
The
FELLOWSHIP

for readers of The Urantia Book

Memorandum:

October, 1991

Dear Friends,

Enclosed are copies of two programs supported by The Fellowship. One is the Adopt-A-Bookstore Program, the other is the Phone Message Program.

Adopt-A-Bookstore was conceived to ensure that bookstores will have *Urantia Books* even though the normal distribution channels have been closed. The person(s) who implements Adopt-A-Bookstore is essentially making it a personal mission to keep the *Urantia Book* on the shelf of a store. The enclosed program outlines in detail how a person can go about adopting a bookstore.

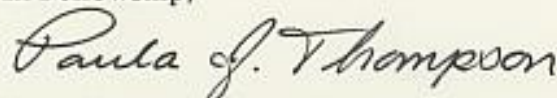
The Phone Message Program is an outreach program that is easy, affordable, tested, and effective. It is an ingenious way to reach potential readers. It can be the perfect group project because it allows many people an opportunity to become creatively involved. In Colorado we have had gratifying success doing this program. The enclosed report will tell you the basis of starting a similar program in your area. It also includes statistics and examples from the Colorado program.

It is our sincere hope this information will aid and inspire you to try one or both of these programs. Also, if you have an effective outreach project in your area we would love to hear about it.

If we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us at (303) 447-2418 or (800) 767-5683.

In all your efforts, may the Spirit guide you.

In Fellowship,



Paula Thompson, Member
Domestic Extension Committee

Hundreds Discover *The Urantia Book*

by Mo Siegel

The 1991 Phone Message Program

Last week eighty-six people called Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship and asked about *The Urantia Book*. Why? Because they read ads in the newspaper that said, "Do People Live on Other Planets? For a free message from *The Urantia Book* call 447-2822." After reading the ad, interested people called the number and heard a ninety second pre-recorded message that closed with an invitation for them to leave their name for further contact by Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship.

The idea for the phone message program originated with Andrea Barnes of San Diego. Now the phone program, a simple and inexpensive form of outreach, has been used in Arizona, California, Colorado, and Illinois. For many, this program has become the best person-to-person system for introducing people to the book.

After extensive testing, The Fellowship decided to sponsor this outreach program. Matching funds have been provided to Fellowship Societies in Chicago and Denver. In both cities the Societies voted to fund half of the cost with The Fellowship.

How the Program Works

The phone program consists of running a small display ad in local newspapers. This ad encourages those reading it to call a pre-recorded answering machine and listen to a message. Successful display ads can be as small as 1" x 2".

The most effective ads have been direct and concise. Each ad needs an intriguing headline like, "Love Your Enemies," or "Are Angels Real?" After numerous experiments with headlines, we've seen drastic increases in response depending upon the appeal of the headline. When people call that phone number they hear a pre-recorded message which coincides with the headline. This message, recorded either on an answering machine or through the phone company's message service, gives them a quick, spiritually uplifting answer to the the headline in the ad.

**"Are Angels
Real?"**

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**"Love Your
Enemies"**

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These ads are both 1" x 2" in size.

Answering machine messages are generally written and recorded by local readers. The most effective messages are short, simple, positive, and inspirational. At the end of the message those listening are invited to leave their name and address so they can receive a follow-up packet of information about *The Urantia Book* and local study groups. Their names are kept for invitations to beginner study groups.

When the message program succeeds, the Society or study group must be prepared to deal with lots of new readers. Beyond the essentials of having one person as the program

coordinator, there needs to be a committee of people to deal with the large number of new readers that will infiltrate study groups. The telephone program coordinator needs to be responsible for all the logistics of implementing the program every week. This includes placing of the messages, providing a dedicated phone-line with an answering device to pick-up all the calls, and changing messages each week to coincide with the newspaper ad.

The cost of the phone program includes: running the ads, an answering machine (or service) and a dedicated phone line.

Test Results from the Colorado Program

This year's Colorado Phone Program was started in Denver/Boulder on June 16, 1991. The following report details results to-date as well as a list of the procedures used.

