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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION FOR URANTIA STUDY GROUPS  
on  
PREPARATORY STEPS IN BECOMING URANTIA SOCIETIES

The Charter Committee has available material and information for the guidance of study groups that are looking forward to establishing themselves as Urantia societies. At first, not all of this literature is needed. At this time, we are sending you only Packet 1.

In Packet 1 are contained papers which outline the preparation necessary and the steps to be taken. For a look ahead over the entire procedure of becoming a society, read "Chronological Steps." In comparing "Standards of Admission of Urantia Societies" and "Standards of Admission of Members," you will observe that the requirements for founders are much greater than for members joining later. The reason for this difference in required preparation is that a society, once chartered, is practically autonomous, except for those few limitations stipulated in the Brotherhood constitution, and we must be as certain as possible that the ten (or more) founders of a society are sincere, dedicated believers in the URANTIA Book, and can be trusted to guide the new society toward the ideals and purposes of the Brotherhood.

The outstanding item in founder qualifications is the reading of the entire URANTIA Book, a stimulating and worthwhile experience, and also a firm belief in its teachings. Founders are also expected to read and accept the constitution of the URANTIA Brotherhood.

After the requirements of the first packet have been met, the second packet will be sent upon request. This packet contains the application to become a Urantia Society.

I am sending Packet I + most of Packet II  
2 application materials to be sent after your  
Constitution has been checked by the Charter Comm.  
for constitutionality + conditions are all in order.  
Further instructions re the applications will be  
given you - see Chronological Steps.

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