
The
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for readers of The Urantia Book

Before he dismissed the group for the night, Jesus said: "Now will I tell you the last of the parable of the sower. I would test you to know how you will receive this: The kingdom of heaven is also like a man who cast good seed upon the earth; and while he slept by night and went about his business by day, the seed sprang up and grew, and although he knew not how it came about, the plant came to fruit. First there was the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And then when the grain was ripe, he put forth the sickle, and the harvest was finished. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear." (151:3.15)

November 21, 1996

Dear friends,

The Urantia Book was given to us not to be "kept under a bushel," but for the enlightenment of all peoples. In accepting this commission, the Fellowship considers its primary mission that of making the revelation readily available throughout the world. Accordingly, our new edition of *The Urantia Book* rolled off the printing presses last June. Our strategy was, and remains, to make the book as attractive and widely available as possible, and we therefore designed this high quality edition with a retail list price of only \$18.95.

This strategy seems to be rapidly achieving success, even in unexpected places. Two tall stacks of the new edition, discounted to just under \$13.00, were recently seen in a Price Costco discount store in Sacramento, California. The prices at which we are offering the book make it obvious that we look on its distribution as a ministry, not a commercial venture. Do you wish this effort to continue and prosper? If so, please recall that it is only through your financial support that such work is possible.

We have made great progress this last year, but in comparison to the size of the task we have hardly begun. Among the more vital projects is to make the revelation available to English readers outside the USA. There, progress has heretofore been hampered by difficult distribution policies and high prices. Asia, for example, has tens of millions of proficient English readers. After considerable effort and expense, the Fellowship has placed *The Urantia Book* with one major Asian book distributor. One must start somewhere, but who could claim that this one distributor represents more than a bare beginning? Do you wish this effort to continue and expand? Again, only your financial support makes that possible.

The Fellowship is also committed to producing translations of *The Urantia Book*. Consider, for example, China's 1,100,000,000 people. Should not the revelation be available to them in their own language? Translation efforts are extremely complex and expensive undertakings. The cost of producing a translation is approximately \$300,000, on top of which at least another \$150,000 is needed for printing and initial distribution. This essential work can be accomplished only through your generous support.

The Urantia Book has a worldwide mission. So far most of this mission has centered in the United States. The time has come for us more fully to recognize and respond to the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in other countries. Those of us who have discovered *The Urantia Book* personally know its life-changing power. It is the "good seed" given to us both as a gift and as a trust. Having experienced its benefits, we have the high service privilege of sharing it with as many of our brothers and sisters as possible, including those who live in other places and who speak different languages. Please join in this service by responding generously to this appeal.

In fellowship and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Dreier, President

All *Urantia* is waiting for the proclamation of the ennobling message of Michael, unencumbered by the accumulated doctrines and dogmas of nineteen centuries of contact with the religions of evolutionary origin. The hour is striking for presenting to Buddhism, to Christianity, to Hinduism, even to the peoples of all faiths, not the gospel about Jesus, but the living, spiritual reality of the gospel of Jesus. (94:12.7)

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