Steps Taken in The Phone Program

1. We made a list of all possible newspapers with their respective advertising department phone numbers. We checked each paper to assure ourselves these were appropriate places for a message from *The Urantia Book* to appear. We found some papers inappropriate and others were just right.
2. We called each paper for ad rates, price breakdowns, ad deadlines, discounts for non-profit organizations, circulation totals, etc.
3. Based on the data collected, we prepared a recommendation on which newspapers to advertise in. This proposal, presented to our Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship Society and to The Domestic Extension Committee of The Fellowship, was accepted.
4. We made sure there was a dedicated phone line and an answering machine to take the phone calls. Because of the high volume of calls we were forced to purchase an industrial machine. The regular home phone machines could not handle the high volume of calls. We are now investigating AT&T's phone answering service as a viable alternative because the call volume is so high one answering machine is not enough.
5. Five newspapers were chosen for the 1991 Colorado Phone Program. Several readers in the area agreed to volunteer writing headlines, phone messages, and help with logistics.

Following is the data on the rest of the messages run to date:

<u>Message</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Circulation</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Messages</u>
"Does Hell Really Exist?"	Religion	33,000	3	0
"Are Angels Real"	Religion	276,000	30	3
"How to Overcome Your Anger"	Religion	104,000	37	5
"How to Improve Our Self-Esteem"	Religion	100,500	35	3
"Love Your Enemies"	Religion	100,500	38	7
"How to Overcome Your Resentments"	Religion	385,500	53	5
"Are There People on Other Planets?"	Religion	140,500	86	9
"How to Overcome a Mid-life Crisis"	Religion	100,500	48	5
"Did Angels Write <i>The Urantia Book</i> ?"	Religion	100,500	47	4

Future headlines to be run:

- "Jesus, A Fresh New Look, 2,000 Years Later"
- "When Your Prayers Go Unanswered"
- "Finding a Way to Forgive"
- "Walking with God Through Grief and Loss"
- "Losing Someone Close to You"
- "Finding Strength to Survive a Crisis or Tragedy"
- "Finding God in Pain or Illness"
- "Ways to Create World Peace"

Learning Experiences from the Phone Program

1. The newspaper headline must be catchy and serve a human need.
2. Obscure headlines will result in few phone calls and create a bad perception of *The Urantia Book*. Headlines dealing with spiritual needs bring out the best of *The Urantia Book* and present a good appearance for the book.
3. Frequency is more important than size for the ads in the newspapers. Running the program for five months with tiny ads will be more effective than five large ads run sporadically.
4. The type of newspaper you advertise in makes a great deal of difference. The religion sections of papers generally provide affordable non-profit rates. New age magazines, yuppie, college, and general circulation newspapers also work well. Off-target, speciality, gossip newspapers, etc. are much more debatable. Where you place your ad also makes a big difference. In the personal column of classified ads next to astrology may not prove appropriate. The setting in which the revelation appears will affect public perception.
5. The message on the phone answering machine needs to be simple, clear, and positive. Positive works better than negative. Jesus always built on people's good thoughts.
6. You will be surprised by the volume of new people showing up at study groups. If these people are given openness, love, and special commitment they will become lasting readers. If there is not a special program for them you will likely find they will quickly become disinterested. In Colorado we have been pushed into starting three new reader groups to deal with the onslaught.

Conclusions

After eight weeks of running the Colorado Phone Program, 330 people have called, 37 have left messages requesting more information, and at least 10 have attended study groups. The total costs are \$387.00. (this does not include the cost of the initial set-up for the phone line or the answering machine). The phone program has proved to be the most cost effective non-threatening way of attracting new readers without pushy advertising. It opens the way for person-to-person ministry.

