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*for readers of The Urantia Book*

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Dear Friend,

Forty years ago, after years of preparation by a commission of superhuman personalities, *The Urantia Book* was first presented to our planet. Those of us who now have the book are a small and highly fortunate group. We are among the first to know that something of inestimable value has been given, something that is capable of facilitating the transformation of individuals and civilizations, and of fostering a world-wide spiritual renaissance. How privileged we are to have this revelation at so early a stage in its mission.

Approximately 250,000 copies of *The Urantia Book* have been distributed since 1955. We do not know how many people have been significantly touched by these books, but it does not appear to exceed 25,000. Less than 10,000 have an active interest in disseminating the book, or in joining with others to engage in various study and social activities; of these, only a few thousand are consistently involved. There are simply very few of us.

The Fellowship for Readers of *The Urantia Book* is the oldest, largest and most experienced organized body of readers of *The Urantia Book*. The Fellowship functions through representative democratic procedures, and seeks to promote spiritual unity and cooperation among an increasingly diverse reader community. Founded in 1955, it has continually evolved, learning from experience, steadily expanding its activities, both in the United States and elsewhere, developing new methods and opportunities for study and outreach. We welcome the participation of all students of *The Urantia Book*.

The Fellowship's *International Conference 1996* (IC96) will be held next summer, August 3-8, in Flagstaff, Arizona. At least 1,000 readers will attend this conference; some expect as many as 2,000 participants. This conference will feature numerous study, recreation and worship activities for all, including children and non-reader associates. The Flagstaff area is close to the Grand Canyon, Sedona, and other southwest attractions making it an excellent choice for combining a Urantia Book conference with a family vacation. This one will be outstanding. Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to come. Additional information will be sent shortly.

Outreach has been a difficult and sometimes controversial topic among readers. All of us have tried to share the book with friends and relatives, often with mixed results. For years we relied on relatively passive methods to contact new readers; we simply waited for them to write letters to the publisher's address given in the book. Recently The Fellowship began to experiment with more active outreach methods, and these have shown great promise. We have two display booths which are taken to expositions around the United States. Presently we attend 18 of these annually. Each year over two hundred local readers



help staff these booths, answering questions for the thousands of people who stop to inquire about *The Urantia Book*. More than 500 people purchase books as a result of these person-to-person discussions and many subsequently become part of local study groups.

International interest in *The Urantia Book* is growing rapidly. The Fellowship has active programs to assist international readers in acquiring books, study aids, translations and other materials. This year there will be extended visits to readers in South America and Russia. A Korean speaking study group has recently formed and is growing. Several translation efforts are underway. Many international readers will attend IC96. As worldwide interest in *The Urantia Book* continues to increase The Fellowship is directing substantial resources towards providing requested assistance.

Recently a federal district court invalidated *The Urantia Book's* copyright protection, placing the book into the public domain. Subsequently, The Fellowship initiated plans to publish *The Urantia Book*. These plans are now well underway, with publication planned by the end of this year. The basic text will remain unchanged, but a number new features, the fruit of forty years of studying the book, will be included. These include a new format, internal reference system, comprehensive index and several additional features. Publishing *The Urantia Book* is a complex matter, requiring a large commitment of time and resources. We are confident the result will be well worth the effort. Detailed information concerning this new edition of *The Urantia Book* will be mailed soon.

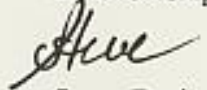
In addition to the above, The Fellowship continues its usual services to readers and study groups worldwide. We continue to publish the Study Group Directory, Study Group Herald, Fellowship Bulletin, and other materials. We assist individuals seeking to find other readers and study groups. We facilitate local, regional and international conferences. The activities are too numerous to mention here. All of this is made possible by your continued financial support. An average contribution of \$150 is required to sustain these services. Some can contribute more, some less. All contributions are deeply appreciated.

These are exciting times for *The Urantia Book* and those who are associated with it. The ship is moving out of the harbor, and we can all expect greater opportunities and challenges in the coming years. Your support, both spiritual and financial, is essential to bring about the results we all desire.

May the Father's indwelling spirit continue to fill your soul with the realization of sonship, and lead you on to ever increasing experiences of loving service.

I look forward to seeing you at IC96.

In fellowship,



Steve Dreier  
President