

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD BULLETIN
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Newly elected officers of societies have been reported as follows:

Urantia Society of Glenview: President - Bernard Burton; Vice President - Burton Harris; Secretary - Donna Rowley; Treasurer - Harry Rowley.

First Urantia Society of Los Angeles: President - Jeffrey Bedell; Vice President - Scott Forsythe; Secretary - Patricia Bedell; Treasurer - Richard Ziglar.

The sale of the Urantia Book continues to increase -- total number is approaching 30,000 abroad in the world.

The Concordex to the Urantia Book is still available at \$8.50 plus .28 postage; also "An Artist's Conception of the Master Universe" at \$1.00. Both of these may be ordered from headquarters.

Visitors are very welcome at headquarters. Many come seeking answers to questions, to meet the people who work here, and to see what the building is like. It has been suggested that many readers of the Urantia Book who have not visited the Urantia Headquarters might enjoy a brief description of the building.

The building, owned by the Urantia Foundation, is a three-story stone and brick building, built as a three-flat residence in the early part of the century. It is one of the first all steel residences built in Chicago, located about four miles north of the Loop. At that time Diversey Parkway was an unpaved street with board side walks. This very substantial building is now situated amidst high rises and a thriving business district. There are eight or nine rooms on each floor. The third floor is still maintained as an apartment. The second floor has a large room used by the Urantia Brotherhood and The First Urantia Society for meetings. The rest is an apartment.

The first floor is used entirely for Urantia Foundation and Urantia Brotherhood business. It has a reception room, waiting room, two conference rooms, four offices, a small room used for addressing machine and mimeograph, two bath rooms, a small kitchen, and two enclosed porches used for storing Urantia Books and other materials. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The building at the present time lends itself quite well to the various activities, but some day will no doubt be inadequate. Those who work here are very happy and grateful to be able to do so. Being a non-profit organization it may be a long time before we will have a magnificent structure worthy as a headquarters for the Urantia Book.

The following are excerpts from letters received recently:

LAHAINA, HAWAII:

"I have been most deeply moved, fascinated, and found an indescribable feeling of exhilaration and serenity through reading your book 'Urantia' and I would be very interested in purchasing and/or having a list of some of your other books. I am thirsty for knowledge. Thank you for already giving me a beautiful awakening."

ASPEN, COLORADO:

"Some time ago I bought a copy of the Urantia Book in a book store in Aspen. Although I have not quite finished it yet, it strikes me as one of the most extraordinary documents I have ever chanced upon. I for one am most intrigued and challenged by its claim to extraterrestrial origin. Certainly the book pronounces authoritatively upon an astonishing range of experiential and theoretical dilemmas, while admitting plausibly to mysteries at the heart of others. I would particularly welcome from you and pay for it, if necessary, a graphic break-down of the organized universe as it is described in the first two parts."

AN APO ADDRESS:

"I first heard about the Urantia Book nearly three years ago. I was then 18 and what I heard briefly said about the book didn't make much sense to me then. Last year while I was stationed in Turkey with the Air Force, a sergeant introduced me to the book and since January of this year I have become increasingly involved to the point of fully comprehending that my own mortal thoughts unless unified with my Father's will are indeed purposeless and 'dead ends.' After much meditation on the paper entitled The Reserve Corps of Destiny I have no further doubt that my own destiny is universal and no longer individual in scope and purpose. I am learning patience, but slowly."

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

"...concerning God consciousness, the Urantia Book seems to be giving light treatment to the contributions stemming from India, especially in a time when new resurgence of yogic paths are appearing. I personally know of individuals who 'meditate' as a means of achieving God consciousness. Am I to believe that the techniques they use are useless, that faith alone can bring realization? Surely, a Foundation that has sponsored a book as profound as the Urantia Book can offer a path of direction more tangible than faith in God and Jesus Christ...or is that the way?"

On page 354 the complete story of mortal evolution is told in eight lines:

"Evolutionary mortals are born on the planets of space, pass through the morontia worlds, ascend the spirit universes, traverse the Havona spheres, find God, attain Paradise, and are mustered into the primary Corps of the Finality, therein to await the next assignment of universe service. There are six other assembling finality corps, but Grandfanda, the first mortal ascender, presides as Paradise chief of all orders of finaliters. And as we view this sublime spectacle, we all exclaim: What a glorious destiny for the animal-origin children of time, the material sons of space!"