If you would like more information on the program please write:

The Domestic Extension Committee of The Fellowship
529 Wrightwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

The Domestic Extension Committee stands ready to help facilitate other groups interested in instituting the phone program.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

PROPOSAL FOR THE PHONE MESSAGE PROGRAM

After careful consideration of the data collected from the pilot program in the spring of 1990 the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Run 1 ad in Colorado Daily every other week for one year. A total of 26 ads, at a cost of.....\$234.00
 2. Run 3 logo ads in Nexxus, one in the Dec/Nov issue, one in the March/april issue, and one in the July/Aug issue, at a cost of.....\$332.00
 3. Run 1 ad in the weekly religious section of Daily Camera, a total of 52 ads at a cost of.....\$332.00
 4. Run 1 ad monthly in the weekly religious section of the Denver Post, 12 ads at a cost of.....\$329.00
 5. Run 1 ad every week for 26 weeks in Up The Creek (may have the option of running 1 ad every other week for the entire year) at a cost of.....\$390.00
- GRAND TOTAL FOR THE ENTIRE PHONE PROGRAM\$1678.00
- R.M.S.F. cost after the FELLOWSHIP contributes.....\$839.00

BENEFITS OF THE PHONE PROGRAM:

1. Positive exposure for the comforting truths in the book.
2. Increased awareness of the URANTIA BOOK.
3. Opportunity for many local readers to participate.
4. Increase in study group growth and activity.
5. Ability to advertise lectures, study groups and events.
6. Opportunity to serve the Fellowship as a pilot program.

This program is strongly recommended . For less than the cost of the State Fair alone, we can have an on going outreach program ,and an opportunity to share our beloved revelation with hundreds of thousands of people.

Terms and Definitions for Phone Program

Newspaper:	GA - General Audience Y - Yuppie	C - College
Ad Location:	C - Classified CP - Classified Personal C_ - Classified _____	SR - Saturday Religion DA - Display Ad
Cost:	\$. \$\$	
Frequency:	How many days does ad run?	
Reach:	Circulation of Newspaper ad is running in?	
Ad Message:	What does ad read?	
Msgs Left:	How many messages were left on your machine?	
Hang Ups:	How many hangups? (some recorders record hangups by leaving a beep sound for each hangup)	
Month:	What month is ad running?	
TTL Calls:	Total Calls each ad has received. (includes hangups)	

PHONE OVERVIEW

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	NEWSPAPER	AD LOCATION	COST	FREQUENCY	REACH	AD MESSAGE	MSGS LEFT	HANG UPS	MONTH	TTL CALLS
1st week	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	Does Hell Really Exist	0	3	6-15	(Per Ad)
2nd week	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	ARE ANGELS Real	3	30	6-22	33
	GA	SR	\$27.44	1	245,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
3rd week	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	How to Overcome Anger	5	37	6-29	42
	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
4th wk	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	How to Improve Self Esteem	3	35	7-6	38
5th wk	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
6th wk	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	Love Your Enemies	7	38	7-13	45
	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
7th wk	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	How to Overcome Resentments	5	53	7-20	60
8th wk	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
9th wk	GA	SR	\$27.44	1	245,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	Do People live on other Planets	9	86	7-27	95
10th wk	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
11th wk	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	How to Avoid a midlife CRISIS	5	48	8-7	53
	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
12th wk	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	Did Angels write the URANTIA Book	4	47	8-14	51
13th wk	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
14th wk	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	Do People live ON other Planets?	9	52	8-21	61
	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
15th wk	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	When Your Prayers Go Unanswered	7	42	8-28	49
16th wk	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
17th wk	GA	SR	\$27.44	1	245,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	GA	SR	\$6.90	1	33,500	Free Yourself From Fears	0	21	9-3	21
18th wk	Y	DA	\$15.00	1	50,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓
	C	DA	\$7.00	1	17,000	"	↓	↓	↓	↓

Are Angels Real?

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from *The Urantia Book* call
447-2822

Are Angels Real?

Hello. Thanks for listening to this two minute message. When the message finishes, please leave your comments, we're interested!

Are angels real? You bet angels are real. Billions of them live throughout the inhabited universes. *The Urantia Book* says the heavenly Father created many types of angels such as archangels, seraphim, guardian angels, and more. Their tasks vary from teachers, councilors, mathematicians, historians, humorists, artisans, governmental coordinators, and jobs you and I have never heard of before.

God is infinite, we are finite. Angels, one distinct order of beings, range between God and man. They've never been human and never will be. In turn, humans aren't angels and won't ever evolve into angelic beings.

