

## "LACK OF URANTIA BOOKS OUR DISGRACE"

This is the first time in the history of the world that "The Word was made Book." Therefore the placement and showing of the URANTIA BOOK is of the greatest importance. When we consider our unseen friends and the Revelatory Commission as well as our own objective view of where to place the book our first thought would be that it should be in all places where books are housed so that people who are searching are able to find it. The first place that comes to mind is of course LIBRARIES, and then book stores. But it is within our province to place books in libraries and in fact is one of our great obligations. Enclosed are three steps to be taken to get them in libraries free at the present time. This is the national policy for any one to use.

1. Name and address of library.
2. Name of acquisitions librarian. If none, name of regular librarian.
3. Willingness of librarians to place the book on library shelves (oral or written).

This last item is of exceeding importance because in wide experience we have found libraries will accept the book and then never place it on the shelves. Therefore it is necessary for a committee member to follow up at some time and request the book to determine that it indeed has been placed and is in operation. It also helps to get it started being used.

I consider the Book Chairman and his/her committee one of the important jobs in any society. I also consider placing books in libraries MOST important all over the nation.

It should be a matter of careful organization of the area which that society serves. Take a large map and divide it into areas of responsibility for committee members. They in turn can get individuals of specific areas to be responsible for the libraries of their area. There is no reason not to have a book in every library. When people call for information on the URANTIA phone here I should be able to say: "Go to your nearest library and check out the book for awhile to see if you want to buy it."

It would seem helpful if every study group could have one loaner available but that is another story but could be investigated. But first would be libraries.

More and more as time goes on people call me and tell me they found the book in the library and felt they were simply led to that big blue book. (Calls from over the nation.)

However, so very few books are in libraries that it is OUR disgrace. According to the best figures John Hales could give me which are only educated guesses, there are only about 300 libraries in the whole world that carry the URANTIA Book. We must get busy. I talk this wherever I travel on my Field Representative jobs. People want to serve but somehow just don't get around to this rather tedious and mundane job. But I feel we are responsible when so much has been given to us, to see that it is available to other hungry seekers.

In our area we should call and determine the exact number of libraries in this county and in Orange County. A very simple call to information at the main library should give us this needed figure. Then we should find out the number of college libraries and then the number of private libraries in this area. Very, very few URANTIA Books are in them. The BOOKS should be in every one of them.

I have managed to get books now in China at the library of the major university at Beijing (Peiking). It was no mean job and took nearly two years. Also I've gotten them in other countries in the bilingual sections of their libraries. Recently we have placed several in India where English has been spoken since the British Protectorate time. Seven study groups are there.

BUT sadly it is not in our own libraries.

So you see there is a real challenge!

Hungry people are searching and starving for the news this book gives but how can they find it or be led to it when it isn't any place to be found?

I hope I have helped you a little and inspired you to action. That is my sincere desire and purpose. So much needs to be done.

Much love,  
Julia Fenderson