates and this way to have the possibility of keeping the discussion alive, but I know this is not possible. I’m grateful for the teacher and the group. I thank our Father for this opportunity” (Dominican Republic).

“I think this Internet school is fundamental for the dissemination of the revelation and the training of readers. To me, it has been an enriching experience and I’m willing to repeat it. Thanks to the UBIS team for their service.” (Spain).

In April, we’re going to give another course in Spanish, thanks to Virginia “Ginger” Heller, a long-time reader and qualified T/F living in the U.S. I want to thank her wholeheartedly for stepping up to help us, in our efforts to give continuity to the Spanish UBIS. Spanish is not Virginia’s first language, and this is why I appreciate her efforts so much.

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It would be great that our first students – or at least a big part of them – would be willing to become a T/F in the future, for the sake of the Spanish UBIS. This way we could offer more courses and accept more applications so fewer applicants would be left out. And, of course, we would help train leaders and teachers in the Spanish-speaking community of readers!

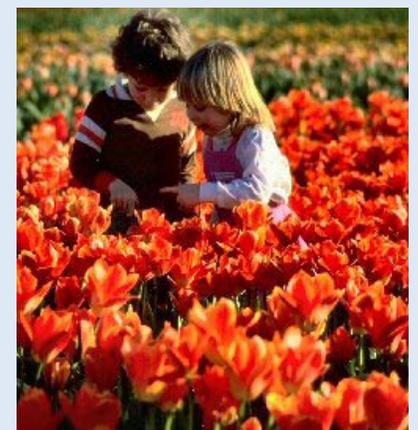
Olga Lopez.



We are not a church or an organized religion...

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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 endeavor 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. Our quest transcends mere religious uniformity, we strive for *spiritual unity*.

Please join us!



Things to Know*

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

Click Here

for more information
about UBIS.

Tips *(continued from page 2)*

1. Let us remember that after one hour of inactivity the website logs you out automatically. You must login again to access to the website.

2. Some students using the latest Internet Explorer release: I.E.9 may experience difficulties to insert their answers and information in the dialog boxes.

Following are some solutions:

a. You can click the compatibility button in I.E.9 (it looks like a vertical, broken rectangle in the address bar—to the right of magnifying glass), and then it works.

b. You may write your text using the Wordpad free software delivered with each Windows version, then copy and past into the dialog boxes, and it works.

c. You may download and use another web browser free of charge such as Chrome® at www.google.com/chrome or Firefox® at www.downloadfirefoxbrowser.com/. Those browsers are fully compatible with UBIS website and easy to use.

3. Should you forget your password, click on “Forgot your Password?”

We hope those short instructions and guidelines will help you.



April, 2012

2-15 April. Trimester registration.

16 April. 10-week trimester begins (continues until June 24.)

Following are the courses and Teacher/Facilitators for the April session. Please check urantia.org for course descriptions and T/F information:

Course Title: A Revelation of the Universal Father and His Divine Plans
Course Level: Beginner-Intermediate
Papers: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
Teacher/Facilitator: Georges Michelson-Dupont

Course Title: Discourses and Sermons of Jesus
Course Level: All Levels Welcome
Papers: 130, 133, 159, and 180
Teacher/Facilitator: Mary Steigerwald

Course Title: The Supreme: Our Universe Home
Course Level: Advanced
Papers: Foreword Sections III, IV, VII, VIII, Papers 115, 116, and 117
Teacher/Facilitator: David Elders

Course Title: Jesus - The Master Teacher
Course Level: All Levels Welcome
Papers: 128, 130, 151, and 152
Teacher/Facilitator: Michelle Kaiser

May, June, 2012

April trimester continues 10 weeks until June 24.

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 urantia@urantia.org

If you cannot teach at this time but would like to help in some other way...

UBIS needs loyal readers to serve in many other capacities. Please let us know how you might be willing to help.

What Students Write...

From Columbia:

“Taking this course not only broadened my comprehension but also served me for the rest of my life.”

From Florida, USA:

“I see meanings through others that I didn’t see before, and their thoughts enhanced what I was already thinking.”