The Urantia Book describes that guardian angels watch over us. These angels can draw close to you, facilitate your personal growth, and bring new opportunities into your everyday life. Your seraphim guide and guard you, not judge you. They don't meddle in your decision, tell you what to do, or take away your free will.

Angels understand your thoughts and your feelings. This order of personalities is similar enough to humans that they want your friendship, sympathize with your struggles, laugh at your jokes, and rejoice in your accomplishments.

When you die, your guardian angel will safely deliver you to the heavenly mansion worlds. During near death experiences certain people have reported seeing these magnificent beings. The wings associated with angels are actually friction shields designed to deflect the energies of space.

Seraphim stand by your side when you leave this world and then greet you in the next. They will help acquaint you with your new life. If you choose to survive, your guardian angels will go through eternity with you.

This story an angels barely scratches the surface of comforting thoughts and new ideas in *The Urantia Book*. This new revelation is available in libraries and bookstores.

If you would like more information about *The Urantia Book* we will be glad to mail some out to you immediately. We would also like to invite you to attend a study group where people read and discuss the book in an informal setting. There is no organization to join and your name will not be added to any mailing lists. To receive information regarding *The Urantia Book* and study groups please leave your name and address after the tone. Thanks for calling!

How to Overcome Your Anger

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Have you ever lost your temper at someone in traffic only to hope no one saw you? Or have you ever yelled at your kids while thinking at the same time, "Why am I acting like such a monster? I don't want to treat my children this way." Very often, the things we lose our temper over are insignificant and foolish. We'd all like to rise above these situations but just exactly how do we do it?

One of the solutions I've found to this dilemma is in *The Urantia Book*. The teachings of the book encourage character growth, not character building. It's very difficult to change your character with sheer will power. The changes we'd like to make in ourselves don't happen overnight. They evolve, they grow. *The Urantia Book* says we can replace a negative or lower characteristic with the love of something higher. Or with a perspective bigger than the one we now have. And that's what *The Urantia Book* can do for you. First, it can expand your concept of reality. It can give you a much bigger picture of where you're going and what's really important. And second, it defines and illustrates values like truth, beauty, and goodness in such a way that you find yourself drawn to choose those values more often in your life in all of the different ways you find them in your life.

Of course, anger can be an appropriate response to injustice or a warning signal that something is wrong. But more often, it's a sign of our own lack of control over our human nature. *The Urantia Book* can help you change your angry response in life to a sense of understanding of a world that can be frustrating and confusing.

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How to Improve Your Self Esteem

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How To Improve Your Self Esteem.

Hello. Thanks for listening to this two minute message. When the message finishes, please leave your comments, we're interested!

I want to tell you about a book that can add new dimensions to your self-esteem. How can a book do that to you? By helping you realize that you're doing a lot better with your life than you give yourself credit for. *The Urantia Book* says that "even though you may be an adult you're still literally a child of God's" Chances are you're doing exactly what you were meant to be doing. You're growing, developing, and finding your way in a frequently difficult world.

If you feel powerless to capture a sense of satisfaction, or you find it hard to believe you're getting anywhere, then you're probably not in touch with the inner peace God offers you. God can expand your viewpoint until you see your place in the scheme of things, and feel comfortable and loved in that place. God loves you and understands that you're still maturing, no matter what age you might be. And when you feel that love, and the value that God places on you, your self-esteem will begin to grow dramatically.

The Urantia Book can help you discover new dimensions of self-esteem. This wonderful book describes who God is, where you're headed in this universe, and which spiritual tools can help you create a happier, more satisfying life. It also contains the most detailed and inspiring account of the life and teachings of Jesus to be found anywhere.

Would you like to feel better about yourself? If you answer yes, read *The Urantia Book*.

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**"How To Overcome
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"Love Your Enemies"

"How to Overcome Your Resentments:

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Of all of the seemingly unnatural thoughts taught by Jesus in *The Urantia Book*, one of the most thought provoking statements comes when Jesus said, "Love your enemies, be good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who despitefully use you. Whatsoever you believe that I would do to men, do you also to them."