Excerpts from letters received at headquarters:

"There are no words to express how important a value I place on these Urantia Papers...I thank God for this precious gift. The beauty of the message, the excellence of the wording, its high intent never ceases to inspire me. I can't convey my joy on being able to identify that silent, small voice within that on rare occasions gently admonished and urged me to strive for greater spiritual value levels."

"Having procured a copy of the Urantia Book at long last, my curiosity is stimulated beyond my ability to reasonably cope; this, coupled with an unmistakable feeling of essential truth connected with the book and you, leads me to this inquiry and request for further information concerning your...organization, and facilities for further study."

"This weekend I had the great fortune of being introduced to your book. I have, therefore, searched in local bookshops to no avail. Would you please rush me a copy of the Urantia Book immediately? I would also appreciate any information about the Urantia Foundation, its administration, economic situation, etc. I believe this to be a phenomenal thing, and am very anxious to learn more."

"I still find time to read and study the Urantia Book. But then that's not what I call hard to do, it's more like hearing sung a melody so pure and sweet, that it causes the deepest part of me to smile."

"In my search for the ultimate reality, I have begun Urantia and feel that I am finally home."

"Some time ago, in my first experience of 'spirit leading,' I was led to the Urantia Book in a bookstore in Berkeley. I'd never seen or heard of the book before, but went into the store as if I knew what I was doing, picked it right out of the book shelf as if I knew it was there, and took it to the clerk to pay for it as if I bought \$20.00 books customarily....This book could provide the material to heal some of our social fragmentations. This is a wonderful book. It is pure gold...reading it is like bathing in pure light."

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Many people have found Clyde Bedell's Concordex of the Urantia Book very helpful in their study of the book. The price is \$8.50 and the postage in the United States is 28 cents. Copies are sent promptly on receipt of checks. There is also a good supply of "An Artist's Conception of the Master Universe." The price of this is \$1.00.

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"And it is not so much what mind comprehends as what mind desires to comprehend that insures survival; it is not so much what mind is like as what mind is striving to be like that constitutes spirit identification. It is not so much that man is conscious of God as that man yearns for God that results in universe ascension. What you are today is not so important as what you are becoming day by day and in eternity." p. 1216-17.

"Hello! I am a student at the Ohio State University and a truth seeker on the Path. Recently, I ran across the Urantia Book while looking for spiritual publications in the Ohio State Library. I find that this book is one of the best written and most comprehensive on this subject that I have seen. It would require that I have the book out of the library for too long for me to read it. It would deprive others of its use. Could you please send a price quote on the book if it is on sale?"

"By accident I have come across a copy of "Urantia." It speaks to me of things I have always sensed but could not define or express."

"I am currently engaged in reading a publication of the Foundation, The Urantia Book. Naturally, I am overwhelmed and humbled by this immense work. Its teachings bring warmth and light to my hungry soul. Please allow me to say how powerful an impact this manuscript has had on myself and several other similarly involved friends. I feel extremely fortunate to have encountered this enlightening work."

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"A few days ago I saw your 'The Urantia Book' and started to glance through it. I simply couldn't put it down. So I bought it. Have never seen any book so fascinating. As a student of astrology, the sciences and metaphysical subjects as well, I have always had a searching need for a route to God."

"Jesus led men to feel at home in the world; he delivered them from the slavery of taboo and taught them that the world was not fundamentally evil. He did not long to escape from his earthly life; he mastered a technique of acceptably doing the Father's will while in the flesh. He attained an idealistic religious life in the very midst of a realistic world. Jesus did not share Paul's pessimistic view of humankind. The Master looked upon men as the sons of God and foresaw a magnificent and eternal future for those who chose survival. He was not a moral skeptic; he viewed man positively, not negatively. He saw most men as weak rather than wicked, more distraught than depraved. But no matter what their status, they were all God's children and his brethren.

"He taught men to place a high value upon themselves in time and in eternity. Because of this high estimate which Jesus placed upon men, he was willing to spend himself in the unremitting service of humankind. And it was this infinite worth of finite that made the golden rule a vital factor in his religion. What mortal can fail to be uplifted by the extraordinary faith Jesus has in him?" Page 2093