

HOW TO START READING THE URANTIA BOOK

1. If you would like initial reading suggestions to sample the general quality of its spiritual insights.

Paper 170 - The Kingdom of God, pp. 1858-1866.
Paper 195 - After Pentecost, pp. 2069-2086.
Paper 196 - The Faith of Jesus, pp. 2087-2097.
Paper 100 - Religion in Human Experience, pp. 1097-1103.
Paper 101 - The Real Nature of Religion, pp. 1104-1117.
Paper 99 - The Social Problems of Religion, pp. 1086-1093.
Paper 110 - Relation of Adjusters to Individual Mortals, pp. 1203-1214.

2. If you have a Christian background:

Read the Life and Teachings of Jesus, pp. 1123-2097 or start from where the New Testament story begins, pp. 1496-2097.

3. If you are interested in religion:

Read pp. 944-1142 or papers in this section, especially papers 99, 100, 101, 102, and 103.

4. If you are interested in the sciences:

Read the History of Urantia, pp. 651-1319 or selected papers in this section and papers 41 and 42.

5. If you are interested in the God concept:

Read pp. 1-117 or papers in this section and papers 115, 116, 117, and 118, pp. 1260-1307.

6. If you are interested in descriptions of Jesus:

Read pp. 1101-1103, 1589-1590, 1670-1672, 1965, and 2087-2093.

7. If you are interested in prayer, worship, and the inner life.

Read pp. 65-66, 994-1002, 1176-1224, 1616-1624, 1638-1641, 1848-1849; the Thought Adjuster papers are especially helpful in communicating insights concerning our personal relationship with God, pp. 1176-1224.

8. If you are interested in the development of civilization and government:

Read pp. 763-820 or papers in this section.

9. If you are interested in marriage and the family:

Read pp. 913-943.

10. If you are thorough, systematic, and disciplined:

Read from page 21 to the end of the book. You might try starting with the Foreward but most people should read the Foreward last for best comprehension.

The human story.

a. A group of Chicago people received the URANTIA Papers.

- (1) In the mid 1920's a group known as the Forum organized to discuss medical and psychological issues. This group was contacted by the revelators and eventually became involved with the URANTIA Papers.
- (2) In 1939 the leadership of the Forum asked for volunteers to systematically study the URANTIA Papers. Seventy responded and The Seventy were trained by directives from the revelators and their own leaders up to the time of the publication of The URANTIA Book. They were told the book did not belong to the era in which they were living but would slowly take root in our society in the years to come.

b. Over twenty years ago I was a member of a small group of ministers who discovered The URANTIA Book, recognized its potential, and spent years researching the origins of the book.

- (1) The people in the Chicago office of URANTIA Brotherhood answered all of our questions candidly but would not talk about two things: the name of the individual who was used in some way and the details associated with the materialization of the papers.
- (2) They informed us that they were asked to take vows of secrecy concerning these things. When asked why these restrictions were imposed on them, they gave the following reasons:
 - (a) The revelators do not want any human being associated with this revelation - no St. Peter or St. Paul.
 - (b) No human being knows just how this phenomenon was executed. The revelators want nothing which appears miraculous associated with the book. It must stand on its own merits.
- (3) In interviewing people associated with the origin of The URANTIA Book, we found them critical and objective. They had done considerable research into the origin of the papers and were convinced the techniques of the reception of the URANTIA Papers in no way parallels or impinges on mediumistic, psychic, or subconscious mental activity.