My animal instincts want to retaliate against my enemies. But Jesus teaches something very different. He promises that by doing good you will increase your chances for success while eliminating debilitating hatred and anger.

Most people over the age of 40 have experienced the bitterness, resentment, and live to "get-even" with those who have done you harm that destroys your integrity and wastes your time. When you forgive your fellows and then actively repay evil with goodness, you make a positive statement with your life. You become free from the bitter pills of spiteful living by turbo-charging your life through love and graciousness. By forgiving and loving your fellows you become the compassionate and dynamic person God wants you to be.

The Urantia Book teaches that if you have a problem with one of your fellows, pray for them. And to complete the cycle, tell them they are in your prayers. The book likewise teaches that for you to feel God's forgiveness you must forgive your fellows.

So liberate your life. Love your enemies. Free yourself. Forgive everyone who has done you harm. Don't let a divorce, a business deception, or any other negative power drag you down. Let go and let God uplift you through love. Try it, it really works.

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Do People Live on Other Planets?

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"You are not alone," says *The Urantia Book*. As you look into the starry heavens, know for certain that you live on one of trillions of inhabited planets, populated by people like you and I. You live in a far-flung friendly universe teeming with life. Not only do humans inhabit planets throughout the starry realms, but various orders of universe personalities, such as angels, also inhabit the heavens.

The Urantia Book defines humans as beings with two arms, two legs, and of the one, two, or three brain series (we are two brained). The book describes humans as the lowest order of personal beings with the ability to accept or reject God. In the scale of universe evolution, people are the finite "salt of the earth." There is no order of eternal survival personalities lower than us.

Are such thoughts a heresy from a conventual wisdom? Not really! *The Urantia Book's* teachings about an inhabited universe fits into the concepts of advanced modern thought. In a recent poll, 48% of Americans said they believed people live on other worlds. Peering through the contemporary eyes of telescopes, spaceships, starwar movies, and discussions about extraterrestrials, many people logically imagine life throughout the universe.

The Urantia Book continues, "You live in a friendly universe." On this world we frequently view life as a black background of evil with a few white patches of goodness. But throughout the cosmos, the universe inhabitants experience life as a white background of good speckled with a few unfortunate black patches of evil. We have not been invaded by warring spaceman because that is not the way of the universe. The cosmos, dominated by God's love and filled with the spiritual presence of goodness, operates under the positive principles of peace and progress for all.

The Urantia Book tells a universe story that makes our wildest science-fiction writers seem tame. But in the instance of *The Urantia Book*, fact is more enthralling and frequently stranger than science-fiction.

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"How To Avoid A Mid-life Crisis"

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"How to Avoid a Mid-Life Crisis"

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Sometimes we can reach a reasonable amount of our goals in life and begin to realize we've been working our fingers to the bone for nothing. That all of our so-called successes have very little meaning.

Although middle age often triggers this type of soul searching, we've all experienced that disturbing feeling when we wonder if all of this struggle and effort is actually worth it.

Some people respond by checking out of life, moving away from society. Others retreat inwardly, developing a cynical or bitter outlook. What is the purpose of life? Other than a fair amount of health and happiness, is there another reason for all of this effort?

The Urantia Book says yes. There is a profound reason for life. There lives within each human a part of God which nurtures a sense of perfection -hunger. This drive, is to discern more meaning in life, and the part of God living within you can help you find it. God wants us to realize our full potential, to grow into the incredible beings that we were created to be.

And God, as our parent, is our partner in the uphill climb, giving us strength and guidance, all the while experiencing what life is like in the worlds of time and space. You see, we are God's window on finite life, just as God is our window to the infinite. Each decision and response we make to life can be raised to the level of true art when we realize this life is the gift we give to God.

The Urantia Book tells us a lot about our relationship to this loving parent. When you study this book, there develops in your mind a blueprint for living, a guide which shows you the things to reach for that give life substance and meaning. Nothing you've ever read will present a truer purpose for living than *The Urantia Book*.

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The Urantia Book claims to have no human authorship. Unlike other books with such claims, *The Urantia Book* has no connections to channeling, mediums, or any form of psychic phenomena. The book proclaims to be the most religious event to occur on Earth since Jesus actually walked the dusty streets of Palestine 2,000 years ago. Even further, *The Urantia Book* says that it is the fifth event of this sort since humans inhabited Earth nearly a million years ago.

The universe government has stepped into the affairs of humankind. The course of world events has been altered by the intervention of angels and other universe personalities. According to *The Urantia Book* it was written by archangels, seraphim, Melchizdeks, and many other orders of universe beings. These beings, directed by a high universe mandate, journeyed to earth and wrote the book in 1934 and 1935.

By now you must be thinking, "what a bunch of garbage." That's exactly what I thought. From all the descriptions I had heard of *The Urantia Book* it sounded like a historical novel or a piece of science fiction. But one lingering problem drove me to pick up the book before I totally dismissed it as a hoax. That was the 760 pages dedicated to the Life and Teachings of Jesus, Part IV of *The Urantia Book*. After thoroughly reading Part IV, I came to the un-swerveable conviction that the book was what it said it was, a divine revelation of major signifiacnce.

But don't take my work for it. Be skeptical. Be inquiring. Get it for yourself and read. Better yet, come to one of our study groups and let us give you a simple introduction. These introductions, plus all study groups are free of charge. We have nothing to gain except the wonderful sharing of a book that has changed our lives. Give it a chance. You may be surprised. It may also change your life.

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I once read a story about a woman who had rejected God early in her life. As a child, her pet dog became very sick. She prayed fervently for God to let her dog live. But it died anyway. From that day on, she decided she would have nothing more to do with God.

Although we all recognize this story as a childish response, many of us feel confused or deserted by God when our prayers go unanswered. But are they really unanswered? *The Urantia Book* says God knows our needs before we even ask him for help. And the book also reveals God as a loving, benevolent parent who loves us with a farseeing and intelligent affection.

It sometimes seems that God's wishes and our wishes go in opposite directions. What happens then? Human children must often rely on their trust of their parents when their requests are not fulfilled the way they wish. As God's children, we must also develop the kind of relationship with the divine parent that provides the trust we need to stabilize our understanding of life when our prayers seem to go unanswered. And most important, this faith must never ask us to deny our sense of integrity or our intelligence by asking us to believe something that goes against what we feel to be true.

The Urantia Book can help provide you with such a faith, a faith in God which will sustain you through the moments of life that make you confused and doubtful of God's watchcare. This stunning revelation of truth gives more information about the nature of God than any document on Earth. It is concise, consistent, and fascinating.

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Every once in awhile, I'll find myself in a situation where I'm face to face with fear. Although we need to respond to fears of physical safety, most of us are also familiar with fear because of our concerns of safety for our sense of self, for our ego.

Rejection and fear of being made a fool of are our two biggest fears. My first response to fear is to either defend myself or to run away. Sometimes I'll end up hurting someone I care about very much because they happened to be the one who reminded me of my fear.

But I've learned a lot about fear from *The Urantia Book*, and I'd like to share some of these lessons with you.

I was really impressed by the story of Jesus in *The Urantia Book* that described his trial before the Sanhedrin shortly before his crucifixion. *The Urantia Book* says Jesus was poised and dignified throughout the entire ordeal, and had an attitude of love and pity toward his accusers.

The reason he was able to remain unmoved by this threatening situation was because he understood fear for what it is - a master of intellectual fraud. In other words, fear takes us over because most of us have not yet developed our higher self to the point where we have faith in the reality of our highest ideas. Our lower nature is often stronger than our higher selves and that self convinces us we have nothing to fall back upon. But Jesus knew differently. His relationship with God was so strong that he was completely identified with eternal realities. He knew that this life is just the beginning of a long, adventurous journey, and the things valuable to us are the experiences and lessons we learn, the love and joy we feel in our hearts. He knew these treasures were a possession of his soul, far from the grasp of of any thief or accuser.

If you would like to have such a relationship with God, then I strongly suggest you read *The Urantia Book*. Contained in its pages are the tools you need for spiritual growth, and information about God that can help you focus your awariness of his presence until you develop the kind of relationship with God that can truly free you from fear.

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